

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Jack McDonald called the Special Town Council meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. in the Town Council chambers. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance: President Jack McDonald; President Pro-Tem Sam McLendon; Councilman William Brooks; Councilman Norman Goldblum; and Councilman Allen Wyett. Mayor Lesly Smith was absent. Also attending the meeting were: Town Manager Peter Elwell; Town Attorney John Randolph; Assistant Town Manager Thomas Bradford; Public Works Director Al Dusey; Town Engineer James Bowser; Recreation Director Russell Bitzer; Police Chief Michael Reiter; Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Somers; Purchasing Agent Charles Boggs; and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Town Clerk Pollitt. President McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Goldblum and carried 5-0 on roll call.

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IV. Resolution No. 85-01 Approving a Bid Award to Construct Tennis Courts and Other Site Work for the Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Facility and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Contract for the Same [James M. Bowser, Town Engineer]

Town Attorney John Randolph read Resolution No. 85-01 by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH
COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDING A CONTRACT
FOR THE PHIPPS OCEAN PARK TENNIS
FACILITY.

Town Engineer James Bowser requested the Town Council consider allowing the contractor to work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in lieu of the permitted 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to aid the accelerated schedule.

Councilman Allen Wyett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 85-01 including the request for additional construction hours. The motion was seconded by Councilman Goldblum and carried 5-0 on roll call.

President Pro-Tem McLendon asked Mr. Bowser if individual items were bid in the contract or were lump sum bids submitted only?

Mr. Bowser replied individual items were not bid.

President Pro-Tem McLendon also asked what size the building will be?

Assistant Town Manager Bradford responded the building is between 400 and 500 square feet.

President Pro-Tem McLendon commented he thought that was a lot of money for such a small building.

Mr. Bowser cited other buildings built for the Town that were also quite expensive for their sizes and added that some design fees, electrical service costs, and an entry pavilion are also included in the cost.

Responding to President Pro-Tem McLendon's question regarding an explanation of the Town's obligations on Exhibit A of the contract, Mr. Bowser responded the Town installs the sanitary sewer; removes trees from the site prior to the contractor mobilizing; and supplies temporary electrical service during construction.

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After discussion regarding the size of the restrooms in the building, Councilman Wyett made a motion to have two facilities in the ladies' room.

Mr. Bowser explained that the men's room would have only one facility, and both restrooms would be equal.

Councilman Wyett withdrew the motion.

V. Authorization of Proposed Purchases to Increase Security at Town Facilities and Throughout the Town [Michael S. Reiter, Chief of Police]

Town Manager Elwell said backup materials supplied information regarding the purposes for which the money is intended; the emergency nature of the purchases; and the request for an amount of \$204,185 from the General Fund Contingency.

Councilman Wyett made a motion to approve the amount of \$204,185 from the General Fund Contingency for the proposed purchases to increase security. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brooks.

Responding to questions from the Town Council regarding the location of the proposed bomb disposal unit, Police Chief Michael Reiter responded two locations are planned for the unit depending upon the needs of the Police Department, and the needs of the Town of Palm Beach will be primary when any use of the equipment is requested by another community. Chief Reiter added that mutual aid agreements signed with other communities do enter into the prioritizing of the system, and he would not expect the number of explosions inside the unit, if it were loaned to other communities, to be a factor in the life of the unit.

On roll call, the motion carried 5-0.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Town Manager Elwell announced that the staff is monitoring the approaching Hurricane Michelle carefully; initial steps have been taken to protect Town property; and the Town's Emergency Preparedness Plan will be implemented if necessary.

Mr. Elwell said several members of the Palm Beach Fire Department will be attending the memorial service in New York City, and the information in the Palm Beach Daily News on this date was not fully representative of the Town's support for the Fire-Rescue members who are attending. Donated funds will be used to reimburse those members for airfare and

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hotel accommodations.

Councilman Wyett requested an assessment of how the emergency medical care plan is coping with the implied threat to the Town by stocking additional medicine and various things of that nature and if additional funds are needed.

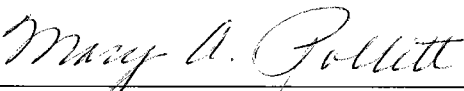
Town Manager Elwell responded he would provide information ahead of time and that issue would be addressed at the next Town Council meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Jack McDonald, President



Mary A. Pollitt, Town Clerk

