

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Jack McDonald. On roll call, the following Elected Officials were found to be in attendance:

Mayor Lesly Smith
President Jack McDonald
President Pro-Tem Sam McLendon
Councilman William Brooks
Councilman Norman Goldblum
Councilman Allen Wyett

Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were:

Acting Town Manager Tom Bradford
Assistant to the Town Manager David Jakubiak
Town Attorney John Randolph
Public Works Director Al Dusey
Town Engineer Jim Bowser
Fire-Rescue Chief Ken Elmore
Finance Director Jane Skittone
Director of Planning, Zoning & Building Robert Moore
Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning & Building Veronica Close
Zoning Administrator Paul Castro
Planner/Projects Coordinator Tim Frank
Recreation Director Russell Bitzer
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. PRESENTATIONS

A. None

IV. COMMENTS OF MAYOR LESLY S. SMITH

I want to open with good news and congratulate our police department for doing such an extraordinary job. Last Tuesday's local event for the National Night Out Against Crime drew

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I also want to congratulate a special member of our police department, Officer Jennifer Marshek, who spotted the man with a crossbow during the Clinton visit and alerted the Secret Service, which led to the man's arrest. On behalf of all of us, thank you, Officer Marshek.

Just an update on the ongoing Intracoastal Health Systems dilemma – as you know, attorney Elliot Shaw has filed a lawsuit at the same time the community committee continues to meet to answer the financial questions. I am meeting this week with the Attorney General's office to discuss a formal audit of the hospitals' books and I will continue to keep you posted. Clearly, there is no quick fix to this problem, but I assure you that, on behalf of Palm Beachers, I am in it for the long haul.

A bit of temporary bad news – the State of Florida has denied the Town's permit application for the Phipps Park portion of our beach redevelopment program. Mr. Dusey and I are re-contacting our state government allies this week to see what went wrong and try to get this project back on track. On a similar subject, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Dusey, Mr. Braddock and I met yesterday with Congressman Clay Shaw about our potential lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Council will be discussing the design competition for the park and I want to clarify a couple of points. First, the Council did not specify that the competition announcement should run only one day, nor did it specify that design fees were not to be included. The advertising process was flawed and there were some miscommunications about the content, as well. I hope the Council will re-open the bidding so that we are assured of the best possible plan.

Finally, we have on our agenda the intralocal agreement on school concurrency, and I know that Mr. Randolph has some serious questions. I have talked with Carmela Starace, who chairs the project for the Municipal League, and she urges us to sign this agreement. Whichever way the Council votes, I must point out that for us – unlike for most cities – school concurrency is a moot point because we are already built out. So the requirements dictated by this agreement would have no effect on the Town of Palm Beach itself.

I have consistently made a pitch for greater participation in electing county officials and legislators, so I want to remind everyone that the primary election is September 5. In several races, the primary race will determine the winner and the November election will

