

**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

Mayor Kuretski called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Mayor Jim Kuretski; Vice-Mayor Ron Delaney; Councilor Cameron May; Councilor Cheryl Schneider; Councilor Malise Sundstrom; Town Manager Frank Kitzerow; Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Town Clerk Laura Cahill.

1. Review and discussion of 2022/2023 Strategic Plan status.

Mr. Mason Torres, resident of Mitchell Street, spoke regarding the Town's fiscal responsibility, assets, and liabilities.

Ms. Linda Smithe, resident of Via Rio, spoke regarding single use plastic, reducing carbon and improving mass transit.

Ms. Kate Moretto, Assistant Town Manager, gave an overview of the Strategic Plan roadmap. She noted the desired outcome of the workshop was to have a final list of strategic initiatives to consider.

Mayor Kuretski state that the strategic initiatives were a "to do list" for Town Council and Town Staff. He explained in years past Staff had felt uncomfortable taking accountability for Council driven items.

Ms. Moretto went on to give an update of the 2022/2023 strategic initiatives; six initiatives were completed, 13 were in process, and five were being monitored.

Councilor Schneider noted the derelict vessels should be removed from the monitoring category and placed as an inactive initiative.

Ms. Moretto discussed Organizational Excellence which included the new Town Hall and Strategic Planning.

Mayor Kuretski asked to update the new Town Hall action plan item to state completion of the new Town Hall facility by start of the 2024 storm season.

Ms. Moretto discussed the Strong Local Economy which included improvements of Cypress Drive and the business community. She then started to discuss Mobility which included traffic mitigation and South Island Way.

Mayor Kuretski stated Staff reviewed the Mobility item each year, but it needed to be continued due to having no levels of service updates. He noted the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) had just updated their cost feasibility plan which included collaboration with Federal, State and County agencies. He said Center Street was in the plan but Indiantown Road had not been funded. He believed those projects were important to residents and needed further follow up.

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Councilor Sundstrom stated there was a need to monitor Palm Beach County to make sure the plans met what residents wanted.

Ms. Moretto continued discussing Mobility, the US Highway One Bridge initiative and West Indiantown Road.

Mayor Kuretski stated we may need to refresh the action plans. He mentioned Staff should update the US Highway One Bridge goals for completion and transparency. He stated the West Indiantown Road project item had no action plan and there were some updates which needed to be made.

Ms. Moretto continued reviewing the Mobility category initiatives which included Vehicle/Pedestrian/Traffic management.

Councilor Sundstrom asked for clarification on the start date for the Jupiter Beach Road/A1A roundabout as she believed it was the same time as the US Highway One Bridge closure.

Mr. Thomas Hernandez, Director of Engineering and Public Works, noted it was not intentionally started at the same time as the US Highway One Bridge closure. He stated Staff had been working with the contractor to finalize the plans and establish a start date which would be toward summer so businesses could be notified.

Mayor Kuretski said under Vehicle/Pedestrian/Traffic Management the second action plan item should have one footnote. He stated Staff needed to finalize locations for number three, so Council could provide input, prioritize and select locations.

Ms. Moretto reviewed items under Manage Growth, Safety, and Unique, Small Town feel categories. The items included the development approval process, areas of local importance, high-speed rail, indoor recreation and emergency facilities, athletic facilities, new Town Green, and promoting the arts.

Councilor May stated he would like to see a design started for Piatt Place. He suggested a dock that surrounded the mangroves in an effort to mitigate derelict vessels. Councilor Schneider stated she was in support.

Mayor Kuretski spoke about the previous plan for Daniels Way property. He mentioned it would be important to get a Palm Beach County School District agreement regarding the Daniels Way right-of-way if the roadway was realigned.

Councilor May stated he was not sure if Artigras would come back to Jupiter as they have been successful at the current location but mentioned the Town doing their own music festival.

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The next category discussed was Green, Blue and Open spaces. Ms. Moretto said the first two initiatives were protecting local seagrass and to improve water quality in the Loxahatchee River.

Mayor Kuretski discussed protecting the seagrass in the Piatt Place area.

Council discussed the Jupiter Inlet Foundation seagrass buoys, their locations and funding.

Ms. Moretto said the next initiatives were to protect open spaces, enhance Jones Creek, and remove derelict vessels from Jupiter's waterways.

Councilor Schneider discussed tools that could be used regarding derelict vessels other than just the law enforcement aspect. She mentioned the option to limit anchoring or an ordinance to prevent overnight anchoring for commercial vessels. Mayor Kuretski mentioned changing the Code to act on this item.

Ms. Moretto reviewed the Town Communication items which included Council member and resident engagement, and other agency information.

Councilor Sundstrom stated she enjoyed the meeting residents and Coffee with Council but asked if they could be limited to possibly once a quarter.

Ms. Moretto finished up with Operational items which included: the transition of Scripps by the University of Florida, Community webcams, holiday decorations, Memorial brick program, waters stations, a sustainability plan, Abacoa parking and Roger Dean stadium.

Mayor Kuretski mentioned the Veteran's Memorial brick program and the prospect of a Police Memorial brick program.

Councilor Sundstrom spoke about the holiday decorations and different options for the Town.

2. Discussion of new, proposed Initiatives for 2023/2024 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Moretto reviewed new, proposed strategic initiatives, the first was Fiscal Responsibility which included the CRA plan, Fire Rescue strategy, Legislative agenda, and special assessments. Mayor Kuretski suggested revising the action plan for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to include Piatt Place and Sperry Property.

Ms. Moretto discussed the Manage Growth category that included the Comprehensive plan. Mayor Kuretski proposed strengthening the action plan to incorporate zoning and land use changes.

Ms. Moretto reviewed the Safety category which included developing a potential public safety training facility.

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Councilor May mentioned he suggested that initiative to assist the Police department.

Ms. Moretto discussed Organizational Excellence next which included updating the Masterplan of the Municipal Complex.

Councilor Schneider asked what were the potential property acquisitions in the action plan. Ms. Moretto noted in the past Staff had monitored Wendy's and the Bank for a potential opportunity. Councilor Schneider asked if the opportunity for Wendy's was revived.

Mr. Michael Villella, Chief Financial Officer, mentioned he had numerous conversations with the Wendy's franchise owner regarding rebuilding and enhancing an entry way or a potential land swap. He explained the bank was franchised and had not shown any interest in having a discussion. Mayor Kuretski said to modify the action plan to include the wording and/or swaps.

Ms. Moretto introduced the new strategic initiatives under Small Town Feel category; considering the use of school district athletic facilities and developing an athletic facility usage policy and Master plan.

Councilor Delaney stated he wanted to look at Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association (JTAA) and compare it to other municipalities to see if it needed to be updated to better serve the residents.

Mayor Kuretski asked for Staff to review any prior agreements the Town had with the local schools and use that as a starting point.

Councilor May asked to add Piatt Place as its own strategic initiative. He explained that parking was an issue and he would like to add more truck and trailer parking as a strategy. He added to include the mitigation of derelict vessels into the strategy.

Councilor Sundstrom agreed there needed to be a plan for Piatt Place but it called for a larger discussion.

Mayor Kuretski said in the past he had advocated for water utility projects and in terms of well water supply he would like to look at level of service standards and the construction schedule. He asked if Staff could evaluate if there was a deferral opportunity.

Councilor Sundstrom noted at a summer Council meeting about well water capacity and level of service standards there had been a chart in the presentation worded improperly. She asked if Staff had the correct information available to resolve the issue.

Ms. Amanda Barnes, Interim Director of Utilities, stated she did not have the information available but would get back to Council.

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Mayor Kuretski mentioned he did not support funding the full amount of the well water system because he believed it was not supported by the demand.

Councilor Schneider stated she was concerned that the Town had already adopted the Master plan and if items needed to be reconsidered Council would need to narrow the scope.

Ms. Moretto concluded the presentation and said Staff would summarize the information discussed for Council to have prior to the next workshop or roundtable.

Ms. Barnes stated the additional wells that were requested and approved were to help slow down the degrading of water that naturally occurred.

Mayor Kuretski asked when Staff would have the results summary available to Council. Ms. Moretto said the goal would be a few weeks before the April 18, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Baird asked Council if they could give direction on the four options the Town should peruse from the appraisers. The first option called the Historic Resources Board (HRB) Value would value the entire 10.437 acres as conservation preservation land with no development potential, the second option would be to value the 9.836 acres to include the mound and celestial railway as conservation preservation with no development and the .6 acres would be valued at its existing zoning, the third option would appraise 4.07 acres shell midden areas and celestial railway and conservation preservation but the balance of the property would be based on existing zoning, and the fourth option would value the entire 10.437 based on current land use and zoning.

Mayor Kuretski asked if the property owner knew the Town was getting appraisals and who would be paying for them. Mr. Baird said Mr. Kitzerow and himself had met with the owner and the Town would be paying for the appraisals.

Councilor Schneider said the first three options were fine but had an issue with the fourth.

Mayor Kuretski said he wanted the first option and was not interested in the fourth.

Vice-Mayor Delaney was interested in the first three options. Councilor Sundstrom and Councilor May agreed.

Mr. Baird clarified he had consensus from Council to give the appraisers instructions to peruse the first three options to value the land.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 P.M.

Laura Cahill, Town Clerk