



**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024**

Mayor Kuretski called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M

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

1. Discussion of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Proposed Community Investment Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Years 2025 - 2029.

Mayor Kuretski noted that members of Council had met with the Town Manager and Staff individually. He also confirmed they had the opportunity to give comments and tonight's meeting was to wrap things up.

Mr. Scott Reynolds, Director of Finance, provided an update on fiscal year 2025 operating budget which included an overall reduction of 282,811 dollars. He also mentioned an alternate proposal document he placed on the dais for Council's consideration regarding playground restoration.

Mr. Reynolds continued his presentation and provided an overview of the 2025 Community Investment Plan Summary.

Mayor Kuretski stated Council did not have the Parks and Recreation Master Plan completed the budget carryover and the five-year plan Council had 26 million dollars' worth of enhancements already programmed.

Mr. Reynolds stated that in fiscal year 2029 there was an unfunded mandate from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would cost 12 million dollars. He expressed it may change in the future and funding may come available to apply for.

Mr. Reynolds continued his presentation and discussed the General Fund CIP Cash Flow Analysis; Program Funding; New Projects.

Mayor Kuretski asked if the Town had enough funds available for the athletic field repairs and restoration to start in 2025.

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Mr. Reynolds stated the facilities master plan would be coming back before council and there may be opportunities within the master plan to do some updates.

Councilor May suggested starting with Jupiter Village Park and upgrading the restroom facilities.

Councilor Fore mentioned implementing lightening detection systems.

Mr. Thomas Hernandez, Director of Engineering, noted the lightening detection systems cost range is about 25,000 dollars apiece.

Ms. Kristin George, Director of Parks and Recreation, mentioned she has been working with Thor Guard and would provide an update regarding cost to Council once complete.

Mr. Reynolds continued reviewing the project funding increase/decrease.

Mayor Kuretski thanked Mr. Reynolds, Town Manager, and Staff for the significant step up in definition by year.

Vice – Mayor Sundstrom stated she was grateful for the timelines, service dates and being realistic as possible about what could be accomplished

Mr. Reynolds and Council discussed street resurfacing and continued reviewing the Surtax Funding.

Mayor Kuretski said there seemed to be a consensus regarding the bridge loan. He stated he did not care to have money sitting when it could be used on projects being done. He asked if the renovations at the quad were in the time between 2028/2029.

Mr. Reynolds stated it was programmed for 2025/2026.

Mayor Kuretski said he was fine with it but had made an error with the time frame.

Councilor Fore asked if there were any restrictions.

Mayor Kuretski stated the Council would be giving suggestions and earmarking it.

Councilor Fore said the maintenance facilities needed renovation and asked if lightning detection would qualify.

Mr. Reynolds noted that the lightning detection was not a capital item with a life expectancy of five years, such as a building.

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Mayor Kuretski asked if there was a consensus on the public works maintenance facility and the Council unanimously agreed. He then asked if there was a consensus on the fire station and the Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Reynolds clarified that Council agreed with the 2 million dollars for the public works facility, with the remainder to be put towards fire and pay off bridge loan.

Councilor May stated he wanted to make sure that the other items listed would be coming out of the operating fund.

Mr. Reynolds said those items were still in there.

Mayor Kuretski asked if the police memorial would be done between September and December of 2024.

Mr. Roger Held, Director of Construction Services, stated the Staff was looking to have it done by the end of the second quarter of next fiscal year.

Councilor Fore asked if there had been any preliminary drawings.

Mr. Held stated there was not, and they had just finalized a contract with Song and Associates.

Councilor Fore asked if Staff would be looking for any public input.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom said she was not sure of the process but believed she had seen a design.

Mr. Held said an item had gone out for Request for Quote (RFQ) and the Town had found businesses to do the artwork and statue, nine were contractors who could pull permits and do site or electrical work. He said the Staff was looking at two options, which included a memorial wall or a memorial wall with statue.

Mayor Kuretski stated he had been pushing the project forever and was disappointed but understood.

Mr. Kitzerow believed it was important to capture what the Police officers were looking for in their memorial. He would have liked to have it done, but it did take a turn on them.

Mayor Kuretski asked if the art portion of the project was narrowed down.

Mr. Held said with the 200 thousand, it was more for a wall with plaques and there are currently other revenue streams being looked at to incorporate the statue portion.

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Mayor Kuretski and Councilor May said if there was additional funding needed for the statue Council would be in favor of it.

Mr. Reynolds went on to review the water fund.

Ms. Amanda Barnes, Director of Utilities, discussed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation called Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Standards (PFAS); where the chemicals are predominately found in water supply; banning of chemicals; finding them in Jupiter surficial aquifer, but not drinking water. She went on to explain it was used as last resort, but was necessary as an emergency backup to stabilize Reverse Osmosis (RO) permeate. She noted other options were being evaluated for replacing the ion exchange facility.

Mayor Kuretski believed the Town should handle it by not going into the five-year plan and felt there should be a place to park it in the meantime. He said when a governmental agency provided some unfunded mandate with such a significant amount, it should be publicly vetted. He thought there should be some discussions with legislature about providing funding and was not comfortable with just accepting the fact the Town would have to fund the \$12 million.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom said she could not say she would be that optimistic. She asked if the project would need to be completed and compliant by 2029.

Ms. Barnes said it would need to be compliant by 2029.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom asked if construction would need to be done by 2029 for those agencies that would need to replace their water utilities. She asked if Council should be writing to our officials and felt the Town needed be more active with contacting legislation over the matter. She gave some history regarding the Water Master Plan.

Councilor Fore asked what the penalty was for not being compliant.

Ms. Barnes said she would need to look into and advise Council.

Mayor Kuretski stated the legislative body may not be aware of the implications and felt it was very important to reach out to them.

Ms. Barnes stated there were over 120,000 public comments made by utilities across the country to the EPA explaining their concerns and noted Staff will continue to search for funding.

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Mayor Kuretski said he appreciated Staff worked to find funding, but this was an item that needed to be appropriately elevated and addressed to get more clarity by the next budget cycle. He noted he would not just accept the Town being a victim of \$12 million dollars for an unfunded mandate. The Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Reynolds returned to reviewing water funded new projects.

Mayor Kuretski said years ago everyone in an unincorporated area would sign an agreement for water service once the area was annexed. He asked if that was still in effect.

Mr. Reynolds said he would find out and let the Council know.

Ms. Barnes stated she had not heard about it.

Mayor Kuretski said he knew the water utilities covered the Town and unincorporated area but at one point in time, it was a strategy to give people water to get agreements to incorporate. He asked Mr. Baird if there were any strategies where the Town would consider a significant investment in utility expense to serve unincorporated area that we could eventually incorporate.

Ms. Barnes stated that in the past large developments had been annexed into the Town.

Mayor Kuretski noted he would like to make sure there was a way to procure additional funding.

Mr. Reynolds went on to discuss the 2025 to 2029 project funding increase and decreases comparison; Stormwater fund; summary of items in process; and included strategic initiatives.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom thanked Mr. Reynolds for all the hard work and noted that the 1.5 million-dollar renovation project for Indian Creek Park and Playground was a major project and now included the bathrooms for 437,000 thousand dollars. She said the playground restoration projects initial renderings did not receive the feedback expected and explained the number one desire for residents was shade and that was the new standard for playgrounds. Vice-Mayor Sundstrom requested additional funding to meet the expectation of residents with a goal of getting the residents to stay in Jupiter using our parks and playgrounds.

Councilor May agreed and added that residents want some form of splash pad and asked Staff to look into having a water feature added in as well as shade.

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Vice-Mayor Sundstrom clarified the North County District Park was a County Park in a municipality for the benefit of all the towns within the Northern part of the County.

Mayor Kuretski explained all the North County municipalities came together with funding and agreed the Park would be placed in Palm Beach Gardens, so this Park has County funding and hard to compete with.

Mayor Kuretski agreed when Council gets to the recreation masterplan talking about a splash pad would be important. He asked Staff what projects were remaining from previous years that had a carry forward balance, this would allow Council to know what was left in the project. Mayor Kuretski mentioned Craig Westover the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation found a turf tank solution which saved the Town \$50,000.

Mr. Frank Kitzerow, Town Manager, said he believed there would be a nomination for a Town Managers Award for Mr. Westover to be recognized. He also thanked the Finance Department and all the Directors of the Town Directors for the hard work. Mr. Kitzerow gave a brief update about the law enforcement memorial.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:09 PM

Laura Cahill, Town Clerk