



**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

Mayor Kuretski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATION

1. Florida City Government Week – October 21 – 27, 2024.

Mayor Kuretski presented the proclamation to Mr. Frank Kitzerow, Town Manager.

Mr. Kitzerow thanked Council for recognizing Town Staff. Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Staff.

2. Customer Service Week – October 7 – 11, 2024.

Mayor Kuretski presented the proclamation to Mr. Travis Sanders, Customer Service and Billing Manager and Ms. Angela Carpentiere, Building Support Specialist.

Ms. Carpentiere and Mr. Sanders thanked Council for their support and recognition.

PRESENTATION

3. U.S. 1 Bridge Project Update by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Mayor Kuretski thanked the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for all the work being done and their collaboration with the Town on the US One Bridge.

Mr. Scott Case, Project Manager for FDOT, gave a video overview of the project; key successes; project schedule; program; progress updates and remaining milestones.

PRESENTATION

3. U.S. 1 Bridge Project Update by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Councilor Delaney was impressed with how the detours worked out.

Mr. Case stated it was a great team effort by everyone. Mayor Kuretski stated he wanted to confirm expectations which included milestone progress dates, so the Town could determine how the project was trending with the updated schedule.

Mr. Case noted the Town would be also be receiving progress photos for each stage.

Mayor Kuretski said he appreciated FDOT understanding how important it was for the public.

Christie Pinello, resident of Tequesta and owner of Jupiter Inlet Boat Rentals, explained the damage made to her business and several of the boats due to the bridge construction.

Mayor Kuretski asked Mr. Case to meet with the resident over the issue and reach out to Johnson brothers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Morli Josza, resident of Shady Lane, expressed her concerns regarding the hate comments shown at the recent boat parade.

Ms. Linda McDermott, resident of Chadwick Drive, thanked Staff for always being responsive and helpful. She also mentioned the Court's ruling regarding the Jupiter Fire Rescue department.

Mr. Eric Weitze, resident of Ocean Grande Boulevard, spoke about the debris that covered the beach from Hurricane Milton. He expressed his gratitude to Jupiter residents for cleaning the beach the next day.

Mr. Michael Cassatly, resident of West Riverside Drive, explained his dissatisfaction for the hate displayed during the boat parade. He suggested the Town release a statement to prevent it from happening in the future.

Mr. Jerry Goodmark, resident of East Riverside Drive, asked Council to release a statement to avoid the hate displayed during the boat parade from happening again. He also mentioned he did not support the hateful behavior.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Howard Fox, resident of Mahogany Point, discussed the recent hate displayed during the boat parade. He proposed the Town issue a statement condemning hate speech.

Ms. Constance Holmes, resident of Third Street, promoted an upcoming fundraising event being held at the Town of Jupiter Civic Center to support a local soccer program.

Mayor Kuretski noted the Town did not condone hate speech. He asked Staff to come back to Council with what could be done to avoid this happening in the future.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom thanked residents for voicing their concerns. She also mentioned the Town did not support it and it was not the value Jupiter held.

Councilor May stated he did not condone any sort of hate or antisemitic speech. He also noted the boat parade was not done through the Town.

Councilor Delaney said it was not okay and appreciated residents coming out.

MINUTES

4. October 1, 2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Delaney moved to approve October 1, 2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes; seconded by Vice-Mayor Sundstrom; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

Delaney
Yes

May
Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed in this portion of the agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests; in which event, the item will be removed and considered at the beginning of the regular agenda.

Councilor May moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

Delaney
Yes

May
Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Ordinance 23-24, First Reading. Approving the extension for employees of Jupiter Fire Rescue Department (JFRD) into the Florida Retirement System. (Second Reading 11/5/24)

Title read by Mr. Baird.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Ordinance 26-24, Second Reading**. Amending Article III of Chapter 2 of the Town's Code to update language to reflect the Fire Rescue department's responsibilities.

Title read by Mr. Baird.

7. **Resolution 115-24, Town of Jupiter Public Works Building - Quasi-Judicial** – Site plan amendment to construct two light industrial/storage buildings and an open storage area on a 20.0+/- acre property located at 3131 Washington Street.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

8. **Resolution 108-24**, Approving a contract to All Webbs Enterprises, Inc. for Floridan Aquifer System (FAS) Wellhead Improvements and Repairs at RO-2, RO-3, RO-5, RO-7, RO-11 and RO-13 (W2428) for an amount of \$3,948,860.
9. **Resolution 112-24**, Approving a contract to Johnson-Davis, Inc. for Fisherman's Landing Infrastructure Improvements (WS2117) for an amount of \$2,527,225 and amending the project budget.
10. **Resolution 122-24**, authorizing the Town Manager to issue a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC, for repair services for vehicles and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
11. **Resolution 123-24**, Approving contract award of NS 2024-001 Selection of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrator to Calvin, Giordano & Associates in the amount of \$54,673.
12. Reporting authorization of an emergency purchase order for Professional Engineering services to abandon and replace a damaged section of Floridan Aquifer (FA) raw transmission main.
13. Reporting authorization of an emergency purchase order to repair the 24" raw water transmission main at Floridan Aquifer well site RO5.
14. Approving the purchase order from ThorGuard for new lightning prediction systems for parks in the amount of \$85,853.29.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

15. **Resolution 10-24, Inlet Village Market - Quasi-Judicial** – Small-scale planned unit development (SSPUD) and site plan application to construct a two-story building with retail an accessory residential unit.

Councilor Delaney abstained due to the applicant being a customer of his business.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Resolution 10-24, Inlet Village Market

Ex-Parte Communications:

- Councilor May stated he met with the applicant and Mr. Hearing about 2 years ago concerning the item.
- Mayor Kuretski said he had a brief conversation with the Planning and Zoning Director.
- Vice-Mayor Sundstrom mentioned she met with the applicant a couple years ago and met with Staff.

Town Clerk swore in 10 people.

Mr. Zach Ciciera, Land Planner for Cotleur Hearing and for the applicant, gave a brief presentation about an inlet village project which included a small-scale planned unit development (PUD) and site plan application. Mr. Ciciera said the plan included a 3,400 square foot mixed use building for bakery retail and one dwelling unit. He finished the presentation by going over the public benefit and the waivers needed to redevelop the location.

Peter Meyer, Senior Planner, reviewed the proposed site plan, Small-Scale PUD, and waivers needed which the Planning and Zoning Commission approved unanimously.

Mayor Kuretski expressed his gratitude for the work completed so far. He voiced concern regarding the reliance on the Town for parking and read page C, section four of the resolution, which stipulated that approval was contingent upon certain conditions including if the subject's parking lease with the CRA was not renewed, the applicant would exhaust all other options to secure alternative parking at a different location. If these efforts were unsuccessful, the project would be subject to closure.

The applicant agreed.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom noted she went to several Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and understood the project was a heavy lift.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Resolution 10-24, Inlet Village Market

Councilor May said this was a good fit for the area and noted they would take care of the parking issues at the CRA but did not see an issue due to the hours of the business.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom mentioned that through the CRA plan amendment process received new public input requesting daytime uses in that area.

Councilor May moved to approve Resolution 10-24; seconded by Vice-Mayor Sundstrom; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

Delaney
Abstained

May
Yes

REPORTS

TOWN ATTORNEY

- Political Action Committee (PAC) – Mr. Baird stated a ruling from the Circuit Court granted the Town's motion for summary judgement. The basis of the Court ruling was in favor of the Town. The Court found that the proposed referendum question to amend the Town's Charter, which would have prohibited the Town from implementing its own Fire Rescue department did not comply with the Florida Constitution, Florida Law, or the Town's Charter. He noted the Court did rule in part of its order that the question itself did fairly inform the public of its true intentions. He stated they did not agree and intended to file a motion for rehearing on that issue to ensure that if the PAC were to choose to appeal the Court's ruling, that it could be argued that point of law. The PAC had an opportunity to respond to the motion for rehearing. Once the motion for rehearing was decided, the final order would be entered and could be appealed. He added the other action that the Court denied the PAC's motion to leave to amend the complaint that they initially filed regarding two petitions with different wording submitted to the Court. The petition that they actually submitted as a part of their complaint did not have enough signatures and they sought to amend their complaint on the day of the hearing of the motion for summary judgement so they could include the correct petition. The Court's ruling on the motion for leave to amend was it would be pointless as the Court had already decided that the petition did not comply with the Florida Constitution, Florida Law, or the Town's Charter.

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

- Chief of Police David England Retirement – Mr. Kitzerow acknowledged the work of Chief England and highlighted his 26 years with the Jupiter Police department including being a Field Training Instructor, a Firearms Instructor, a Training Coordinator, SWAT member and Commander of the Administrative Services, Patrol Operations, and Criminal Investigations Bureaus. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2018 and appointed Chief of Police on February 8, 2021. Chief England also graduated from the FBI National Academy, which less than one percent of all law enforcement officers get to attend. Mr. Kitzerow noted Chief England's official retirement was October 31, 2024 and congratulated him on a job well done.

Chief England thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police. He appreciated all the working relationships and friendships he had with Mr. Kitzerow, Mr. Baird, and Council.

- Hurricane Milton – Mr. Kitzerow stated the Town activated its Emergency Operation Center (EOC) last week in response to hurricane Milton and he was proud of how well Staff came together. He added there were 35 requested submitted by residents and all were addressed and closed. He expressed his gratitude for Staff's diligence in serving the Town.
- Beach Clean-up – Mr. Kitzerow noted the remarkable efforts by the Community regarding the debris that washed up on the beach from hurricane Milton. He thanked the residents on behalf of the Town who picked up the debris and stated Staff reached out to Waste Management who had agreed to pick up any trash bags left by the trash receptacles at the crossovers.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

VICE-MAYOR SUNDSTROM

- Citizen Comments regarding Boat Parade – Vice-Mayor Sundstrom thanked the residents who came out regarding the boat parade and mentioned those were not her nor the Town's values.
- Beach Debris - Vice-Mayor Sundstrom spoke about the debris that was cleaned up by the beach and everyone uniting to help.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

VICE-MAYOR SUNDSTROM

- PAC Court Ruling - Vice-Mayor Sundstrom mentioned she made a Facebook post regarding the Court's ruling. She read the post stating the Court's ruling in favor of the Town was really a victory for its residents and businesses. She expressed her gratitude towards Town Staff, the Jupiter Fire Rescue Citizens Committee, and all residents who engaged constructively through the process. She added the input and the microscope that the Jupiter Fire Rescue had been under the past year had made it better. She also mentioned the Council's unanimous decision showed their shared commitment to create a world class local fire rescue service by October 1, 2026.

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom stated the rulings and motions were posted on the Town's website and fire rescue was discussed at length at multiple public meetings to show the Town was committed to transparency. The Court also acknowledged the Town's thorough financial analysis, which went undisputed. She also read from page 12 of the Court's ruling "it is undisputed that the Town Council's decision to terminate its agreement with the County was based on a thorough financial analysis. This was a point that the PAC neither disputed in their papers nor in their oral argument. It was also undisputed that the Town ultimately concluded that allocating money toward a Fire department would save Town residents and businesses between \$50-70 million and would give the Town Council, not the County Commission, control over the Town's budgeting for fire and rescue services."

Vice-Mayor Sundstrom said it was disappointing that the County Fire Union or PAC, which had a clear financial stake, spent over \$200,000 on political consultants, supplies, and people collecting signatures. She spoke on other municipalities and their Charter language regarding who could provide fire rescue services. She reiterated the Town was committed to transparency and that all the legal documents, audits, analysis, emails, and more were on the Town's website. She added she looked forward to watching the Town create a department that reflected its uniquely Jupiter values and needs.

COUNCILOR MAY

- Beach Debris - Councilor May thanked everyone and stated he was amazed seeing the Community come together to clean up the beach in a such a short time frame.
- Citizen Comments regarding Boat Parade – Councilor May stated he would not stand for what happened at the boat parade.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR DELANEY

- Beach Debris - Councilor Delaney stated it was remarkable how the Town got together and took care of all the debris and that we lived in a great town.
- PAC Court Ruling – Councilor Delaney thanked the Town Attorney and his firm for all their hard work on the approval of the Town's summary judgement. He stated it was a huge win to keep taxes stable and be in control of our own Fire department. He also stated it was a huge win for Town sovereignty preserving the Charter and home rule.
- Chief of Police David England Retirement – Councilor Delaney congratulated Chief England on his career and appreciated everything he did for the Town.

MAYOR KURETSKI

- Boat Parade – Mayor Kuretski stated he received emails and was given context that the other boaters were showing intolerance to the one boat's behavior.

Councilor May summarized the behavior of the one boat during the boat parade.

- Hurricane Milton - Mayor Kuretski mentioned he was impressed with the Town's teamwork, Damage Assessment Team, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

ADJOURNMENT- 9:05 P.M.

Laura Cahill, Town Clerk