



VILLAGE OF PINECREST
Village Council Meeting

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

PINECREST MUNICIPAL CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBER
12645 PINECREST PARKWAY
PINECREST, FLORIDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 6:00 p.m. Present were the following:

Councilmember Cheri Ball
Councilmember Doug Kraft
Councilmember Bob Ross
Vice Mayor James E. McDonald
Mayor Cindy Lerner

Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano
Village Clerk Guido Inguanzo
Village Attorney Mitchell Bierman

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scouts from Troop 457 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were presented per the Council's consent agenda policy pursuant to Ordinance 2014-6:

- Minutes of February 16, 2016 (Regular)
- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AWARDING A BID TO BEJAR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PINECREST GARDENS COVERED WALKWAY ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2016-11)



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- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, WAIVING FEES FOR POLICE SERVICES FOR THE ANNUAL RACE/FITNESS WALK BENEFITING SPECIAL OLYMPICS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2016-12)

Vice Mayor McDonald made a motion approving the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and adopted by a unanimous voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, Ross, Vice Mayor McDonald, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes.

IV. AGENDA/ORDER OF BUSINESS: The manager requested the addition of an item relating to transit options for the South Dade Busway. There was no objection.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Alice Bravo, Miami Dade County's Director of Transit, made a presentation regarding the proposed development of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system on the South Dade Busway corridor. Representatives of Palmetto Bay argued for the development of a light-rail system in lieu of the BRT.

Vice Mayor McDonald made a motion to support the county's efforts for a TIGER Grant from the Federal government to pursue the BRT option. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and failed by a 2 – 3 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmember Ross and Vice Mayor McDonald voting Yes; Councilmember Ball, Kraft and Mayor Lerner voting No.

VI. ORDINANCES: There were no ordinances considered by the Council.

VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Councilmember Kraft discussed the adoption of a policy relating to the publication of the E-news and limiting the content to editorial prepared by Village staff.

Councilmember Kraft made a motion adopting such a policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and failed by a 1 – 4 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Kraft voting Yes; Councilmembers Ball, Ross, Vice Mayor McDonald, and Mayor Lerner voting No.

Councilmember Ross made a motion limiting the use of Village media resources by councilmembers to propagate a policy inconsistent with an adopted Council position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kraft and failed on a 1 – 4 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Ross voting Yes; Councilmember Ball, Kraft, Vice Mayor McDonald, and Mayor Lerner voting No.

Councilmember Ross discussed the use of the Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program by neighborhood groups for purposes other than crime watch including vetting political candidates. Councilmember Ross made a motion that the manager draft a policy that the program's contact lists be used only for purposes related to the Neighborhood Watch program specifically communications regarding crime prevention; the group's contact information and official communications should not be used for political, commercial or other purposes not related to this purpose. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and adopted by a unanimous voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, Ross, Vice Mayor McDonald, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes.

Councilmember Ball discussed the possible locations of two fire stations (on the Village's perimeter and not within the residential area) if the Council were to proceed with the creation of a municipal department.

Vice Mayor McDonald made a motion to table the completion of an analysis of options for fire rescue services until a future review of the effects of the new Old Cutler Road station is conducted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lerner and failed on a 2 – 3 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor McDonald and Mayor Lerner voting Yes; Councilmembers Ball, Kraft and Ross voting No.

Councilmember Ball made a motion directing that the manager's fire rescue study proceed with an analysis including two new stations to be located on the Village's perimeter and not within the central residential area. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and adopted by a 4 – 1 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, Ross, and Vice Mayor McDonald voting Yes; Mayor Lerner voting No.

Councilmember Ross discussed a partnership with FIU for the study of introducing aquatic plants at the water hole at Veterans Wayside Park.

Councilmember Ross discussed the Village's plan to have Treemendous Miami conduct the installation of the new landscaping scheduled for Coral Pine Park.

The mayor requested the waiver of fees for the use of the Hibiscus Room for a voter education event. Councilmember Kraft made a motion approving the request. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and adopted by unanimous consent.

The mayor discussed her participation in the National Day of Service.

The manager submitted the following communiqués to the Council:

- March 2016 Follow-up Report
- Monthly Departmental Reports
- Pinecrest People Mover Ridership Report
- Communications Assets Memorandum (March 2, 2016)
- FBI Memorial/Roving Street Closure Memorandum (March 8, 2016)
- Coral Pine Park Elevations Memorandum (March 9, 2016)

The Council discussed the proposed 132nd Street sidewalk project.

Public Works Director Mark Spanioli addressed the Council regarding the process of the project.

The following residents addressed the Council: Maria Tsaliki, 8255 Southwest 132 Street; Georgios Stergiou, 8255 Southwest 132 Street; David Ramras, 7901 Southwest 132 Street; Barbara Ray, 8235 Southwest 132 Street; Michael Schmidt, 7845 Southwest 132 Street; Sue Jackson, 7885 Southwest 132 Street; Ken Eaton, 7801 Southwest 132 Street; Jose Casanova, 8325 Southwest 132 Street; Dulce Casanova, 8325 Southwest 132 Street; Nick Eastwick, 7777 Southwest 132 Street; and Dave Benero, 8235 Southwest 132 Street.

Councilmember Kraft made a motion to cancel the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and adopted by a 3 – 2 voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft and Ross voting Yes; Vice Mayor McDonald and Mayor Lerner voting No.

The clerk acknowledged founding councilmember Leslie Bowe and the many sponsors of the Pinecrest20 event, commemorating the Village's 20th anniversary, for their contributions towards the success of the parade and picnic on March 12th.

The clerk read the following transcript, from the Congressional Record, of Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's comments on the floor of the House of Representatives on February 26, 2016:

Congressional Record (Vol. 162, No. 31)
Proceedings and Debates of the 114th Congress, Second Session

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of one of South Florida's grooviest communities, my hometown of the village of Pinecrest. Since its incorporation in 1996, the village of Pinecrest has been known as a family-friendly community with many parks and recreational areas and neighborhood activities that are open to all South Floridians. The village is committed to sustainable stewardship and environmental sensitivity, keeping it one of the most beautiful places in which to live and work. In celebration of its founding, the residents, schools, public officials, and businesses will join together on Saturday, March 12, for a parade starting at Palmetto Elementary School and ending with a community picnic at Evelyn Greer Park. I encourage my Congressional colleagues to join me in congratulating the village of Pinecrest and to join our community in celebration of this magnificent milestone. I am honored to represent the families in the village, and Dexter and I have been proud to call this wonderful community our home for almost 30 years.

The clerk submitted a copy of the following Committee Action Forms pursuant to Ordinance 2013-7:

- Transportation Advisory Committee (November 23, 2015)
- Pinecrest Gardens Advisory Committee (February 22, 2016)

VII. RESOLUTIONS: There were no resolutions considered by the Council.

IX. PLANNING: There were no planning matters considered by the Council.

X. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS: The following schedule of future meetings was presented to the public

- VILLAGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

XI: ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council
this 12th day of April, 2016:



Cindy Lerner
Mayor

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