

**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

DEERING ESTATE VISITOR CENTER  
16701 SOUTHWEST 72 AVENUE  
PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Flinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members of the Village Council were present:

Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Linda Robinson  
Councilmember Ed Feller  
Councilmember Paul Neidhart  
Councilmember John Breder

The following staff members were present:  
Village Manager Charles D. Scurr  
Village Attorney Eve Boutsis  
Village Clerk Meighan Pier

Mayor Flinn asked Eleanor Winhold to lead the pledge of allegiance.

- II. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS:** None at this time.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None at this time.

**IV. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Scurr advised that the Police Department began full operations at 6:00 a.m. this morning. He thanked the Council Members for attending. He announced that the Building and Permitting Department would begin at Village Hall on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. He reported that he had selected Ana Garcia for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation. He provided a brief background of Ms. Garcia's qualifications.

**V. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Gallop reported that his office has been working with the Village Manager and staff regarding the environmental contract for Phase I testing at the Parks, revisions to the Cingular Wireless contract, and the contract with Ashbritt Specialty Services.

- VI. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None at this time.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA:** None at this time.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TRANSITION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FOURTH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY FOR TRANSITION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Scurr provided a report. He noted that he had met with the County Manager and all modifications were approved. He advised that the Village should receive 90% of the funds during the first few weeks of October. Mr. Scurr reported that the services of Diane Wright would be utilized to review expense items. He provided a copy of the revised "Exhibit A" concerning County-Maintained Roads, noting that the Village should determine which, if any, of the roads the Village should take control over.

Mr. Brian Pariser, 15300 SW 78 Court, remarked that the County should continue to maintain control over the roads. He also opined regarding a homeowner's responsibility to pave undedicated roadways.

Mr. John McCord, 9300 SW 181 Street, commented that the Council should be certain of the level of services that the County had previously provided, particularly with regard to the Parks.

Brief discussion ensued.

A Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Councilmember Feller. Seconded by Councilmember Neidhart. The vote was as follows: Councilmember Feller, Councilmember Neidhart, Councilmember Breder, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Mayor Flinn voting in the affirmative. Motion carried (5-0).

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXES; DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE AND SETTING THE DATES, TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FY 2003-04; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Scurr provided explanation.

Mr. Warren Lovely, 15323 SW 74 Place, remarked that if the rate is held at 2.447 mills, the Village will collect higher taxes based upon higher property values.

Mr. William Pitts, 17843 SW 77 Court, suggested lowering the tax rate.

Mr. Ed Ludovici, 17415 S Dixie Highway, concurred, stating that the Village should set the rate at 2.4, the same as the Village of Pinecrest.

Mr. McCord provided paperwork concerning millage rates for Miami-Dade County. He remarked that the word "millage" in the public notice was not understood by many of his neighbors and felt the meeting should be re-noticed. He suggested that the Village refrain from taxing, rather utilize the surplus.

Following brief discussion, Attorney Boutsis remarked that the public notice was sufficient and appropriate.

Mayor Flinn advised that the Council has to set a maximum millage rate, but does not intend to raise taxes. He invited all to the budget workshop and the public hearings. He stated that the Council intends to produce a goal-oriented budget.

Councilmember Feller remarked that expenses rise, not only for governments but for citizens, too, based upon the cost of living. He stated that while he does not wish to raise taxes, the citizenry is desirous of increased services, which have a cost attached to them. He noted that Pinecrest had raised millage rate by 10%, which resulted in an average increase to the citizen of an additional \$40 in taxes.

Councilmember Breder concurred, adding that out of 31 municipalities, only two have millage rates under 3 mills.

Mayor Flinn concluded that the maximum rate established would provide services and contingency.

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**IX. RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING:** None at this time.

**X. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES:**  
None at this time.

**XI. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:** None at this time.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Bonnie Roddenberry, 14140 SW 69 Avenue, advised that she had been appointed by Commissioner Katy Sorensen to the South Dade Water Shed Committee. She reported that many homeowners in the Village utilize well water and as the population expands, more water is needed from the aquifer, which results in salt water intrusion to these well-serviced homes. She remarked that there should be way to utilize bond monies to assist homeowners who wish to hook up to the water main.

Mayor Flinn suggested she meet with Mr. Scurr, Mr. Williams, and him.

B. Brian Pariser, 15300 SW 78 Court, remarked that a resident should be assessed if they wish to hook up to a water main or pave their street, as he is not in favor of having the public pay for those types of services.

**XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None at this time.

**XIV. OTHER BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**XV. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Feller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Prepared and submitted by:*

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*Meighan J. Pier*  
*Village Clerk*

*Adopted by the Village Council on*  
*this 4th day of August, 2003.*

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*Eugene P. Flinn, Jr., Mayor*