ITEM 14A

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To: Village Manager and Village Attorney

Date: February 12, 2014

From: Vice Mayor John DuBois

Re: Inclusion under "Other Business" Council Meeting of 3/3/2014

PURPOSE:
Establish a Financial Advisory Committee to provide input to the Village with regard to significant financial matters.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:
Instruct staff to draft a Resolution to create a Financial Advisory Committee with each Councilmember being permitted to nominate a member to the Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Auditor Selection by Auditor Selection Committee (of which Financial Advisory Committee may be a part upon council request).
b. Expenditure of funds of at least the amount required to warrant Village Council approval on a particular project (currently, $25K).
c. Review and/or Preparation of annual budget.
d. Setting of fees and discretionary taxes.
e. Other actions that will have a material impact on the Village's budget and/or financial statements.

REASON:
Utilize the knowledge and skill sets of Village residents who have expertise (CPA's/former CPA's, and CFO's/former CFO's of public companies) in financial matters in order to provide assistance and contrary points of view for use in considering the financial operations of the Village.

DESIRED ACTION:
Directing the Village Attorney and staff to draft such legislation.

ITEM 14B

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To: Village Manager and Village Attorney

Date: February 12, 2014

From: Vice Mayor John DuBois

Re: Inclusion under "Other Business" Council Meeting of 3/3/2014

PURPOSE:
Draft a law that prohibits anonymous Code Compliance complaints.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:

Over 90% of current Code Compliance complaints are filed anonymously. If you remove the anonymity, this could allow Code Enforcement to have more time to pursue code violations that are negatively affecting the aesthetics of the Village.

For people that are afraid of retaliation, we have Miami-Dade Police Department available to respond to those issues.

REASON:
People use Code Compliance complaints for retaliation against neighbors whom they don't like and this results in selective enforcement of code violations by people with bad intentions.

DESIRED ACTION:
Directing the Village Attorney and staff to draft such legislation.

ITEM 14C

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To: Village Manager and Village Attorney

Date: February 12, 2014

From: Vice Mayor John DuBois

Re: Inclusion under "Other Business" Council Meeting of 3/3/2014

PURPOSE:
Instruct the Village Manager to have a cell phone signal booster installed in Village Hall within the next 30 days.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:
Cell phone service is unacceptable within Village Hall. The cell phone signal boosters improve signals for all carriers and are commonly used in office buildings with poor reception and the cost for the signal booster is approximately $250.00 per device and additional cost for installation and antenna.

REASON:
When people are in the building, they should be able to receive cell phone service.

DESIRED ACTION:
Direct the Village Manager to have the cell phone signal booster installed within 30 days.

ITEM 14D

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To:	Village Manager and Village Attorney	Date:	February 12, 2014
From:	Vice Mayor John DuBois	Re:	Inclusion under "Other Business" Council Meeting of 3/3/2014

PURPOSE:
Discuss the possibility of utilizing tablet devices for the Council, instead of laptops.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:
Tablets are inexpensive and the laptops can be recycled/redeployed.

REASON:
It is unsightly to flip the laptop up on the dais, blocking the view of the public, so they are difficult to use during meetings. Laptops are bulky, and with limited seating space on the dais; therefore, it is difficult to not disturb your neighbor when your laptop is opened. Additionally, page flip effect on tablet devices results in a more productive method of viewing agenda packets and other documents provided by staff.

Most importantly, if the Village truly wishes to be "green", the Council needs to lead by example and utilize an effective, paper-less system. Tablet devices will greatly assist in this effort.

DESIRED ACTION: Discussion.

ITEM 14E

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To:	Village Manager and Village Attorney	Date:	February 21, 2014
From:	Vice Mayor John DuBois	Re:	Inclusion under "Other Business" Council Meeting of 3/3/2014

PURPOSE:
Direct staff to modify the Village's ordinance concerning hardship variance standards. This modification is intended to cover all effected property owners.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:
Councilman Fiore had attempted to modify the hardship variance requirements; however, the proposed modification would specifically address setbacks when all affected property owners agree. This modification to the hardship variance requirements would be more narrow and specific in scope by limiting to cases where there is buy-in from the affected adjacent property owners/controllers including but not limited to privately owned, government owned, easement/right of way holders.

REASON:
This is to give the council an opportunity to grant hardship variances in cases where it makes sense and is not practical to re-write the codes to address all unusual situations/corner cases.

An example is an economic hardship for a pre-existing structure that may be conforming to the code except for a minor setback issue or was compliant with the code at the time it was built but was not permitted, however, it is not currently compliant with new codes for cases where all affected property owners are in agreement that the variance should be granted.

DESIRED ACTION:
Directing the Village Attorney and staff to draft such legislation.