

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-57**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY OF VILLAGE ACTION; SETTING POLICY AND DIRECTION THAT ALL VILLAGE SUNSHINE AND TOWN HALL, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS BE BROADCAST LIVE ON WBAY AND LIVE STREAMING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *(Sponsored by Councilmember David Singer and Co-Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham)*

**WHEREAS**, the residents and those transacting business within Palmetto Bay or before the government of the Village of Palmetto Bay has the right of clear disclosure of the complete facts relating to how the village operates, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council wants to conduct an open and transparent process which affords all of our residents the opportunity to review all meetings, and

**WHEREAS**, sunshine meetings are often held between the Mayor and various council members during working hours, during the work week, at times and dates where many members of the public are unable to attend. Additionally, since December 2018, several Sunshine meetings have been held outside of the chambers, in the side committee room, adjoining the council chambers, and

**WHEREAS**, local governments in the State of Florida are subject to the requirements of the Florida Sunshine Law and the Florida Records law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Palmetto Bay Village Council should set the standard in transparency, providing full notification to those interested or affected by the actions of the Village of Palmetto Bay, and

**WHEREAS**, transparency is frustrated and circumvented when important information, assistance or advocacy is hidden from the public, and

1           **WHEREAS**, in the spirit and legislative intent of these laws, no  
2 meetings of any type should be held by the Mayor or Village council  
3 members unless held in the Council Chambers and video recorded,  
4 broadcast on WBAY and live streamed via the Internet.

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6           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE**  
7 **OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

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9           **Section 1.** The Village Council adopts the recitals stated above as its  
10 policy and direct the Manager to add staff as necessary and provide  
11 that all Sunshine meetings involving the Village Council and council  
12 workshops be held within the Village Council chambers and broadcast  
13 on WBAY as well as Internet live streaming. The Village Clerk will  
14 ensure that all meetings will be properly archived.

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16           **Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective upon approval.

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18           **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2019.

19           DocuSigned by:  
20           Attest: *Missy Arocha*  
21           Missy Arocha  
22           Village Clerk

20           DocuSigned by:  
21           *Karyn Cunningham*  
22           Karyn Cunningham  
23           Mayor

24           APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
25 USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY,  
26 FLORIDA ONLY:

27           DocuSigned by:  
28           *Dexter W. Lehtinen*  
29           Dexter W. Lehtinen  
30           Village Attorney

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32           **FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**

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| 33 |                              |            |
| 34 | Council Member Patrick Fiore | <u>YES</u> |
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| 36 | Council Member David Singer  | <u>YES</u> |
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| 38 | Council Member Marsha Matson | <u>YES</u> |
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| 40 | Vice-Mayor John DuBois       | <u>YES</u> |

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2 Mayor Karyn Cunningham

YES