

**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

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

Roll Call: Mayor Jim Kuretski; Vice-Mayor Ron Delaney; Councilor Cameron May; Councilor Cheryl Schneider; Councilor Malise Sundstrom; Town Manager Frank Kitzerow; Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird. and Town Clerk Laura Cahill.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance 10-22, First Reading, Approval of 2023 Millage Rate. (Second Reading 9/22/22)

Mr. Scott Reynolds, Finance Director, gave a presentation highlighting budget objectives and assumptions, property valuations, proposed millage rate of 2.4633, total budget expenditure overview, general fund revenues and expenditures, the water fund, the stormwater fund, the building fund and the CIP funding summary.

Mr. Andy Weston, resident of Dolphin Drive, spoke about Dolphin Drive drainage and water main improvements. He supported the water main improvements but had concerns with the drainage plan.

Mr. Mason Torres, resident of Mitchell Street, felt there were conflicts between the strategic plan and the CIP. He gave examples, noted frequent traffic collision areas and felt current plans would not be the safest options.

Mayor Kuretski said he had been advocating for a lower millage rate. He said based on trends from FPL franchise fees and utility taxes, the Town would be receiving increases. Mayor Kuretski also discussed his perspective on salary increases and his support for a six percent increase.

Councilor Sundstrom asked if Mayor Kuretski supported a six percent increase with a \$2800 subsidy. He said yes.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the franchise fees and utility taxes and if the Town would be receiving additional revenues. Mayor Kuretski said there was a potential for another \$400,000 and he was advocating for some movement to lower the millage rate.

Vice-Mayor Delaney said he always supported a lower millage rate but with all the uncertainties and rates going up it was difficult at this time.

Mr. Reynolds agreed and mentioned the State revenues were also showing a downward trend.

Councilor May asked what a one percent decrease in millage looked like for the average homeowner. Mr. Reynolds said he did not have the number in front of him but felt it was minimal. He agreed to present the figures to Council before the next reading.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance 10-22

Councilor Schneider said she was always on the side of the taxpayer but with costs continuing to rise, she would be nervous to cut the millage. She also wanted to invest in employees and infrastructure that had not been addressed.

Councilor Sundstrom agreed and noted the millage had been lowered or kept flat for the past few years and business tax revenue was cut. She also mentioned Jupiter had one of the lowest millage rates in the region.

Mr. Reynolds discussed the analysis and historical trends in preparing the recommended budget and millage rate.

Councilor May moved to approve Ordinance 10-22, First Reading; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Title read by Mr. Baird.

Kuretski	Delaney	May	Schneider	Sundstrom
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Review of the 2023 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Pay Plan.

3. Ordinance 9-22, First Reading, Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Community Investment Program. (Second Reading 9/22/22)

Mayor Kuretski noted he had previously asked for some clarification on the Indiantown Road Western Corridor Improvements. He felt it was a priority with the level of service on Indiantown Road. He felt it should be moved from fiscal year 2024 to 2023.

Mayor Kuretski explained he was uncomfortable with the amount of spending for the Water Utility. He felt the construction of new wells was in excess of what the forecast demand would be through 2025. He supported the deep well injection project but believed it was premature to put all the funding in the budget.

Vice-Mayor Delaney asked how moving the funds for Indiantown Road would affect the budget.

Mr. Reynolds stated it would be updated on the second reading of the Ordinance.

Councilor Sundstrom asked why it had been originally placed in fiscal year 2024.

Mr. Thomas Hernandez, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated the reason was to give Enigneering time to work with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to get the project into the schedule. Mr. Hernandez noted a project of this scope would generally be handled by FDOT.

Mayor Kuretski mentioned the previous Director of Engineering felt it might be more effective if Town Staff did the project in house.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Ordinance 9-22

Mr. Hernandez stated there were some challenges with the right-of-way and he would need to sit down with Staff to discuss it further.

Councilor Schneider asked if moving the funds forward would accelerate the project. Mr. Hernandez said not necessarily.

Councilor Schneider moved to approve Ordinance 9-22, First Reading; seconded by Councilor Sundstrom; motion passed.

Title read by Mr. Baird.

Kuretski	Delaney	May	Schneider	Sundstrom
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PRESENTATION

4. Jupiter-Tequesta Kiwanis Club – Mr. Anthony Giglio, President.

Mr. Anthony Giglio, President of the Jupiter-Tequesta Kiwanis Club, provided Council with a handout, thanked Council and spoke regarding a \$5,000 grant they had received from the Town. He noted that grant plus additional funds the Club provided had been used to award scholarships to seven Jupiter High School students.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. MB Hague, resident of Bourne Drive and Planning and Zoning Commissioner, stated she lived in Windsor Park and noticed a second story being added to a home in The Island. She noted it had been approved by the Abacoa Property Association Board, but nothing had been sent out to other various Abacoa Home Owners Associations or property managers regarding approval.

Mr. Gordon Boggie, representing Loxahatchee River District (LRD), stated Council had some questions regarding the negotiation process with the LRD. He said LRD offered agreements which were fair, mutually beneficial and supported environmental benefits. He believed the LRD and the Town could devise a collaborative and mutually beneficial approach to disposing of the Town’s Water Treatment byproducts, that would benefit both the taxpayers and LRD rate payers.

Ms. Marilyn McMurry, resident of U.S. Highway One, explained that between beach access points 55 and 43 there were three vehicles with people living them. She noted there were also people camping on the dunes.

Mayor Kuretski thanked Mr. Boggie for speaking and stated Staff would be in touch with LRD.

MINUTES

5. August 11, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and August 23, 2022 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes.

Vice-Mayor Delaney moved to approve August 11, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and August 23, 2022 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes; seconded by Councilor May; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	May	Schneider	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	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 pulled item 10.

Councilor Sundstrom moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	May	Schneider	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC BUSINESS

6. **Resolution 59-22**, Approving contract award recommendation to Harn R/O Systems, Inc. for \$2,590,619 to remove and replace membrane elements at the Nanofiltration (NF) Treatment Facility, and an amendment of the CIP project budget to \$3,654,459.47.
7. **Resolution 73-22**, Approving renewal of contract EPW 2022-12, Right of Way and Easement maintenance in the Town of Jupiter by means of supplemental agreement No.1 to Terracon Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$109,329.33.
8. **Resolution 76-22**, Approving contract award recommendation to Mueller Construction & Management Company for Water Treatment Plant Offices Building Renovation (W2207) at a cost of \$89,819.42.
9. **Resolution 84-22**, Approving an easement agreement and a temporary construction easement agreement with the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District (LRECD) for the construction of new sewer facility and water main improvements within the Town’s Lighthouse Park property.
10. **Resolution 87-22**. Approving the award of contract EPW 2022-38, Dune Crossover Renovations, Phase V, to Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$348,353.60. **MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA**
11. Accepting a grant agreement between Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of Jupiter for Pennock Industrial Park stormwater improvements obtained through the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) in the amount of \$75,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC BUSINESS

12. Approving work order authorization to JLA Geosciences, Inc. for permitting, design and bidding services for Water Utility Deep Injection Well System with a budgetary authorization of \$63,215.
13. Approving the cancelation of the Town Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM and rescheduling it as a Town Council Special Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA TO REGULAR AGENDA

10. **Resolution 87-22.** Approving the award of contract EPW 2022-38, Dune Crossover Renovations, Phase V, to Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$348,353.60.

Councilor May wanted to see the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps allow individuals to reach the beach and enjoy the water. He stated the Town had looked into beach mats but there was a problem with the turtle nesting season. He believed if the cost was minimal, it would be a benefit for someone who normally would not be able to enjoy the beach and water to possibly reach it if beach wheelchairs were available.

Mayor Kuretski stated adding mats would not affect the Resolution and asked if Staff could address the feasibility of both items.

Councilor May asked if there could be an area constructed for the beach wheelchairs to be stored.

Mr. Hernandez, Director of Engineering, Parks and Public Works, stated he had no information regarding the beach wheelchairs, but regarding the Moby Mat, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) did restrict the distance the mat could be installed. He noted usually, FDEP did not permit them beyond ten feet past vegetation. He believed the beach wheelchairs could potentially add better accessibility to the areas.

Vice-Mayor Delaney asked if there were different restrictions for different beaches and if mats could be removed during turtle nesting season.

Mr. Hernandez stated he would look into it and advise Council. In regards to the mats being removed during nesting season, he believed it could be a condition of the permitting.

Councilor Sundstrom stated the ADA ramp would also allow parents with children in strollers to reach the beach. She noted she was not aware of how they were maintained but felt the wheelchairs were something to be investigated.

Councilor May asked if the design could be changed to Crossover 52 to have an area for beach wheelchairs. Mr. Hernandez stated he would look into it.

Mayor Kuretski asked Staff to investigate where the mats had been used before.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA TO REGULAR AGENDA

10. Resolution 87-22

Councilor May moved to approve Resolution 87-22; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	May	Schneider	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

REPORTS

TOWN ATTORNEY - NONE

TOWN MANAGER

- New Town Hall update – Mr. Kitzerow stated FPL would start their portion of the project within the next few weeks. There would be new signs and the Veteran’s Memorial would be wrapped to protect it during construction. He also mentioned there would be a ground-breaking ceremony in October.
- Ms. Vicki Tarallo’s retirement – Mr. Kitzerow mentioned the Town celebrated Ms. Tarallo’s retirement after 20 years with the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS -YES

COUNCILOR SCHNEIDER

- Abacoa Home styles – Councilor Schneider mentioned Ms. MB Hague’s comment regarding the Abacoa HOA approving a two-story home to be built which would change the prior style from a single story. She commented to keep Abacoa as intended.
- Loxahatchee River District (LRD) – Councilor Schneider suggested a presentation to Council by the LRD to make sure all of Council had received the same information.

Mayor Kuretski agreed for more dialogue regarding Abacoa and stated it was a unique community.

Councilor Delaney also commented on Abacoa’s Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and the LRD situation.

Councilor Sundstrom commented on Abacoa’s diversity and expressed concern over changes that might reduce it going forward. LC 09/22/22

Councilor May spoke regarding the affordability of Abacoa and wanted to keep the diversity and DRI.

COUNCILOR MAY

- Toney Penna and Central Boulevard traffic light – Councilor May asked for an update regarding the possible traffic light at the intersection.

COUNCILOR SUNDSTROM

- Jupconnect – Councilor Sundstrom stated Jupconnect was very helpful.
- Connect with Council event – Councilor Sundstrom mentioned she was grateful for the Connect with Council event and the ability to connect with residents. She stated next event would be a Coffee with Council.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR KURETSKI

- Connect with Council – Mayor Kuretski stated Staff did a good job with the different booths at Connect with Council.
- County Ordinance regarding rental units – Mayor Kuretski mentioned some residents had contacted him advocating for an ordinance regarding rental units and landlords giving tenants 60 days' notice if the rent was increased. He asked to receive the ordinance and stated it would impact the community and affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 P.M.

Laura Cahill, Town Clerk