

COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 18, 2012

Pursuant to notice, the Village Council of the Village of Golf, Florida met at the Village Administration Building at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to conduct a Council Meeting and Public Hearing. Present were Mayor Thomas E. Lynch, and Council Members Michael E. Botos, J. Marshall Duane and Cynthia W. Ottaway. Vice Mayor Joh was absent. Also present were Village Manager Mark Hull, Clerk Carol Marciano and other interested citizens.

Mayor Lynch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, The Mayor advised that the Village Council met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and the council was in agreement to hire Laura J. Hannah as Village Manager, to replace retiring Manager Mark Hull. At this time Mayor Lynch introduced Laura Hannah, who was welcomed by the Council and residents in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

****MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUANE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, GRAU AND ASSOCIATES, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

The presentation of the Village of Golf Financial Report by Grau and Associates was tabled until the February Council Meeting, due to a delay in receiving the reports from the auditors.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – SITE PLAN APPROVAL (REVISED SITE PLAN).

MR. JOHN G. GROHMANN, ESQ. & DR. EVA GROHMANN, 52 COUNTRY ROAD SOUTH - ADDITION OF 4801 SQ. FT. TO EXISTING RESIDENCE, AND EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS.

Manager Mark Hull advised that a Site Plan for construction at this residence was previously approved at the January 16, 2011 Council Meeting. It was the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Grohmann not to do the construction in the 2011 Building Season,

and withdrew the site plan. The plan being submitted for this meeting was a revised site plan, which meets all FAR (Floor Area Ratio) and setback requirements. The Manager proceeded to turn the floor over to Mr. Juan Linares, architect for Mr. and Mrs. Grohmann.

With the aid of the revised site plan and visual rendering, Mr. Linares proceeded to review the proposed project, which includes extensive interior and exterior renovations, as well as the addition of a game room, 3-car garage and covered breezeway. He noted that this plan is very similar to the plan approved by the Council last year. Mr. Linares also advised the project should be complete by the end of the 2013 Building Season, which would be constructed in two phases. It is their intention to complete Phase I, to include the shell and interior of the residence this year and complete Phase II, the exterior buildings, in the 2013 Building Season. Mr. Linares proceeded to answer questions from the Council regarding the proposed project.

****MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OTTAWAY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF 4,801 SQ. FT. AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO THE GROHMANN RESIDENCE AT 52 COUNTRY ROAD SOUTH.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PUBLIC HEARING

SECOND AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO. 95 – VILLAGE OF GOLF CHARTER REVISIONS, AMENDING PORTIONS OF VILLAGE CHARTER (HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES) DUE TO CHANGES IN THE LAW, ETC.).

Clerk Carol Marciano proceeded to read Ordinance 95 by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CHARTER AT ARTICLES I. THROUGH VIII. AS FOLLOWS: BY REPEALING AND RE-ADOPTING ARTICLES I. THROUGH V.; BY REPEALING ARTICLES VI. AND VII. IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE VIII. AND READOPTING IT AS A NEWLY DESIGNATED ARTICLE VI. IN ORDER TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CHARTER TO CONFORM TO GENERAL LAW AND UPDATE ITS PROVISIONS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RIGHTS AND POWERS OF THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE "MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS ACT"; PROVIDING THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE TO EACH SECTION OR SUB-SECTION OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER THAT CONCERNS OR AFFECTS ENUMERATED AREAS SET FORTH AT SUB-SECTION 166.021(4), FLORIDA STATUTES, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM OF THE ELECTORS PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAW AND THAT SUCH SECTIONS OR SUB-SECTIONS SHALL REMAIN THE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS

CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Village Attorney, Brad Biggs stated that Ordinance 95 was unanimously passed on first reading at the November 16, 2011 Council Meeting. He explained that this ordinance is strictly a cleanup of language in the original 1957 Village Charter, due to outdated information and changes in the law. Mr. Biggs added that these changes are permitted by the 1973 Home Rule Powers Act and do not require a referendum. Mayor Lynch stated that any proposed charter change items requiring a referendum would be discussed under Old Business.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lynch opened the floor for public questions and comments. There were no comments from the Council or the public. Attorney Brad Biggs stated that, at the request of the Council, he had included in Ordinance 95 the provision that all elected officials must be residents of the Village of Golf. Mayor Lynch proceeded to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 95.

****MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUANE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOTOS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 95 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. THE MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED VILLAGE OF GOLF CHARTER CHANGES.

Mayor Lynch stated that the goal of the discussion today was to bring forward the charter change suggestions by the ad hoc committee, (Council Member J. M. Duane, Mr. R. Chapin, Esq., and Mr. D. Kempf), which were forwarded to each Village Council member, discuss the recommendations and bring them up again at the February, 2012 Council Meeting. He added that if the council feels the need for more discussion, we could have a Town Hall Meeting and send something out to the residents, as the proposed changes will be on the November ballot. The Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Robert Chapin.

Mr. Chapin reviewed the six (6) recommendations, which included changes in term limits, frequency of elections, accountability of the Village Manager to the Mayor and Council and additional items. A copy of the committee recommendations is filed with and made part of these minutes.

A discussion on the recommendations followed, which included comments from residents in attendance and the Council. Following the discussion Mayor Lynch advised that these suggestions will be addressed again at the February, 2012 Council Meeting, at which time the Village Council will express their position on the committee's recommendations

2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAURA J. HANNAH

At this time Mayor Lynch stated that Laura Hannah would start work as the manager immediately at the salary of \$75,000.00. He proceeded to review her employment contract, which includes an automobile allowance, life insurance, SEP/IRA, health benefits, etc. It was also noted that the contract includes a 90-day probationary period.

****MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUANE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OTTAWAY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN LAURA J. HANNAH AND THE VILLAGE OF GOLF.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING IRRIGATION OF GOLF ROAD

Manager Mark Hull stated that at the last meeting he advised he would obtain prices for the design and permitting of a re-use irrigation system for Golf Road, as the need for watering the ficus hedges due to the infestation of the white fly is imperative. He explained that we would need someone to design the system and obtain Palm Beach County permitting costs, to bring back a total cost for installation.

Manager Hull advised that he has obtained a price of \$20,000.00; however upon checking other sources he was informed that the company hired to do installation of landscaping at the entrance to the village last summer is also an engineer and has offered to do the engineering for the project for \$7,500.00.

****MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OTTAWAY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$7,500.00 FOR DESIGN OF A RE-CLAIMED WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR GOLF ROAD.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MANAGER'S REPORT

1. WATER AND SEWER PLANT BONDS. Mark Hull stated that at the last meeting the Council discussed the possibility of re-financing the water plant bonds at a lower interest rate. The Manager then turned the floor over to Council Member Duane, who is the Village Treasurer. Mr. Duane verbally reviewed two bids he had received. The Council asked Treasurer Duane to obtain an additional bid and bring the three proposals back to the Council for discussion.

2. GOLF CART USAGE BY CHILDREN. A memo was forwarded to Village Residents regarding children driving golf carts on the village roads. Mark Hull stated that he has also instructed our Security Department to stop children from driving on the Village roads when they are seen during security patrol.

3. SHORT AND LONG TERM VILLAGE GOALS – Manager Hull stated that these goals should be re-addressed before the season is over, as Laura will now be involved.

4. BULK ITEM REFUSE PICKUP – Mark Hull stated that we will be scheduling this pickup for sometime in February and he will forward a memo to the residents advising them of the date.

Mark Hull stated that as this is his last meeting as Manager, he wanted to thank everyone for their support during the time he was Village Manager.

Following the Manager's Report a discussion ensued regarding activities at the residence next to the Chapin home.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUANE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOTOS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol Marciano