

**FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES  
TOWN OF JUPITER  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020**

Mayor Wodraska called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Mayor Todd R. Wodraska; Councilor Ron Delaney; Councilor Jim Kuretski; Councilor Cameron May; Town Manager Matt Benoit; Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Town Clerk Sally M. Boylan. Vice-Mayor Ilan Kaufer was on absent.

1. Discussion of Operating Budget and the Proposed Community Investment Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2025.

Mr. Scott Reynolds, Budget Manager, highlighted the operating budget updates, the CIP total cost and funding, the CIP funding strategy, and the proposed projects. He stated there was an increase of \$43,653 to the Ad Valorem and an increase of five percent to the Health Insurance cost.

Mr. Reynolds stated the total funding needed for the General Fund CIP for 2020/2021 fiscal year would be just over \$7.4 million. He mentioned \$5 million was unrestricted governmental funds and \$2.4 million were restricted by use.

Mr. Reynolds summarized the General Revenue proposed projects including ongoing renewal and replacement and a onetime capital contribution. He also reviewed the General Government CIP new projects including the Police Radio System, WWII Barracks Relocation, Town Hall Parking lot, Riverside Drive sidewalk, Jupiter Community Park Renovations, and Jones Creek Hammock Boardwalk.

Councilor Kuretski stated he supported the Riverside Drive sidewalk project and asked what the grant amount was for the project.

Mr. Tom Driscoll, Director of Engineering, Parks and Public Works, stated the project was estimated over a million dollars and they were looking into the maximum grant amount.

Councilor Kuretski suggested splitting the Riverside Drive project into two phases in case there was limited grant funding from the Transportation Planning Agency (TPA).

Mr. Driscoll stated they would plan the best way to secure the grant and a resolution would be coming to the Council in early 2021 for approval of the project.

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the current Surtax funding projects including the PD/Data Center, Indiantown Road improvements from US One to A1A, and Jupiter Community Park.

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Mr. Reynolds highlighted the future Surtax funding considerations and Strategic Project items, including Abacoa Stadium improvements, Island Way South project, Sawfish Bay, and the Indoor Gym Space project which would need a referendum.

Mr. Reynolds discussed the Water Fund CIP including Distribution System Water Quality Sampling Stations, Juno Beach repump station valve replacements and Reverse Osmosis Clearwell interior structural repairs. He also reviewed the Stormwater fund projects and the three projects that had been vetoed by the Governor for funding for fiscal year 2021.

Mr. Reynolds stated Staff was seeking guidance on surtax funding, proposed Indoor Gym Space, Sawfish Bay Park, Gateways to the Town, and the Stormwater fund regarding Jupiter River Estates Canal vegetation trimming. He also mentioned the Public Budget hearings would be in September.

Mayor Wodraska stated the proposed Indoor Gym Space could take a backseat.

Councilor Kuretski stated he wanted to see the success of the Police building and commented on replacing the current Town Hall building. He mentioned his concerns with the logistics of also having the Indoor Gym Space on the property.

Council unanimously agreed to postpone the Indoor Gym Space project.

Mayor Wodraska suggested adding additional funding for the Gateways to the Town.

Council agreed unanimously to add funding to beautify the Gateways.

Mayor Wodraska asked if Mr. Reynolds was asking Council to clarify which projects they would like to place in the Surtax funding cash-flow.

Mr. Reynolds stated that was correct.

Mayor Wodraska asked if Council had input on the \$3.6 million Abacoa Stadium Improvements project.

Councilor Kuretski stated he wanted to emphasize the footnote in the presentation mentioning the project scope and how the funds would be utilized and mentioned concerns he had with inadequate parking.

Mayor Wodraska stated parking was the major part of the multiple party agreement and had been addressed.

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Mayor Wodraska and Councilor Kuretski both agreed having baseball in Abacoa was very important and Mayor Wodraska stated Council was not interested in having or paying for a parking garage.

Councilor Delaney stated he was on board with the Improvement project but wanted to make sure the Town was not responsible for parking down the road.

Mayor Wodraska asked if Council had input on the \$4.5 million Island Way South project. Council Kuretski and Councilor May were in support of adding the project to the Surtax cash flow.

Mayor Wodraska stated he would like to see the project happen but was convinced the Developer should be funding it.

Mr. Reynolds stated the amount asked to continue the Sawfish Bay Park Train Depot/Aicher House was \$135,000 and clarified there would be additional costs that were not currently in the CIP. He asked Council if they would like to continue the development of the project.

Councilor Kuretski said he supported the one year increments of development but he wanted more information on the upcoming two year phases of the project before moving forward.

Mayor Wodraska asked Staff for an update on what the \$135,000 represented. Ms. Stephanie Thoburn, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning, gave an update on the Train Depot Museum and the Aicher House restoration cost breakdown for the projected \$135,000. Council unanimously agreed to support the funding but Mayor Wodraska pointed out that uses for the structures would need to be decided soon to justify the cost. Council also discussed several organizations willing to partner with the Town to restore and find uses for the buildings.

Mayor Wodraska mentioned the Stormwater fund needed to be addressed and the Jupiter River Estates canal vegetation trimming. He summarized the plan to do the initial trimming and get a commitment from residents to commit to an annual maintenance program which would be several hundred dollars from each resident. Mayor Wodraska noted some residents were not agreeable to the financial commitment.

Councilor Kuretski felt community support was vital and he supported Staff's recommendation to move it ahead another year.

Councilor May asked what type of community outreach had been accomplished and if there was a path forward. Mr. David Brown, Director of Utilities, summarized progress with working groups, the projected maintenance plan and the necessary petition that would have to pass through a majority of the homeowners. He stated the current approval rate was only at about 35%.

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Mr. Brown felt another year may be helpful relative to grant money and seeking resident support. He mentioned the bacteria problem in the area. Councilor May also noted the Jones Creek kayak launch and the need to keep the area accessible.

Councilor Delaney reiterated the need for resident commitment. Council unanimously agreed to support Staff's recommendation.

Councilor Kuretski spoke about the purpose and role of the Stormwater Utility and felt it was not there to take over projects for communities. He asked that Staff respond to the Council on the following projects: Indiantown Road Western Corridor improvement project, status updates including maps and photos; Jupiter Park Drive at Central Blvd. improvements, that an in-service date be provided; Riverside Drive Sidewalk improvements, whether a phased approach was possible; Dune Crossovers Rehab, ADA compliance; Park Restorations, Jones Creek Hammock Boardwalk repair, was it necessary as a separate project; Water Asset Maintenance Program, what recently went up and how surpluses were managed; Dolphin Drive infrastructure improvements, cost justification criteria; Floridan Aquifer Wells and Raw Water Mains Construction, update.

Mr. Benoit provided the Floridan Wells update and the Loxahatchee River District's new stance on liability concerns. Councilor Kuretski suggested sharing tax savings as a negotiating tool. Mr. Brown felt it would not change their minds. He noted other location options being worked on.

Mayor Wodraska noted the two budget public hearings, September 8 and 22, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT** - 7:45 P.M.

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Sally M. Boylan, Town Clerk

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Todd R. Wodraska, Mayor