



VILLAGE OF MARVIN

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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2019 – 12:00 pm
Village Hall, 10004 New Town Road
(Reconvened meeting of 1/8/19)

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Pollino reconvened the meeting at 12:03 pm at the Village Hall. Clerk verified a quorum was present.

Those Present: Mayor Joe Pollino, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Dispenziere, Councilwoman Kim Vandenberg, Councilwoman Mary Shkut, and Councilman Robert Epps.

Those Absent: None.

Staff Present: Christina Alphin, Administrator and Barbie Blackwell, Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

D. Continue Discussion and Consideration of Charter change information

Council continued their discussion of the Charter change information. Councilwoman Shkut shared her notes taken at the January 8, 2019 Regular meeting discussion.

- Councilwoman Shkut: In favor of five (5) council members plus the Mayor. She explained: She liked the idea of districts but was uncertain if information could be ironed out in time. She noted that this Council or the next Council should begin discussions on increasing the seats. She that Marvin is up to or near the 7,000 in population. She also noted that she would like to see, as a general rule of thumb, an additional seat for at least every thousand people. She feels strongly about having more voices on the Council to fairly represent the people. She feels that Marvin is at the point that there should 1 or 2 more seats. She also feels very strongly about public input and a referendum whenever possible.
- Mayor Pollino: In favor of six (6) council members plus the Mayor. He explained: It would give the Mayor a chance to break a tie if necessary, with two (2) extra council members. He also felt that Marvin was too small for districts. Mayor Pollino said that people told him they did not want anything changed without going through a referendum.
- Councilwoman Vandenberg reiterated input from the public voice and vote was prevalent based on several emails she received regarding the last charter change. Councilwoman Vandenberg shared one of the emails that read Council initiated memo with a referendum. She also reiterated six (6) council members plus the Mayor and no districts.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dispenziere said that he had been wanting to do it and there was not enough time to get on the ballot for this election. It should go through a referendum for a vote to reach more people rather than a voice and only 60 people show up to a meeting, then people could vote rather they want districts or not. He said that he wants more diversity on the council. He was in favor of increasing the council by one (1) member. He was still in favor of districts with the Mayor and one council member being at-large and four (4) council members.
- Mayor Pollino clarified there would be two things on the ballot when people go to vote in 2019: (1) Adding

additional number(s) of council people based on council recommendation of preferred number. (2) Do we want districts.

- Councilman Epps: He was indifferent but was in favor of six (6) council members plus the Mayor. He liked the idea of districts.
- **Council took a straw poll on the number of council members:**
 - Councilwoman Vandenberg: 6 council members plus Mayor. No on districts.
 - Councilman Epps: 5 council members plus Mayor. Yes, on districts.
 - Councilwoman Shkut: 5 council members plus Mayor. Yes, on districts.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Dispenziere: 5 council members plus Mayor. Yes, on districts.
 - Mayor Pollino: 6 council members plus Mayor. No on districts.

Council directed Ms. Alphin to find out from the Board of Elections on the process for adding one additional council member. Contact Centralina COG on their process and timeline for drawing election districts.

Council directed Ms. Alphin to draft an email soliciting the public's thoughts on increasing the number of council members and being divided into districts for Council to review. The letter would be sent to HOAs, MailChimp and add it to the website. Council requested that the letter portray and made clear to the public that council is moving in a positive way and will provide diversity on the council by increasing the number of council members.

E. Consider for approval ROP Changes

Ms. Alphin made the revisions from the last meeting. She explained: She did not add a Roads Update for each meeting because she did not believe there would be enough information to report for each meeting. She noted that the amendments to the Rules of Procedure was to give a clear direction to staff and expectations for sending out the agenda. She also noted that she is trying to establish procedures for the work session meetings and focus to accomplish more on work session type agenda items that would be approved at the regular meetings.

Council agreed to try the new work session agenda process until April. Staff will place the Rules of Procedures for discussion and consideration in April.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of Action Items

- Revise meeting minutes with council members.
- Staff will contact Board of Elections on the process for adding one additional council member.
- Staff will contact Centralina COG on their process and timeline for drawing election districts.
- Ms. Alphin will draft an email soliciting the public's thoughts on increasing the number of council members and being divided into districts for Council to review.

B. Council Comments

- Mayor Pro Tem Dispenziere: A good meeting with good discussion. He hoped that the work session meetings have willing discussions. He would like for the regular meetings to be more efficient and for Council to move through agenda items more quickly. He encouraged better communication between council members before the meetings and to have a better understanding on the agenda items. He thanked Christina and Barbie for their hard work on agenda preparations.
- Councilwoman Shkut: No comments.
- Councilman Epps: Thanked Barbie and Christina.
- Councilwoman Vandenberg: Thanked staff.
- Mayor Pollino: He attended a meeting with Wesley Chapel and Weddington. The presentation was on the

operations of all Public Services. Wesley Chapel and Weddington would like to work together with the Village of Marvin on public services.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Dispenziere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 pm. The motion passed with unanimous consent.