



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM, 3618 S. OCEAN  
BLVD., HIGHLAND BEACH, FL

Date: December 19, 2023  
Time: 1:30 PM

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Judith Goldberg  
Commissioner Donald Peters  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Vice Mayor David Stern  
Mayor Natasha Moore  
Town Manager Marshall Labadie  
Town Attorney Glen Torcivia (arrived at 1:48 P.M.)  
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Town Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Moore moved Item 11.B. under New Business to Item 5. under Presentations / Proclamations.

**MOTION:** David/Stern - Moved to approve the agenda as amended, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

**Consideration of a request for a Town of Highland Beach Right-of-Way (ROW) permit for the property located at 2362 South Ocean Boulevard. (Formerly Item 11.B.)**

Mayor Moore read the title of this item, and Town Manager Labadie presented the item.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments, and after hearing none she closed the public comments.

**MOTION:** David/Goldberg - Moved to approve the Right-of-Way (ROW) permit for the property located at 2362 South Ocean Boulevard. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor More read the announcement as follows:

**Board Vacancies**

Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board                      One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending September 21, 2024

Financial Advisory Board    One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2024

**Meetings and Events**

December 24 and December 25, 2023      Town Hall closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

January 01, 2024                                      Town Hall closed in observance of New Years Day

January 09, 2024      1:00 P.M.                      Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting

January 11, 2024      9:30 A.M.                      Planning Board Regular Meeting

January 16, 2024      1:30 P.M.                      Town Commission Meeting

**Board Action Report**

**None.**

**8. ORDINANCES** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.)

**A. Ordinance No. 2023-007 (Second Reading/Public Hearing)**

**An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, amending Section 30-7 “Official Zoning Map” of the Town Code of Ordinances to update information pertaining to the date of the most recent amendment to the Town's Official Zoning Map as set forth in Ordinance No. 2022-002; providing for repeal of all ordinances in conflict; providing for**

**severability and codification; and providing an effective date (First Reading was December 05, 2023).**

Mayor Moore read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-007 followed by Town Manager Labadie presenting the item.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments, and after hearing none she closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** David/Stern - Moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-007. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

**B. Ordinance No. 2023-008 (Second Reading/Public Hearing)**

**An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida adopting administrative amendments to the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) of the Florida Building Code; providing for the repeal of all laws in conflict; providing for severability and providing for an effective date (First Reading was December 05, 2023).**

Mayor Moore read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-008 followed by Building Official Remas presenting the item.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments, and after hearing none she closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** David/Goldberg - Moved the adopt Ordinance No. 2023-008 on second reading. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA** (These are items that the Commission typically does not need to discuss individually, and which are voted on as a group.) Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.

**A. Certification of Inadequate Attendance and Automatic Removal of Member Peter Weiner from the Financial Advisory Board effective December 19, 2023**

**B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**December 05, 2023 Town Commission Meeting Minutes**

**C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and Palm Beach County for use of the County Public Safety Radio System.**

**MOTION:** David/Stern - Moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.  
The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

**A. Fire Rescue Implementation Update**

Fire Chief Glenn Joseph provided an update on the construction of fire rescue building regarding stucco and painting the exterior walls, drywall installation and painting the interior walls, delivery of the elevators, a potential delay with the civil drainage onsite, and the recruiting, hiring, and onboarding of the fire personnel as well as some personnel will start on March 1.

**B. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) RRR Project Update**

Town Manager Labadie announced that the Florida Department of Transportation will hold its construction meeting on March 7, 2024, to discuss the RRR project. It will be a two-part meeting. The virtual portion of the meeting will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the physical in-person meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Beach Library. FDOT is moving forward with the project and plans to start in May.

**C. Continued discussion of Milani Park.**

Town Manager Labadie mentioned that is trying to work with our team to facilitate some of the more recent discussions. He has shared some articles that fit well into the argument that the Town Commission has presented, and the advocacy team will communicate out into the other districts. He also mentioned resident Ron Reame held a meeting with some of the condominiums to pull that grassroots piece together in preparation for the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Additionally, Town Manager Labadie is working with Mr. Sweetapple, the Town's legal counsel and Mr. Neal Schiller, the Town's advocate on this matter. Town Manager Labadie will contact each Commissioner with information he receives.

Commissioner Peters spoke about the Boca Raton Condominium Association meeting that he attended today.

**11. NEW BUSINESS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

**A. Resolution No. 2023-036**

**A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. Nine to the State of Florida Department of Transportation District Four Landscape Inclusive Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Town; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Moore read the title of title of Resolution No. 2023-036. Town Manager Labadie presented the item.

**MOTION:** David/Goldberg - Moved to implement Resolution No. 2023-036. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

- B. Consideration of a request for a Town of Highland Beach Right-of-Way (ROW) permit for the property located at 2362 South Ocean Boulevard. (This Item was moved to Item 5. under Presentation /Proclamations)**
- C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$294,016.00 for 23 portable radios for the Police Department.**

Mayor Moore read the title of this item.

Town Manager Labadie introduced the item. Chief of Police Craig Hartmann provided comments about the necessity for the portable radios and the transmission issues with the current radios. Also, the Motorola Representative and Finance Director David DiLena both provided comments about the Motorola contract and costs.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. Ron Reame provided comments.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Moore closed the public comments.

**MOTION:** David/Goldberg - Moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement to acquire twenty-three portable radios for the Police Department, with Motorola Solutions, Inc. at what is to be determined as the most economically feasible method. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

- D. Approve and authorize Town staff to purchase the Bunker Gear from Bennett Fire Products Co., Inc. in the amount of \$98,530.04 for the Fire Rescue Department (In accordance with Lake County Contract 22-730B).**

Mayor Moore read the title of this item and Fire Chief Joseph presented the item.

**MOTION:** David/ Goldberg - Moved to approve Item 11.D. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Donald Peters wished everyone healthy and happy holidays.

Commissioner Evalyn David wished everyone healthy and happy holidays.

Vice Mayor David Stern also wishes everyone a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Mayor Natasha Moore wished everyone healthy and happy holidays.

**13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Town Attorney Torcivia wished everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday.

**14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Labadie thanked everyone for the kind words. He thanked Reverend Father Horgan of Saint Lucy Catholic Church. He also wished everyone happy holidays.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

**APPROVED:** January 16, 2024 Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

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Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by  
Lanelda Gaskins

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk

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01/16/2024  
Date

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