



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall / Commission Chambers  
3614 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Date: October 18, 2022  
Time: 1:30 PM

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

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner John Shoemaker  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman  
Vice Mayor Natasha Moore (arrived at 1:31 P.M.)  
Mayor Douglas Hillman  
Town Attorney Glen Torcivia  
Town Manager Marshall Labadie  
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**

**MOTION:** David/Gossett-Seidman - Moved to approve the agenda as presented, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

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

#### **A. Resolution No. 2022-025**

**A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, ratifying the selection, appointments, and term of office of members of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Hillman read the title of Resolution No. 2022-025.

The Town Commission interviewed Mr. Fred Rosen, followed by a motion to reappoint Mr. Rosen to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board for a three-year term ending October 18, 2026.

**MOTION:** David/Gossett-Seidman - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-025, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**B. Lightening Protection Presentation by Cole Newman and Mike Dillion**

Mayor Hillman read the title of Item 5.B.

Mr. Mike Dillion, Lightning Safety Alliance Corporation, provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation highlighting elements of the lightning protection systems.

Mayor Hillman opened the item for public comments:

Mr. David Newman asked if the Town maintained records related to lightning strikes on condominiums or residential properties. He was informed that the Town does not possess such documents.

Ms. Judith Goldberg inquired about grants or tax credits for lightning prevention. She was informed that there were none.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Paul Resnick from Braemar Isle commented about the Town and the City of Delray Beach's fire code related to the use of grills or electrical appliances on condominium balconies.

Mr. David Newman spoke about the negative impact of using gas leaf blowers.

Mr. Fred Rosen talked about research he had completed on gas leaf blowers.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hillman read the following announcement:

**Board Vacancies**

Board of Adjustment and Appeals - One vacancy for a three-year term

**Meetings and Events**

October 27, 2022 - 11:30 A.M. Financial Advisory Board Regular Meeting

October 27, 2022 - 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Food Truck Event

November 01, 2022 - 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Meeting

November 02, 2022 - 9:30 A.M. Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting

November 09, 2022 - 1:00 P.M. Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting

November 10, 2022 - 9:30 A.M. Planning Board Regular Meeting

### **Board Action Report**

None.

## **8. ORDINANCES**

A. None.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. None.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Fire Rescue Implementation Update**

#### **1. Discussion on Fire Station Construction**

Town Manager Labadie presented PowerPoint slides displaying renderings of the new fire station building. Afterward, there were conversations about additional parking, the flow of traffic, and the demand for construction materials and labor costs. Town Manager Labadie advised that the next steps are to dress up the renderings for public display at the October 27, 2022, Food Truck event. In addition, he hopes to have more detailed renderings for the next Town Commission meeting.

Mayor Hillman asked Town Manager Labadie to share the timeline for the Town Commission to decide on the fire rescue building plans. Town Manager Labadie mentioned that the drop-dead date is Thanksgiving.

Fire Chief Glenn Joseph provided background information about acquiring fire rescue vehicles. He is currently looking at a preowned 2017 fire rescue vehicle.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Introduction of the proposed amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances to incorporate sea turtle protection lighting standards.**

Mayor Hillman read the title of Item 11.A.

Town Manager Labadie introduced this item. Town Planner Ingrid Allen described the proposed amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances to incorporate sea turtle protection lighting standards. After that, Building Official Jeff Remas commented on the complaints that Town staff received during turtle season and the continuous enforcement by staff.

The Town Commission suggested that Town staff include additional language to Section 4-8(c)(4) - Lighting restrictions for the protection of sea turtles regarding wavelength colors definition. Besides, it was the consensus of the Town Commission to refer the proposed amendment to the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board for review.

**MOTION:** David/Gossett-Seidman - Moved to send the turtle lighting statute to the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board and invite the Turtle Permit Holder, a Gumbo Limbo representative, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to the meeting. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**B. Introduction of Zoning District density review.**

Town Planner Allen presented the zoning district density review. The Town Commission discussed the complexity of the zoning district density and suggested that public participation and, input from the Planning Board was necessary.

Additionally, the Town Commission referred this matter to the Planning Board. The Planning Board must look at the density by category and district, modify the code and take a long, careful look at the issue, the history of changes to the code, and the footprint.

Mayor Hillman suggested a joint meeting with the Planning Board after their review of the zoning district density.

Mayor Hillman opened this item for public comments:

Mr. David Gunther from Boca Raton commented on Residential Multiple-Family Low-Density Zoning District (RML) and the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Matthew Scott spoke about the use of zoning codes in various municipalities.

**C. Consideration of a Right of Way Permit for AT&T to work along State Road A1A.**

Mayor Hillman read the title of Item 11.C.

Town Manager Labadie presented this item. He encouraged the resident to be careful because subcontractors are performing the work on behalf of AT&T.