



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: February 06, 2024
Time: 1:30 PM

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 Evelyn David
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Attorney Glen Torcivia
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

Commissioner David asked the Town Commission to postpone voting for Resolution No. 2024-003 until each Commissioner has time to digest the information presented at the February 1st public meeting. Commissioner Goldberg agreed that Resolution No. 2024-003 should be postponed to the next scheduled Town Commission meeting. Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Stern and Commissioner Peters were in favor of keeping Resolution No. 2024-003 on the agenda.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to postpone Resolution No. 2024-003 until the next scheduled meeting. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes), Commissioner Goldberg (Yes), Commissioner Peters (No), Vice Mayor Stern (No), and Mayor Moore (No). The motion failed on a 2 to 3 vote with Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Stern and Commissioner Peters dissenting.

MOTION: Moore/Stern - Moved to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call: Mayor Moore (Yes), Vice Mayor Stern (Yes), Commissioner Goldberg (Yes), Commissioner Peters (Yes), and Commissioner David. The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

A. Resolution No. 2024-003

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, supporting the sale of Milani Park and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-003, followed by Town Manager Labadie presenting the item and the Town Commission discussion about supporting the sale of Milani Park as well as other practical options.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. Jack Halpern provided comments about the Milani Park property.

Mr. Ron Reame voiced his support for Resolution No. 2024-003.

MOTION: Peters/Stern – Moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-003. Upon roll call: Commissioner Peters (Yes), Vice Mayor Stern (Yes), Commissioner Goldberg (Yes), Commissioner David (Yes), and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

B. Resolution No. 2024-002

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 Financial Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-002.

Applicant Harold Siegel was present and interviewed by the Town Commission. Mr. Siegel provided background information about his professional experiences.

Applicant Margarita Chappellear was not present at the meeting.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to accept Resolution No. 2024-002 appointing Harold Siegel to the Financial Advisory Board (as outlined in the resolution). Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes), Commissioner Goldberg (Yes), Commissioner Peters (Yes), Vice Mayor Stern (Yes), and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

C. Police Officer of the Year Award

Chief of Police Craig Hartmann presented Sergeant Paul Shersty with the Police Officer of the Year Award. Sergeant Shersty thanked everyone.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mr. Timothy Ruotolo provided comments.

Reverend Father Brian Horgan spoke about why St. Lucy Catholic Church was no longer available to use as polling location during the elections.

Mr. Ron Reame also provided comments.

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

A. Ordinance No. 2024-001 (Second Reading/Public Hearing)

An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, Amending Section 4-8 “Lighting Restrictions for Protection of Sea Turtles” of Chapter 4, “Animals,” and Section 30-85 “Coastal Lighting” of Chapter 30, “Zoning,” of the Town Code of Ordinances to incorporate Lighting Regulations for new and existing coastal structures in order to minimize the effect of artificial light on sea turtle populations; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability and codification; and providing an effective date (First Reading was December 5, 2023).

Town Planner Allen presented this item and explained the revision made to the ordinance.

MOTION: David/Goldberg – Moved to approve (adopt) Ordinance No. 2024-001.

Mayor Moore read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-001. Then she opened the item for item for public hearing. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes), Commissioner Goldberg (Yes), Commissioner Peters (Yes), Vice Mayor Stern (Yes), and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

8. 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. Approve and authorize the Town Staff to purchase Zoll EKG monitors for \$147,193.75 according to the Sinavvik Contract, (Contract No. PSAI 2921-06) for the Fire Rescue Department.

Mayor Moore read the title of Item 8.A. Town Attorney Torcivia will prepare a standard addendum agreement for this item.

MOTION: David/Stern - Moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

9. 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 the fire rescue building as follows: on track for TCO at the end of the month, March 18, 2024 is the start date for the fire rescue personnel, town staff will pick up the fire truck from Pride on Friday, the fire truck will be on site next week, several equipment has been purchased. He needs direction and dates for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. Timothy Ruotolo provided comments.

Mayor Moore closed the public comments.

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

Town Manager Labadie announced FDOT will hold a public meeting on March 7, 2024. The virtual meeting will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the in-person meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Mr. Labadie spoke about the traffic data count that he sent to the Town Commission and noted that Highland Beach has the busiest area on State Road A1A.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. Timothy Ruotolo provided comments.

Mayor Moore closed the public comments.

C. Continued discussion of Milani Park.

Town Manager Labadie will meet with each Commissioner this week and will provide them with an update. He thanked the residents for attending the February 1 public meeting held by Palm Beach County Commissioner Marci Woodward, District 4. He talked about the meeting and the county agreement. 1:46:27

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comment.

Mr. Jack Halpern provided comments.

Mayor Moore closed the public comment.

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

A. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management, which enables the Town of Highland Beach to receive assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Town Manager Labadie presented this item.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved that we authorize the Mayor to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

B. Consideration of a request for land filling approval for a portion of the property located at 4801 South Ocean Boulevard.

Town Planner Allen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the request for land filing approval for a portion of the property located at 4801 South Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. David Nutter of B & M Marine Construction, Inc., the applicant's agent, commented on the land filling.

MOTION: Moore/Goldberg – Moved to accept the request for land filing for 4801 South Ocean Boulevard. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

C. 2023-2024 Strategic Priorities Plan Update and Review

Town Manager Labadie presented the Strategic Priorities Plan update and review. Town Commission recommendations were to include the below items to the Strategic Priorities Plan:

- Compile a list of all the 2023 completed projects,
- Each Commissioner should provide their input and/or add new projects to the strategic priorities plan as well as provide their thoughts on reprioritizing the list of projects,
- Add prior charter items such as salaries of the Town Commission and signing of Town checks,
- Add the completion of the transition of the financials associated with the fire department,
- Add a process for ordinances,
- Add replacing the Code Enforcement Board with a Special Magistrate,
- Add the reconfiguration of the old fire station building, and
- Consider aging infrastructure.

Town Manager Labadie will include the five-year capital improvement plan in the strategic priorities plan. Also, there will be a standing agenda item related to the Strategic Priorities Plan future Town Commission agendas.

Mr. Timothy Ruotolo provided comments.

11. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg talked the following: February 1st public meeting held by Palm Beach County Commissioner Woodward and the resolution regarding Milani Park property, the progress of the fire rescue department, and encouraging community participation. She suggested extending and increasing the Town Commission concerns particularly the environmental community, beyond the immediate community and Palm Beach county to state legislators and the media to draw attention to what is being attempted by a government entity.

Commissioner Donald Peters thanked the community for coming to the February 1st meeting as well as thanked the police department.

Commissioner Evalyn David also talked about the February 1st public meeting and thanked the residents for attending the meeting last week.

Vice Mayor David Stern concurred with the Town Commissioners comments about the public meeting and briefly talked about the strategic priorities plan.

Mayor Natasha Moore also thanked the residents for the community engaged at the public meeting last week. She congratulated Sergeant Paul Shersty for the officer of the year award. Lastly, commented on the strategic priorities plan.

12. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Torcivia had nothing to report.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manger Labadie had nothing to report.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore read the announcement as follows:

Board Vacancies

Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board

One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending September 21, 2024

Meetings and Events

February 07, 2024 11:00 A.M. Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting
February 08, 2024 9:30 A.M. Planning Board Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024 1:00 P.M. Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting
February 19, 2024 Town Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

Board Action Report (Informational Only)

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

APPROVED: March 05, 2024, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins

03/05/2024

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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