



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3614 S.
OCEAN BLVD., HIGHLAND BEACH, FL

Date: September 17, 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 Evalyn David
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Attorney Leonard G. Rubin
Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DeHart

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.)

Mayor Moore opened Public Comments.

The following individuals provided public comments:

Mr. Howard Stole of Casuarina Condominiums

Mr. Eugene Garrett of Bel Lido Drive.

Mr. Roger Brown of Tranquility Drive.

Mr. Richard Greenwald of Tranquility Drive provided comments.

7. **ORDINANCES** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.)
 - A. None.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)
 - A. **Discussion of the Proposed Draft Ordinance amendments to the Accessory Marine Facilities (AMF) and seawall regulations of the Town Code.**

Mayor Moore read the title of the item.

Town Planner Ingrid gave a general introduction to the item, reviewed the history of the proposed ordinance and mentioned that this is not a first read and that the code requires that the ordinance go to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Town Manager Labadie spoke about floating vessel platforms and the importance of defining and addressing the sensitivity of the issue.

The Town Commission discussed the proposed concepts including setbacks encroaching on neighboring properties, floating vessel platforms, ladders, marine experts, and the diversity of the properties within Highland Beach in reference to their waterfront footage size and location.

There was a suggestion to move forward with only certain concepts and to continue discussing the others.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

The following individuals provided public comments:

Mr. Roger Brown of Tranquility Drive.

Mr. Martin DeBeer of Intracoastal Drive.

Mr. Richard Greenwald of Tranquility Drive.

Mr. Karl Johansson of South Ocean Boulevard.

Ms. Maureen Garrett of Bel Lido Drive.

Discussion ensued about resident feedback received and the lack of consensus among them. The Town Commission further discussed ladders, floating vessel

platforms, setbacks, going back out on the Police Vessel, and moving forward with the first four concepts while continuing to discuss the other two.

Mayor Moore opened up for public comment on the issue of ladders.

The following individuals provided public comments:

Mr. Jason Chudnofsky of South Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Karl Johansson of South Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Roger Brown of Tranquility Drive.

There was consensus to move forward on the first four concepts and to continue discussing other concepts before moving forward with them.

1. Maximum height for AMFs: Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus 7 feet.
2. Exempt personal watercraft (PWC) lifts from the requirement that “in no case shall the lift be higher than the superstructure of the boat when lifted” OR remove requirement.
3. Maximum seawall cap width = 3 feet; maximum seawall cap plus dock width = 8 feet.
4. Encroachment into water at 25 feet or 25% of waterway width, whichever is less (measured from the shortest distance adjacent to property line).

MOTION: David/ Peters – Moved to send an ordinance to the Planning Board that encompasses the four approved items and they be asked to discuss and come back with more detailed information regarding ladders (timing, placement, voluntary/mandatory) and deal with the issues of the definition of floating vessel platforms at another time. Upon a roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion carried 5 to 0.

B. Sanitary Sewer Lining Rehabilitation Project Update

Town Manager Labadie explained that the Town has acquired a copy of the Hollywood contract for sewer lining and staff are working with the vendor to finalize their willingness to extend those prices. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

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

Town Manager Labadie provided an update on the RRR project and mentioned that the asphalt was tested in one location on A1A and was found to be lacking in good base material.

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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 03, 2024 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

September 03, 2024 Town Commission First Public Hearing Budget Meeting

Mayor Moore noted minor changes to the minutes which were forwarded to the Town Clerk.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the minor changes, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

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

A. Resolution No. 2024-020

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida approving an application with Synovus Bank for credit card services with line of \$100,000.00 and authorizing Town Administration to execute all required documents; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-020.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to accept Resolution No. 2024-020, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

11. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg is looking forward to being on the Florida League of Cities Advocacy Committee.

Commissioner Donald Peters spoke about the 75th Anniversary celebration in regard to securing vendors, sponsors, trollies, and food trucks.

Commissioner Evalyn David had no comments.

Vice Mayor David Stern thanked Costal Star Newspaper for the article that was published.

Mayor Natasha Moore had no comments.

12. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Rubin had no comments.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie polled the Commission about having an invocation at the beginning of Town Commission Meetings given by Father Horgan of Saint Lucy Catholic Church. The Commission was in favor of this.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Vacancies

Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board	One (1) vacancy for a three-year term
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Meetings and Events

September 18, 2024	5:01 P.M.	Town Commission Second Public Hearing Budget Meeting
October 01, 2024	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Meeting

Board Action Report

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

APPROVED: October 01, 2024 Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Jaclyn DeHart

10/01/2024

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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