



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: November 22, 2022
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hillman called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner John Shoemaker
Commissioner Evalyn David
Vice Mayor Natasha Moore
Mayor Douglas Hillman
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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jack Halpern of 45 S. Ocean provided comments about the applicants who applied for the temporary Commissioner vacant position and the candidates running in the March 14, 2023, municipal election.

5. DESIGNATION OF CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS

A. Resolution No. 2022-031

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, calling a General Election to be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, for the purpose of electing a Mayor-Commissioner, one Commissioner, and one Commissioner for an unexpired term; directing the election to be held within the municipal boundaries of the Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; requesting the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the Town's General Election; designating the members of the Town's Canvassing Board; and providing for severability, conflicts and an effective date.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Resolution No. 2022-031.

MOTION: Hillman/Shoemaker - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-031 designing the Town Clerk and/or designee, Vice Mayor Moore, and Commissioner David as Canvassing Board Members, the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

6. FIRE RESCUE STATION UPDATES

Town Manager Labadie provided an update on the Fire Rescue Station as it relates to pilings, and the watch room area. He mentioned Fire Chief Glenn Joseph will be traveling to Alabama to look at a fire rescue vehicle.

7. COMMISSION INTERVIEW APPLICANTS / RESOLUTION NO. 2022-032 / SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

A. Commission Interview Applicants for the Vacant Commissioner position that is to be filled until the March 14, 2023, General Election, per Section 106(11) of the Town's Charter.

Applicants:

Margarita Chappelear

Joshua Davison

Judith Goldberg (virtually)

Peter Kosovsky

James B. Murray

Myles Schlam (virtually)

David Stern

Town Commission interviewed the above-referenced applicants excluding Mr. James Murray as he was not available to attend the meeting. Each applicant spoke about their interest to be a Town Commissioner, their professional experiences, community involvement, and town projects and/or accomplishments.

Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins handed out a ballot to each Commissioner, and the Town Commission selected a person to fill the temporary vacancy. Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins collected the ballots and read the results. Mr. David Stern received four (4) votes unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 2022-032

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida filling a vacancy on the Town Commission created by the resignation of Peggy Gossett-Seidman, said appointment to be effective until the March 14, 2023, General Election.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Resolution No. 2022-032.

MOTION: David/Moore - Moved to approve Resolution No.2022-032 appointing David Stern as Commissioner until March 14, 2023, General Election.

C. Swearing In and Seating of the Newly Appointed Commissioner

Town Clerk Gaskins sworn in the Mr. David Stern, the newly appointed Commissioner. Commissioner Stern took his seat on the dais.

8. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner John Shoemaker had no comments.

Commissioner Evalyn David had no comments.

Commissioner David Stern thanked the Town Commission.

Vice Mayor Natasha Moore thanked the qualified candidates. She hopes the residents continue to step forward to be involved with the Town of Highland Beach.

Mayor Douglas Hillman made comments about the Town's website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

APPROVED December 06, 2022, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Douglas Hillman, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins and Jaclyn DeHart

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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