



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: March 05, 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 Glen Torcivia
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

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/Goldberg – Moved to approve the agenda as presented, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

A. None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no public comments.

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

A. None.

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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 06, 2024 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

- B. Approve and authorize Town Staff to engage Pantropic Power, an authorized Caterpillar distributor, for the replacement of the muffler on the town complex generator in an amount not to exceed \$93,200.00.**
- C. Approve and authorize Town Staff to engage Baxter & Woodman, Inc. to prepare bid documents outlining the repairs based on the recommendations of that assessment, provide a cost estimate, review the FDEP permitting requirements, provide bidding, construction management and inspections services in an amount not to exceed \$67,750.00.**

MOTION: David/Goldberg – Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, 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 Glen Joseph provided updates on the Fire Rescue Department's progress, including painting the building, changing the station number to 120, plans for obtaining a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) and the contractor's mid-April departure. He introduced Captain Alexander Fernandez, Captain Michael Benoit, Captain Robert Kruse, Captain Christopher Zidar, and Firefighter Driver Theodor DiGangi.

Town Manager Labadie announced a soft grand opening of the new Fire Rescue building scheduled for April 19th. He plans to contact the City of Delray Beach City Manager concerning closure as well as obtain the certificate of title for the fire rescue vehicles. Lastly, Fire Chief Joseph also noted an upcoming leadership meeting with the Delray Beach Fire Department on March 15, 2024.

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

Town Manager Labadie announced two upcoming meetings by FDOT: a Virtual Public Meeting and an In-Person Construction Open House Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024. The Virtual Meeting will run from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., followed by the In-Person Construction Open House from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Highland Beach Library Community Room.

C. Continued discussion of Milani Park.

Mayor Moore provided an update on a recent meeting between herself, the Town's consultant, and Palm Beach County officials, including Commissioner Marci Woodward and County Administrator Verdina Baker. The County Attorney expressed that selling the Milani property was a legally feasible option for the County. Mayor Moore has engaged with other County Commissioners and has further meetings scheduled throughout the week. Lastly, it was noted that the Palm Beach County administration strongly desires a park to be established on the property. Also, Mayor Moore intends to share additional details with the Town Commission following her discussions with all County Commissioners.

D. Continued discussion of 2023-2024 Strategic Priorities Plan Update and Review

Town Manager Labadie presented updates on the Strategic Priorities Plan and the Ranked Projects and Initiatives List. He will include the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as a ranked item.

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

A. None.

11. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg expressed her admiration for the professional background of the new fire captains.

Commissioner Donald Peters also expressed his admiration for the professional background of the new fire captains.

Commissioner Evalyn David echoed their sentiments, highlighting the diversity in the backgrounds of the new fire captains and expressed gratitude to Fire Chief Joseph for his leadership.

Vice Mayor David Stern also supported their views.

Mayor Moore then opened the floor for public comments, during which Mr. Ron Reame suggested naming the new Fire Department building after the late Honorable Mayor Douglas Hillman.

Mayor Natasha Moore

12. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Torcivia had nothing to report.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie reported the following:

The Town has 92 to 95 employees.

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach have decided to withdraw their support for the one percent Infrastructure Sales Tax, as reported in the Palm Beach Post. This decision means the tax will expire on December 31, 2025, potentially impacting future infrastructure projects in the county.

The Legislative Session is set to conclude on Friday, March 8. Notably, two appropriation items have been included in the budget: \$1.2 million for a sewer lining project and a lift station project.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore read 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

March 07, 2024 5:00 P.M. FDOT RRR Project Virtual Meeting

March 07, 2024 6:00 P.M. FDOT RRR Project In-Person Meeting

March 12, 2024 1:00 P.M. Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting

March 14, 2024 9:30 A.M. Planning Board Regular Meeting

March 19, 2024 2024 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) & Uniform Municipal Elections (Town Hall Closed)

March 26, 2024 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Special Meeting / Swearing In Ceremony (Tentative)

Board Action Report

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

APPROVED: April 16, 2024, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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