



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: March 21, 2023
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner David Stern
Commissioner John Shoemaker
Commissioner Evalyn David
Vice Mayor Natasha Moore
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 followed by a moment of silence for the passing of Mayor Douglas Hillman.

Vice Mayor Moore announced that she was going to give the public time to make comments in honor of Mayor Douglas Hillman.

Fred Rosen of Boca Highlands gave comments on Mayor Hillman and mentioned that the Town could name the new Firehouse after him, he also thanked the Commissioners for their service.

Commissioner Shoemaker made comments on his time working with Mayor Hillman, he also supported naming the Firehouse after Mayor Hillman.

Commissioner David spoke about the contributions that Mayor Hillman made to the town, she also supported naming the Firehouse after Mayor Hillman.

Commissioner Stern spoke about Mayor Hillmans time as Mayor.

Town Manager Labadie made comments about Mayor Hillman's positive interactions with employees and his relationship with him.

Town Attorney Torcivia spoke positively about Mayor Hillman.

Vice Mayor Moore spoke about working with Mayor Hillman and how she is honored to take his position and she hopes to continue his legacy.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Moore opened public comments.

Barry Donaldson of 3700 South Ocean Blvd. made comments on Mayor Hillman's passing and endorsed Natasha Moore for Mayor. He made comments on filling the vacancy of Vice Mayor.

Jack Halpern of 4511 South Ocean Blvd made comments about naming the Firehouse after Mayor Hillman and on filling the vacancy of Vice Mayor.

Margarita Chappelle of Bel Air Dr. commented about the passing of Mayor Hillman and on filling the vacancy of Vice-Mayor.

Ron Reame of Dalton Place spoke about the FDOT meeting, filling the vacancy of Vice Mayor and congratulated the newly elected Commissioners.

Chris Viegas of Clarendon Condominiums talked about the passing of Mayor Hillman and filling the vacancy of Vice Mayor.

John Chappelle of Bel Air Dr. spoke in support of naming Commissioner Shoemaker Vice Mayor.

Peter Kosovsky of Villa Nova made comments on the election, filling the vacancy of Vice Mayor, thanked the Commissioners for their service, and congratulated the newly elected Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor moved Item 10, Discussion on Filling the Vacant Mayor Commissioner Seat to after Item 8, Swearing in and seating of Newly Elected Officials.

Motion: David/Stern - Moved to approve the agenda as amended which passed unanimously 4 to 0.

5. DECLARING THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

A. Resolution No. 2023-006

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, declaring the results of the Municipal General Election held on March 14, 2023; providing for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Vice Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-006.

Motion: David/Stern - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-006, which passed unanimously 4 - 0.

6. DECLARING THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

A. Resolution No. 2023-007

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, declaring an unopposed candidate elected to office and providing for an effective date.

Vice Mayor Moore read the title of the Resolution No. 2023-007

Motion: David/Stern - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-007, which passed unanimously 4 - 0.

7. COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING OFFICIALS

Vice Mayor Moore read the title of the Item and presented Commissioner Shoemaker with a certificate of appreciation for the time he served as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Shoemaker spoke about public participation in Town meetings, his life, time on the Commission, the Veterans in Highland Beach, and he endorsed Natasha Moore to be the next Mayor.

Vice Mayor Moore thanked and presented Commissioner Stern with a certificate of appreciation for the time he served as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Stern thanked the Commission and Town Staff and congratulated the new Commissioners.

8. SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Vice Mayor Moore congratulated Judith Goldberg and Don Peters on their win. She read the title of the item.

Town Clerk Gaskins swore in Judith Goldberg and Don Peters as Commissioners for the Town of Highland Beach.

The new Commissioners took their seats on the dais.

9. FINANCIAL FORECAST MODEL

A. Preview of Five-Year Financial Forecast Model

Vice Mayor Moore read the title of the item and introduced David DiLena the Director Finance.

David DiLena, Director of Finance, gave an informative PowerPoint presentation showing the 5-year Budget Forecast.

Vice Mayor Moore opened public comments after the presentation.

Shay (inaudible), made comments on the presentation.

A discussion followed about milage rate, funds, expenditures, staffing, investment income, taxes and how the budget process will continue.

10. DISCUSSION ON FILING THE VACANT MAYOR-COMMISSIONER SEAT UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION OF MARCH 19, 2024, PER SECTION 1.06(11) OF THE TOWN'S CHARTER (This item was moved to after Item 8)

Vice Mayor Moore introduced the item and there was discussion on how to fill the vacancy.

There will be a special meeting Friday March 24, 2023, at 1:30 PM to review applications for the vacancy. A vote will be taken to determine who will fill the vacancy after interviewing the applicants.

Those who are interested will have until close of business Thursday to submit their paperwork.

Town Manager Labadie said that information would be sent out via email to residents about the application process and deadlines.

Motion: David/Goldberg - Moved to hold a Special Commission Meeting on Friday March 24, 2023, at 1:30 PM to select a new Commissioner from those people who have expressed interest by close of business March 23, 2023, which passed unanimously 4- 0.

11. ANNOUCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Moore read the following announcements as follows:

March 24, 2023 – 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Special Meeting

March 28, 2023 – 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Special Meeting

12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Goldberg expressed gratitude to be on the Commission and that she will take her commitment to the residents very seriously.

Commissioner Peters thanked voters and expressed that he will work hard to represent the residents.

Commissioner David commented on the previous civility pledge that she looks forward to looking with the new Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Moore welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed that she looks forward to working together.

Town Manager Labadie welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed gratitude to the residents who came out for the meeting.

Town Attorney Torcivia welcomed the new Commissioners and spoke briefly about Florida Sunshine Laws.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

APPROVED April 4, 2023, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

04/04/2023
Date

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