



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: May 16, 2023
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 M. Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Evalyn David
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Attorney Leonard Rubin
Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DeHart

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Town Commission led 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

A. National Safety Boating Week Proclamation

Mayor Moore presented the National Safety Boating Week Proclamation to Refael Baez, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander - Flotilla 36 and Philip Petito of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7, Division 3. Mr. Baez and Mr. Petito provided comments on the importance of safe boating.

B. Memorial Day Proclamation

Mayor Moore presented the Memorial Day Proclamation.

John Shoemaker provided information about Memorial Day. He encouraged residents to reach out to him if they are a Veteran and want to be interviewed for the website.

C. Resolution No. 2023-010

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 Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-010.

Applicant Christine Viegas provided a brief introduction of herself including experience in Michigan. The Town Commission interviewed applicant Christine Viegas followed by a motion.

MOTION: Peters/Stern – Moved to appoint Christine Viegas to the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board (Resolution No. 2023-010), which passed unanimously 5 – 0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore read the announcements as follows:

Board Vacancies

Board of Adjustment and Appeals	Two (2) vacancies, all for three-year terms
	One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending September 21, 2024
Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board	Two (2) vacancies for unexpired terms ending April 30, 2024

Meetings and Events

May 23, 2023 -	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Special Meeting
May 29, 2023	Town Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day	
June 06, 2023	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Meeting

Board Action Report

None.

8. ORDINANCES

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fire Rescue Implementation Update

Mayor Moore read the title.

Town Manager Labadie provided an update on the construction of the new fire station as it pertains to demolition, tree removals and relocations, identified pile locations, issues and relocation of water/sewer lines. The Town hired an Assistant Fire Chief of Community Risk Reduction.

Fire Chief Joseph gave an update advertising the fire rescue positions, the hiring process, and the rationale behind leaving employment application window open longer. The Assistant Fire Chief of Community Risk Reduction has been hired and will start on June 5, 2023. In addition, he provided an overview of the timeline for bringing on staff in March or April of 2024. The construction is on track.

There was discussion on the timeline to hire and onboard the fire rescue personnel, the benefits of having an Assistant Fire Chief of Community Risk Reduction on staff and how community safety outreach will work in the future.

Town Manager Labadie mentioned that he will present a budget amendment to the Town Commission at the June 6 meeting to start paying for the construction.

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

Mayor Moore read the title.

Town Manager Labadie gave an update on the RRR Project as follows:

The laminated plans for the project are outside of the Manager's Office for public viewing and Town staff would be available to answer any questions.

Public safety comments that were submitted after the previous Town Commission meeting will be addressed. Public safety is the number one priority.

The next set of drawings should come in for viewing in the next few months.

Mayor Moore opened public comments.

Mr. Jack Halpern, 4511 S. Ocean Blvd, spoke about the RRR project concerning pavement coverage. He thanked the Town for changing the format of public comments during the Commission Meetings.

C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Franchise Agreement with Waste Management Inc. of Florida, the top-ranked firm for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 23-001.

Mayor Moore read the title of the item.

Town Manager Labadie presented the item and gave background information on the agreement, summarizing the events that have occurred since the last Commission Meeting.

Commissioner David inquired about the collection rate schedule in regard to cost increases for condo associations.

Town Manager Labadie explained the collection rate schedule and the cost increases. He mentioned that the Town would work with the condo associations to help them budget for the increase.

There were discussions on the rate increases, rate schedules, rate adjustments, and past agreement differences.

Motion: David/Goldberg - Moved to accept the proposal by Waste Management for RFP No. 23-001, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Milani (Highlands Beach Real Estate Holdings, LLC) Settlement Agreement Extension (Non-Park Property) for Eastern Parcel Only.

Mayor Moore read the title of the item.

Town Manager Labadie gave background on the settlement agreement and reviewed the request for the extension.

Ms. Lucia Milani, 4612 South Ocean Boulevard, spoke about the history of the property, previous restrictions on the property, the previous lawsuit, and the extension request.

There were discussions about the history of the agreement, extending the agreement and what that would mean legally for the Town. The Town Commission requested the Town Attorney to do a legal review of extending the agreement and bring back the information to the Town Commission in July or August of this year.

Motion: David/Peters - Moved to turn the question of legality of extending Mrs. Milani's agreement for 10 years over to legal counsel, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

B. Discussion of the Troiano Family request regarding lot split at 4611 So. Ocean Blvd.

Mayor Moore read the title of the item.

Town Manager Labadie introduced the item and gave background on the property as it pertains to the current ordinance.

Laura Troiano, 4611 South Ocean Boulevard, provided comments about splitting the lot and building a home on the west side of A1A.

There was discussion about the process of splitting the lots, making sure the public can comment on it, and legal ramifications for the Town.

Motion: David/Peters – Moved for a legal review and come back with potential language about how to deal with Mrs. Troiano's request, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

Mayor Moore opened public comments.

Mr. Halpern, 4511 South Ocean Boulevard, made comments about public input on the two previous items.

C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to executed Amendment No. 001 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach enabling the Town to continue to participate in Palm Beach County's Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026.

Mayor Moore read the title of the item.

Town Planner Allen presented this item.

Motion: David/Peters – Moved to accept Amendment No. 001 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach enabling the Town to continue to participate in Palm Beach County's Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

D. Resolution No. 2023-011

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, amending Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Schedule of Fees for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services, providing for conflicts, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-011.

Town Manager Labadie presented this item and explained that the resolution effectuates Solid Waste rates which the Town Commission authorized by approving the contract with Waste Management Inc. of Florida (Item 10.C.).

Motion: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-011, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

E. Water Sewer Update

Mayor Moore read in the title of the item.

Finance Director DiLena presented the new interactive tool that will be on the Town's website to show water and sewer information.

12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg commented on the eventful full agenda.

Commissioner Donald Peters thanked Finance Director DiLena for the presentation.

Commissioner Evalyn David had no comments.

Vice Mayor David Stern commented that he is meeting with a Florida Power & Light (FPL) External Affairs Manager and will provide an update at the next Town Commission Meeting. He mentioned that he attended a new community group meeting that was formed by presidents of medium sized condominiums.

Mayor Natasha Moore thanked everyone for coming.

13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Rubin had no comments.

14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie reported the following.

The Police Benevolent Association (PBA) contract will be brought for ratification at the next Town Commission meeting.

He thanked the Town Commission for allowing him to hire talented individuals to work for Highland Beach.

Jared Rosenstein, Capital Consulting, will be coming to the June 06, 2023 Town Commission Meeting to discuss appropriations for the lift station, give a session update and answer any questions the Board has.

Budget presentations will start in June.

Dorthey Jacks, Property Appraiser, will provide the numbers in two weeks.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

APPROVED: June 06, 2023, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
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Jaclyn DeHart,
Deputy Town Clerk

06/06/2023
Date

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