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TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL / SECOND PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: September 24, 2026
Time: 5:01 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky
Commissioner Judith Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

5. SECOND READINGS / PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Resolution No. 2026-014

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida adopting a Final Millage Rate of 3.4227 Mils for the Town's General Operating Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; providing for that the Final Millage Rate of 3.4227 Mils is 4.4143 percent greater than the computed rolled back rate of 3.2780 Mils; providing for severability, conflicts, and an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2026-014 followed by Finance Director Consultant David DiLena remarks. He explained no changes were made

to the budget assumptions since the first public hearing budget meeting, and the matter was before Town Commission to ensure compliance with the Florida Statute requirements. Town Staff have advertised the budget notice as required. The total budget across all funds amounts to \$30,488,228.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing followed by a motion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2026-014. Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes) and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

B. Resolution No. 2026-015

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; determining and fixing the amounts necessary to carry on the government of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; providing for severality, conflicts, and an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2026-015 followed by Mr. DiLena remarks. He explained that this resolution sets the maximum funding limitations for the Town. He noted that, pursuant to a previously approved referendum, the spending limits are indexed to a Florida localized area percentage change. As a result, the spending limit will increase from \$960,345.00 to \$992,595.00 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

Town Commission discussion ensued regarding the potential impact of Amendment 3 as it related to the library. Town Manager Labadie responded that he did not foresee the need to cut services at that level.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2026-015. Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes) and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2026-016

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Schedule of Fees which

establishes reasonable fees for town services and other charges; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2026-016 followed by Consultant Finance Director David DiLena presentation of the updated schedule of fees for fiscal year 2026-2027. He explained that the substantive changes included a five percent increase to both water and sewer rates, which had already been incorporated into the budgeted revenue estimates.

Town Commission discussion ensued concerning additional changes to the schedule of fees. Town Manager Labadie explained that the building and fire inspection and reinspection fees were revised to reflect actual costs in compliance with a state statute that prohibits escalating reinspection charges and requires that such fees be based on the true cost to conduct the inspection. As a result, fees in both departments were standardized to a flat rate based on actual cost.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2026-016. Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Labadie reported the following:

Marine Dock Project Grant Award: The Federal Inland Navigation District notified the Town of a grant award of \$1,290,000 for the marine dock project. Combined with a prior appropriation received two years ago for design, the Town has secured approximately \$1,600,000 in total external funding for the project. Town Manager Labadie credited Chief Hartman, Major Oh, Mr. Salak, and Skender Koma for their efforts in securing the award. He noted that this brings the Town's total externally sourced funding over the past four years to approximately \$2,500,000 across capital projects and programs. He expressed confidence that the project will be completed on budget and potentially under the originally anticipated cost.

Sewer Lining Project Results: Measurable results from the sewer lining project undertaken to address infiltration. Comparing year-over-year data for the same month, the Town recorded a reduction of 200,000 gallons pumped to Delray Beach's treatment system. This reduction is expected to lower the monthly charge paid to Delray Beach for wastewater treatment, as less clean water is entering the sewer system. He noted the project has proven to be a sound investment.

He also indicated that, looking ahead to the next legislative session, the Town intends to pursue an appropriation for clear tank work as a future capital priority. He thanked Commission and staff for their support throughout the fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Moore commended the Financial Advisory Board members for their engagement and input during their September 14, 2026 meeting.

8. COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mayor Moore acknowledged announcements.

September 30, 2026 10:00 A.M. Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting

October 08, 2026 9:30 A.M. Planning Board Regular Meeting

October 12, 2026 Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

October 13, 2026 1:00 P.M. Special Magistrate Hearing

October 20, 2026 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Meeting

November 03, 2026 Town Hall Closed due to General Election Day

November 05, 2026 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Meeting

Commissioner Goldberg attended the Palm Beach League of Cities meeting yesterday and provided remarks about the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

APPROVED: October 20, 2026, Town Commission Meeting

Signed Minutes on file in the
Town Clerk's Office

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

10/20/2026

Date

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