



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: April 16, 2024
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Natasha 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 Leonard G. Rubin
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

State Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman, District 91 was added to the agenda and will provide a presentation on the 2024 State Legislative.

MOTION: David/ Stern - Moved to approve the agenda as presented unanimously 5 to 0.

5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

A. State Legislative Updates by Senator Lori Berman

Senator Lori Berman, District 26 provided an update on the 2024 State Legislative session.

State Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman also provided an update on the 2024 State Legislative session. She mentioned that State Road A1A will be named Jimmy Buffet Highway.

B. Sea Turtle Presentation by Joanne Ryan, FWC Turtle Permit Holder

Ms. Joanne Ryan, Marina Turtle Permit Holder presented a PowerPoint highlighting the Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc. accomplishments.

C. Resolution No. 2024-012

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, donating funds to support Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-012

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments. Hearing none, she closed the public comments.

MOTION: David/Stern - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-012. Upon Roll call: Commissioner Evalyn David (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

D. Presentation of the 2023 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study.

Mr. Douglas W. Mann, Environmental provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the beach restoration feasibility study.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. Richard Greenwald provided comments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

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 20, 2024 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

March 05, 2024 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to accept 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. Resolution No. 2024-008

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, dedicating the Highland Beach Fire Rescue Department, Station No. 120 in honor of Former Mayor Douglas Hillman.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-008.

Town Manager Labadie introduced this item. He placed a design order for a bas-relief sculptured plaque in honor of the late Former Mayor Douglas Hillman. There was Town Commission discussion about the wording “in honor of” versus “naming.”

Town Manager Labadie will modify some of the language for Resolution No. 2024-008 and bring it back at a future Town Commission meeting.

B. Fire Rescue Implementation Update

Fire Chief Glenn Joseph provided updates concerning construction, personnel training, the fire rescue truck, and the upcoming April 19 Fire Rescue Department ceremony.

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

Town Manager Labadie reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has delayed the RRR project has been delayed to late May or early June.

D. Continued discussion of Milani Park.

Mayor Moore provided an update on Milani Park as it relates to an appraisal of the property, and coordinating transportation for residents to attend the May 7, 2024, Palm Beach County Commission public meeting.

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

A. Resolution No. 2024-009

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 Planning Board; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-009 followed by a motion.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-009, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

B. Resolution No. 2024-010

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. 2024-010 followed by a motion.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-010, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

C. Resolution No. 2024-011

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 Financial Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2024-011 followed by a motion.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-011, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

D. Consideration to cancel the May 07, 2024 Town Commission Regular Meeting.

Mayor Moore read the title of this item followed by a motion.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to cancel the May 07, 2024, Town Commission Regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

E. Discussion of the Highland Beach Community Post Office (CPO), a contractual service of the United States Postal Service

Town Manager Labadie presented this item.

The Town Commission discussed whether to keep the Highland Beach Community Post Office open for postal services to the community or to close it permanently.

Commissioner David, Commissioner Goldberg and Mayor Moore were in favor of closing the post office. Commissioner Peters and Vice Mayor Stern were not in favor of closing the post office.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to close the Highland Beach Community Post Office, and for town staff to give the United States Post Office the Notice of Intent to close the Highland Beach Community Post

Office. Upon Roll Call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (No); Vice Mayor Stern (No); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed on a 3 to 2 vote with Commissioner Peters and Vice Mayor Stern dissenting.

11. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg commented about the upcoming Fire Rescue Department celebration on April 19.

Commissioner Donald Peters attended the Beach Condo Association meeting and spoke about the meeting. He announced that there is a meeting in Boca Raton at Palmetto Park at 6 pm.

Commissioner Evalyn David also spoke about the celebrating the upcoming Fire Rescue Department Ribbon Cutting ceremony on April 19.

Vice Mayor David Stern thanked Fire Chief Glenn Joseph and Assistant Fire Chief Matt Welhaf for attending the Boca Condominium Association meeting. He informed his colleagues that he plans to wear his Highland Beach shirt on April 19 and to the May 7th meeting.

Mayor Natasha Moore is looking forward to the April 19 Fire Rescue Ribbon Cutting ceremony and the May 7, 2024 Board of County Commissioner Palm Beach County meeting.

12. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Rubin will present a legislative update report for the next meeting.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie talked about acquiring two Special Magistrates Special Magistrate for the Code Enforcement Board because there will be future vacancies on the board. He also talked about beach access for public safety.

He announced: Fire Rescue Department Ribbon Cutting event will be Friday, April 19th, and Save the Date: May 7, 2024 – Board of County Commissioner Palm Beach County public meeting.

Town Manager Labadie thanked the Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Vacancies

Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending September 21, 2024

Financial Advisory Board

One (1) vacancy for a three-year term

Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Two (2) vacancies for three-year terms

Meetings and Events

May 01, 2024 11:00 A.M. Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting

May 09, 2024 9:30 A.M. Planning Board Regular Meeting

May 14, 2024 1:00 P.M. Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting

May 21, 2024 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Meeting

Town Hall closed May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day

Board Action Report

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

APPROVED: June 04, 2024, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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