



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: August 25, 2022
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner John Shoemaker

Commissioner Evalyn David

Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman

Vice Mayor Natasha Moore

Mayor Douglas Hillman

Town Manager Marshall Labadie

Town Attorney Glen Torcivia

Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Steven Parks provided comments about the interlocal agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the Town of Gulf Stream.

Town Clerk Gaskins read an email from Mr. Jeffrey Kleiman dated August 25, 2022, about the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) polluting backyard canals and the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW).

5. New Business

A. Resolution No. 2022-017

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, authorizing a one-time Economic Relief Performance Bonus Program to non-union and union employees; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Resolution No. 2022-017, and Town Manager Labadie presented the item.

MOTION: David/Gossett-Seidman - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-017. Upon Roll Call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Gossett-Seidman (Yes); Commissioner Shoemaker (Yes); Vice Mayor Moore (Yes); and Mayor Hillman (Yes), which passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

B. Consideration to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the Town of Gulf Stream for Building Department Services.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Item 5.B., and Building Official Jeff Remas presented the item. There were conversations about modifying the termination language and verifying the insurance information.

Town Manager Labadie stated that the contract could be changed. In addition, he mentioned that Building Official Remas could include monthly data regarding permitting in the Manager's Minutes. Commissioner Gossett-Seidman asked for an outside legal opinion from another attorney regarding this matter.

MOTION: David/Hillman - Moved to approve the interlocal agreement subject to including termination language and insurance. Upon Roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Mayor Hillman (Yes); Commissioner Shoemaker (Yes); Commissioner Gossett-Seidman (Yes); and Vice Mayor Hillman (Yes), which passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

Assistant Town Attorney Trey Nazzaro with the Town of Gulf Stream provided comments regarding this matter.

C. Consideration to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the City of Delray Beach, in an amount of \$73,832.07 for Police Dispatching and Communications services.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Item 5.C., and Chief of Police Craig Hartmann introduced the item.

MOTION: David/Gossett-Seidman - Moved to approve the agreement with the City of Delray Beach to provide police dispatching and communication services to the Town for a five (5) year period ending September 30, 2027, at a cost of \$73,832.07 (for the first year) that will be adjusted for the consumer price index annually, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

D. Consideration to approve the Health Insurance and Other Insurance Programs for Town personnel for Fiscal Year 2023.

Assistant Town Manager Eric Marmer presented this item. Commissioner Gossett-Seidman suggested that Town staff make calls to several nearby hospitals to ensure the employees are honored when using the health insurance.

MOTION: David/Moore - Moved to approve the healthcare insurance as presented, which was unanimously 5 to 0.

E. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Presentation Update

Finance Director David DiLena provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting fiscal year 2023 Budget updates.

F. Budget Meetings

Mayor Hillman announced the meeting dates as follows:

September 06, 2022 - 5:01 P.M. Town Commission Special First Public Hearing Budget Meeting

September 21, 2022 - 5:01 P.M. Town Commission Special Second Public Hearing Budget Meeting

6. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner John Shoemaker talked about distributing timely regular Manager's Minutes, and a presentation on lighting protection systems at a Town Commission meeting in September or October. He also inquired about the following: 1) the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 for funding related to solar or climate beach matters, and 2) an update on the Town's lobbyist. Town Manager Labadie indicated that he would look into the matter related to funding. He provided an update on the Town's lobbyist.

Commissioner Shoemaker commented on the global issue involving forever chemicals (PFAS (Per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) in drinking water, the catch basins drainage concern, and the Florida Department of Transportation's upcoming meeting on August 30, 2022. Lastly, he congratulated Commissioner Gossett-Seidman for winning the primary election.

Commissioner Evalyn David inquired about the meeting date for the Board of County Commission of Palm Beach County, and Mayor Hillman replied on September 13.

Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman will not be available to attend the Florida Department of Transportation meeting next week. She spoke about the email from Mr. Kleiman, the pollution in the canals and waterways, and a letter she received concerning furniture on the beach. She suggested Town staff place an article about pollution in a newsletter/manager's minutes.

Vice Mayor Natasha Moore provided an update on the Town Entry Signage Contest. She reminded everyone about the Board of County Commission of Palm Beach County meeting on September 13, 2022. She encouraged the residents to attend and sign up for free transportation.

Mayor Douglas Hillman had no comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

APPROVED September 06, 2022, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Douglas Hillman, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

September 06, 2022
Date

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