



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

PRESENT: PEGGY WHEELER, MAYOR
DD HALPERN, VICE MAYOR
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM
JACOB ROSENGARTEN, COUNCILMEMBER
DIANA DAVIS, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY
EMILY ALVES, FINANCE DIRECTOR
MICHAEL VENTURA, FORMER FINANCE DIRECTOR
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK
FIORELLA VERDECIA, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

AUDIENCE: 40

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF

Mayor Wheeler, Councilmember Rosengarten, and Councilmember Davis gave consensus to have staff create a policy on the public participation process for grant applications.

Council gave unanimous consensus to direct staff to see how much funding is available for a controls evaluation that runs in line with the Town's audit; get the cost; and bring it back to the Town Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Non-Agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to complete a comment card with their name and address prior to the start of the meeting as well as state their name and address for the record when called upon to speak (prior to addressing the Town Council). Town Council will not discuss these items at this time.

Public Comments Opened at 5:41pm.

Public Comments Closed at 5:51pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Town Council Meeting Minutes - September 11, 2024
2. Proclamation – Florida City Government Week 2024
3. Special Event Request – North Pole Christmas Tree Event
4. Special Event Request Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Service
5. Year to Date (YTD) Financial Statements

***MOTION:** Davis/Rosengarten made a motion to approve the consent agenda.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS *(A Public Comment Period was Opened for Each Item Below.)*

6. 2nd Budget Hearing – Approving the Millage Rate and FY 24-25 Budget

Finance/HR Director Alves announced that the Town of Juno Beach General Fund has a rolled back rate of 1.7045 mills. The proposed 2024-25 millage rate of 1.8195 is a 6.75% increase above the rolled back rate. The Town proposes to adopt a tentative 2024-2025 millage rate of 1.8195 mills.

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Halpern made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-15, approving the millage tax rate at 1.8195 mills which is 6.75% above the rolled-back rate of 1.7045 mills.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Davis opposed.*

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Halpern made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-16, approving the 2024-2025 Annual Budget of \$10,785,377.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

7. Public Hearing & Second Reading on Ordinance No. 789 - Future Land Use Amendment Request by Juno Square LLP – The Dunes at Juno Beach *(See attached presentations and handout from Councilmember Davis.)*

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 789 on second and final reading.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Halpern opposed.*

8. Public Hearing & Second Reading on Ordinance No. 790 - Rezoning Request by Juno Square LLP – The Dunes at Juno Beach

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 790 on second and final reading.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Halpern opposed.*

9. Resolution No. 2024-13 – Application for Development and Site Plan Review and Special Exception request – The Dunes at Juno Beach Development

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Hosta made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13, approving the Site Plan and Planned Unit Development Special Exception request for The Dunes at Juno Beach Development subject to the additional conditions of approvals agreed to on the record.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Halpern opposed.*

10. Selection of Interim Town Manager Position

***MOTION:** Hosta made a motion to approve Fank Davila as the Interim Town Manager.*

***ACTION:** The motion failed for lack of a second.*

11. ~~Discussion on Pelican Lake Algae Removal~~

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council gave unanimous consensus to have a Special Town Council Meeting on Friday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Selection of Interim Town Manager Position and Pelican Lake Algae Removal; and send a letter of support supplied by Karen Marcus to the Palm Beach County Commissioners on the item allowing a third-party conservation easement on natural areas for an extra layer of protection for Environmentally Sensitive Lands.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:57pm.

Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk