



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

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PRESENT: ALEXANDER COOKE, MAYOR  
PEGGY WHEELER, VICE MAYOR  
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM  
ELAINE K. COTRONAKIS, COUNCILMEMBER  
DD HALPERN, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER  
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK  
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING  
MATTHEW PAZANSKI, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR

AUDIENCE: 36

## CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

## PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

## ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

*Council gave unanimous consensus to move Consent Agenda Item #5 to Item 10A; and only have a brief discussion on Item #16 with no motions; add a Discussion on Annexation before Item #16; and to postpone Item #17 to the November agenda.*

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognizing Palm Beach State College's 90th Anniversary
2. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

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

## 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. Comments needing a reply will be referred to Staff for research; a report will be forwarded to the Town Council; and citizens will be contacted.*

Public Comments Opened at 6:01pm.

Public Comments Closed at 6:29pm.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Town Council Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2023
4. Proclamation – Florida City Government Week 2023
5. ~~Request for Funding Approval for the 2023 Christmas by the Lake and Hanukkah Celebration Events~~
6. Engineering Services During Construction for Universe Blvd Drainage Project
7. Surveying and Engineering Fees for Celestial Way Drainage Project
8. Major Paul Fertig Retirement

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.*

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

### **COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - Public Hearing was Opened for each item below.**

9. Resolution #2023-15 Adopting the 2023-2024 Millage Rate and  
Resolution #2023-16 Adopting the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget

***ANNOUNCEMENT:** The millage rate of 1.8195 mills is 11.95% above the rolled-back rate of 1.6253 mills.*

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Halpern made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Millage Rate of 1.8195 mills.*

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

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-16 for the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget*

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

10. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 771 – 2022-2023 Budget Amendments

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Halpern made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 771 on second and final reading.*

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

- 10A. Request for Funding Approval for the 2023 Christmas by the Lake and Hanukkah Celebration Events

***MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve the Town paying the entirety of the Hanukkah Celebration event at a cost not to exceed of \$2,000; and for the Town to pay for the entirety of the Christmas by the Lake event in an amount not to exceed of \$3,000.*

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

11. Resolution No. 2023-18 (Acceptance of Proposal of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to serve as Town Auditor)

**MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-18 accepting the proposal from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to serve as the Town Auditor and authorize the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, subject to legal sufficiency review by the Town Attorney.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

12. Ordinance # 769 – Amending Chapter 7 Floodplain Regulations (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**MOTION:** Wheeler/Halpern made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 769 on second and final reading.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

13. Ordinance No. 770 – Repeal of Ordinance No. 568 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 770 on second and final reading.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

14. Resolution 2023-17 Personnel Policy Modifications

**MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-17.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

15. 2023 Proposed Council/Employee Holiday Party

**MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to approve an appreciation holiday party for Town Council and staff at Eastpointe Country Club, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 6PM-9PM, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

15A. Discussion on Annexation

**MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to have the Town Manager approach areas within the Town's Annexation Map to discuss the possibility of annexing into the Town.

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion - Kagan Park Playground

**MOTION:** Cotronakis/Wheeler made a motion to approve a vendor.

**ACTION:** The motion failed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Wheeler and Councilmember Cotronakis in favor.

17. ~~FPL Street Light Discussion – Turtle Friendly Light Options~~

18. Draft Ordinance creating Audit Oversight Committee

Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta and Councilmember Halpern gave consensus to proceed with an Ordinance to create an Audit Oversight Committee to be placed on first reading on the next agenda.

19. Appropriations for Undergrounding FPL Transmission Lines – No Action

20. Discussion – Parks and Recreation Committee – No Action

21. Discussion - Slope Review for JB0 and Mobi-Mats

**MOTION:** Halpern made a motion to purchase a mobi-mat for JB0 from contingency.

**ACTION:** Motion failed for lack of a second.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

*MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to relocate the Veteran's Monument to the Town's Courtyard.*

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

*Council gave unanimous consensus to direct staff to prepare projections for the Town's budget.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cooke adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm.

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Alexander Cooke, Mayor

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Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk