



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 06, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

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

ALSO PRESENT: FRANK DAVILA, INTERIM TOWN MANAGER
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, ACTING TOWN MANAGER
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY
COLIN BAENZIGER, BAENZIGER & ASSOCIATES

AUDIENCE: 13

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00AM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

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

Council gave unanimous consensus to add a discussion on the Strategic Planning process at the end of the agenda.

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 10:00am.

Public Comments Closed at 10:04am.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (A Public Comment Period was provided for each item below.)

1. Selection of Town Manager

The council conducted a polling of the three candidates (*see attached ballots*).

Council was unable to agree upon the selection of a new Town Manager and gave unanimous consensus to continue the discussion after item #2.

2. Discussion on Filling of Town Council Vacancy (Seat #3)

***MOTION:** Davis/Halpern made a motion to conduct an election for the vacant position with the caveat that it occur on March 11, 2025, the scheduled date of the general municipal election.*

***ACTION:** The motion failed 2-2 with Mayor Wheeler and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta opposed.*

3. Discussion on Strategic Planning Process

No consensus was given, therefore, the contracted process for Strategic Planning will continue as is.

Mayor Wheeler recessed the meeting at 11:29am.

Mayor Wheeler reconvened the meeting at 11:38am.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ITEM #1

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Davis gave consensus to continue discussing the Selection of the Town Manager at the December 17th meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council gave unanimous consensus to place a discussion on sterile grass eating carp as an agenda item for the January Town Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 11:59am.

Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

Fiorella Verdecia, Administrative Secretary