



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

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
MICHAEL VENTURA, FINANCE DIRECTOR

AUDIENCE: 36

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Ceremonial Promotion to Sergeant for Officer John Rossini

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

***MOTION:** Councilmember Halpern made a motion to cease accepting any donations from foundations or other organizations.*

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

Council unanimously gave consensus to continue to accept donations in accordance with the Town's policy; and postpone the application for the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Program grant until the next grant cycle.

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 5:59pm.

Public Comments Closed at 6:20pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Town Council Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2023
3. Special Event Request – Classics by the Sea Road Runners
4. Special Event Request – 2024 Turtle Fest
5. Resolution No. 2023-20 – Agreement with Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections for Vote Processing Use and Election Services
6. Resolution No. 2023-23 – Announcing the 2024 Municipal Election
7. Mutual Aid Agreement: Palm Beach County Law Enforcement Agencies Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation.
8. Resolution 2023-22 (revising the legal description for the Caretta Project set forth in Resolution No. 2022-09 and correcting the references to the original approval in Resolution No. 2023-12)
9. Financial Reports

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to approve the consent agenda.*

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

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

10. Seminole Golf Club Variance Request *(See attached presentation.)*

***MOTION:** Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to approve the requested variance for the Seminole Golf Club property, subject to the conditions set forth in staff's memorandum.*

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

11. Ordinance No. 778 – Increasing and equalizing the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers (Second and Final Reading)

***MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 778 on second and final reading; and to have the funds for the increased salaries come from contingency.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Wheeler and Councilmember Cotronakis opposed.*

12. Ord. 779 – Voluntary Annexation of Captain’s Key

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 779 on first reading.*

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

13. 2024 Health Insurance Renewals

***MOTION:** Halpern/Cotronakis made a motion to approve the Florida Blue BlueCare S14354 HMO Plan as the base employee insurance plan; the Solstice dental plan; FMIT visions plan; health care Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA); and opt-out provisions as outlined in staff’s memorandum for the plan year 2024, effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.*

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

14. Ordinance 781 – Demolition Permits

Council unanimously gave consensus to amend the language to require that a copy of the demolition notice be provided to the Town staff.

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 781 on first reading.*

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

15. Ordinance 780 – Harmony Criteria (1st Reading)

***MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 780 on first reading.*

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

(See attached handout from Councilmember Halpern.)

Council unanimously gave consensus to have staff ask Kompan to try to provide a couple more designs by January 24th; include a discussion on donations, foundations, and organizations on the next agenda; and have a goals assessment workshop on February 28th at 4pm prior to the Town Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cooke adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Alexander Cooke, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk