



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 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 (*Arrived at 10:04am*)
JACOB ROSENGARTEN, COUNCILMEMBER (*Via Zoom*)
DIANA DAVIS, COUNCILMEMBER

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

AUDIENCE: 40

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00AM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council gave unanimous consensus to add a Discussion on the Town Manager Search Firm's inquiries as Item #2.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF - None

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 10:03am.

Public Comments Closed at 10:08am.

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

1. Selection of Interim Town Manager Position (*See attached handouts.*)

MOTION: Davis/Rosengarten made a motion to approve Frank Davila as the Interim Town Manager but to have the Town Attorney and current Town Manager negotiate the salary for the Interim Town Manager at an amount less than the current Town Manager's salary; and retain a consultant to assist with drafting amendments to the Zoning Code at a cost of \$75,000.

ACTION: The motion failed 3-2 with Councilmember Rosengarten and Councilmember Davis in support.

MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Frank Davila as the Interim Town Manager at the current Town Manager's salary.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion on Town Manager Search Firm Inquiries

Council gave unanimous consensus to have the Town Manager Candidates on December 3rd and 4th instead of December 5th and 6th; have the Selection and move the December Meeting to Tuesday, December 17th and to change the pictures on the front page of the brochure to focus more on the Town's facilities.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to have the salary range for the new Town Manager be \$175,000 to \$235,000.

3. Discussion on Pelican Lake Algae Removal

MOTION: Davis/Halpern made a motion to approve timely ongoing algae maintenance with immediate action not to exceed \$8,000 from contingency for mechanical removal; and creation of a plan for regular maintenance to prevent future algae blooms with chemical use for treatments that will be preapproved by the Town Council prior to their use.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Davis gave consensus to have a discussion on quotes for a Zoning Code consultant on the next agenda.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to have a Discussion on a traffic study/count for the intersection of Donald Ross Road and U.S. One at a future meeting.

Council gave unanimous consensus to have a discussion on prioritizing Director of Planning & Zoning Davila's list of outstanding items; a Discussion on the Town Manager Job Description; and a Discussion on the Evaluation Criteria for the Town Manager on the next agenda.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to have a Discussion on Vacation Rental Registration fees added to the end of Director of Planning & Zoning Davila's list; and to keep the October Town Council meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd, with the possibility of an additional meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 1:03am.

Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk