TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS **Date: July 14, 2026**
3614 S. OCEAN BLVD., HIGHLAND BEACH, FL **Time: 1:30 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky
Commissioner Judith Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Town Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

4. INVOCATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Goldbert/Stern – A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

6. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.)

There were no comments from the public.

8. ORDINANCES (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.)

A. Ordinance No. 2026-002 (Second Reading/Public Hearing)

An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 23, "Signs and Advertising," of the town code of ordinances by amending Section 23-5, "Permitted Signs," to increase the maximum square footage of a permanent sign from 10 square feet to 32 square feet, to increase the maximum square footage of an ingress and/or egress sign from three (3) square feet to 12 square feet and by amending Section 23-8, "Appeals," to provide an appeal process for granting an increase in the maximum square footage of a permanent sign; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability and codification; and providing an effective date (First Reading was June 16, 2026.)

Mayor Moore read the title of Ordinance No. 2026-002.

Town Planner Ingrid Allen provided a summary of the changes made since the first reading on June 16, 2026. She noted that at first reading, the Commission directed that the ingress/egress sign size be reduced from 32 square feet to 12 square feet. The revised ordinance reflected this change, with the amended figure double-underlined and the stricken figure double-struck-through for clarity.

There were discussions about a few scrivener's errors. First, on page 1 of the ordinance (line 31 of the whereas clauses), the figure "32" was corrected to read "12." Second, on page 12 (line 17), the word "and" was corrected to read "an" in the phrase "requesting an increase."

Mayor Moore opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed followed by a motion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-002 with the recommended changes. Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (These are items that the Commission typically does not need to discuss individually, and which are voted on as a group.) Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026 Town Commission Meeting Minutes

B. **Approve the ratification of the Town Manager's execution of the Professional Services Agreement with EM Pearls LLC, through Jeniel Parmar, MD, PhD, for Medical Director, Laboratory Director, and Technical Consultant services.**

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

A. **Resolution No. 2026-009**

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, setting the proposed not to exceed millage rate pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(B), Florida Statutes, and setting the date, time and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rate and tentative budget.

Town Manager Labadie introduced this item, explaining the timelines for the Town to hold its first and second public hearing budget meeting in September. He emphasized the significance of physical quorum requirements under Senate Bill 4F and stated at least four of the five commissioners must be physically present at both budget hearings. The public hearing budget meetings are slated for September 10 and September 24.

There were discussions concerning a conflict with Commissioner Goldberg's schedule on September 10. Town Manager Labadie mentioned that, if necessary, travel arrangements will be made for Commissioner Goldberg to attend the meeting in-person on September 10. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern – A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-009. Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

B. **Approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the total amount of $109,500.00 over a five-year period for the purchase of license plate recognition (LPR) camera systems to enhance public safety and security efforts.**

Chief of Police Craig Hartmann presented this item, explaining that the town has operated license plate recognition cameras for many years and that the current contract with vendor Flock was being replaced with Axon, which already provides the town's body cameras, in-car camera systems, and drone software. The Town Commission expressed enthusiasm for the integration capabilities of the system.

MOTION: Moore/Goldberg - A motion was made and seconded to approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the total amount of $109,500.00 over a five year period. Upon roll call: Mayor Moore (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Vice Mayor Stern (Yes). The motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

C. Approve the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Heica Construction Corp for the Police Department Expansion project in the amount of $583,993.00, in accordance with Invitation to Bid No. 26-003. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #25-003.)

Skender Coma, Town Manager's Office, presented this item. He explained the bidding process and reported that six bids were received for this project. Heica Construction Corporation was the low bidder.

There were discussions regarding the furnishing followed by a motion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Heica Construction Corp for the Police Department Expansion project in the amount of $583,993.00, in accordance with Invitation to Bid No. 26-003. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #25-003.) Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes) and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

D. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Lux Solar, Inc. installation of in-road light systems at eight crosswalk locations on State Road A1A project in the amount of $283,920.00. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #26-010.)

Skender Coma presented this item, noting the town had received state-appropriations for this project.

Town Commission noted the effectiveness of similar systems in neighboring communities and expressed strong support followed by a motion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Lux Solar, Inc. installation of in-road light systems at eight crosswalk locations on State Road A1A project in the amount of $283,920.00. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #26-010.) Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes) and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

E. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with PaveConnect Logistics, LLC for milling and repaving of the existing shared walk path project in the amount of $263,260.80, based on the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. R220902. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #28-003.)

Skender Coma presented this item followed by a motion followed by a motion.

MOTION: Goldberg/Peters - A motion was made and seconded to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with PaveConnect Logistics, LLC for milling and repaving of the existing shared walk path project in the amount of $263,260.80, based on the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. R220902. (This item aligns with the FY 2026 Strategic Priorities Plan/Capital Improvement Plan #28-003.) Upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes) and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky reported that he had received several calls regarding the vacant land south of the Toscano condominiums. He relayed that Town Manager Labadie had spoken with property owner Sam Swerdlow about improving the appearance of the property while he pursues a development proposal. Town Manager Labadie is working with Town Attorney Rubin and Town Planner Allen to ensure the town's legal position on density calculations is formally documented before any planning board application is submitted. The property owner has expressed interest in a mid-rise tower, which Town Manager Labadie confirmed is not permitted under the current zoning ordinance. The question of whether to pursue code enforcement action on public health or aesthetic grounds — particularly related to odors and mosquitoes from the former mangrove area — was discussed at length. Staff noted significant limitations on the town's authority, as the site operates under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fill permit, the mangrove status limits municipal enforcement, and the county holds jurisdiction over mosquito control. Town Manager Labadie indicated that if the property owner cannot be persuaded to voluntarily improve the site condition, a more formal legal opinion and possible enforcement action may be warranted. The Town Commission agreed to revisit the matter in coming months.

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg expressed satisfaction with the meeting's outcomes, highlighting the progress on the town's strategic plan and maintaining the current millage rate.

Commissioner Donald Peters commented on the progress of the shared walk path project.

Vice Mayor David Stern raised the ongoing issue of electric vehicle and e-bike speed regulation on the shared path, asking for a status update. Town Manager Labadie reported that he had identified the correct point of contact at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and received a reply that morning; a meeting to discuss what the town may or may not be authorized to do within the A1A right-of-way is being scheduled. He noted that the governor vetoed state legislation on the matter, leaving regulation in the hands of local jurisdictions in coordination with FDOT. Town Manager Labadie also referenced the possibility of obtaining a grant for police department segways for pathway enforcement. Commissioner Peters emphasized the importance of reaching a resolution before the busy season.

Mayor Natasha Moore had no additional comments.

13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan had no report.

14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie provided a broader capital project update, noting that roof work on the library and public works building is underway, metal roof installation is forthcoming, the real-time operations center is progressing, interim pavement patches have been made at the town hall campus to address drainage pending full repaving, and sanitary sewer lining is nearing completion. He raised concern about the pace of engineering performance on Lift Station 2, noting that design work by the retained engineering firm remains significantly delayed despite available appropriations. He indicated that the town may look to bring in different engineering resources with better local responsiveness. Commissioner Peters suggested that designated parking spaces be reserved near the library during construction, giving constituents feedback about access difficulties. Town Manager Labadie agreed to address this promptly.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore read the announcements.

Board Vacancies

Code Enforcement Board	One (1) vacancy for a three-year term
Financial Advisory Board	One (1) vacancy for a three-year term ending April 2027
Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board	One (1) Vacancy for an unexpired term ending April 2027

Meetings and Events

July 22, 2026	1:00 P.M.	Special Magistrate Hearing
August 11, 2026	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Meeting
August 13, 2026	9:00 A.M.	Planning Board Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Special Meeting

Board Action Report

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

APPROVED: August 11, 2026, Town Commission Meeting.

Signed Minutes on file in the Town Clerk's Office

ATTEST: Natasha Moore, Mayor

08/11/2026

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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