



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall / Commission Chambers  
3614 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Date: February 07, 2023  
Time: 1:30 PM

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner David Stern  
Commissioner John Shoemaker  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Vice Mayor Natasha Moore  
Mayor Douglas Hillman  
Town Manager Marshall Labadie  
Town Attorney Glen Torcivia  
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Stern/David - Moved to approve the agenda as presented, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **A. Claude Schmid Veteran Hero Proclamation**

Commissioner Shoemaker read the Claude Schmid Veteran Hero Proclamation into the record and presented it to Mr. Claude Schmid with the proclamation.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **A. Christine B. Viegas Letter**

Ms. Christine Viegas of 3405 S. Ocean Blvd. joined the meeting virtually and spoke about the recycling program. Town Manager Labadie elaborated on the recycling program as it relates to the process of the recycling materials.

Ms. Maggie Chapplelear announced the March 01, 2023, public meeting hosted by the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Members.

Mr. Joseph Svider of 3407 S. Ocean Blvd. provided comments about the Clarendon Condominium as it relates to recycling.

Judy Berland of 3407 S. Ocean Blvd. commented that she supports the Clarendon Condominium Board as it relates to recycling.

Timothy Ruotolo of 3400 S. Ocean Blvd. Coronado Condominium, spoke about the Accessory Marine Facilities Public Input meetings held in December 2022, the walking path (shared path), and educating the public.

Mr. Jack Halpern of 4511 S. Ocean Blvd., spoke about Ms. Christine Viegas's comment. He made comment on an article written in the Costal Star, and he commented on the January 03, 2023, Town Commission Meeting discussion about increasing the funding limitation.

Mayor Hillman explained that they plan to hold forums for resident input on future referendum items.

Mr. Ron Reame of Dalton Place provided comments about an email from the Committee to Save Highland Beach.

Mr. Rich Furlin of 3407 S. Ocean Blvd. provided comments about the Clarendon Condominium as it relates to recycling.

Ms. Maggie Chapplelear provided comments about negative campaigning.

Mr. Peter Kosovsky provided comments related to the Committee to Save Highland Beach.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hillman read the announcements as follows.

### **Board Vacancies**

Board of Adjustment and Appeals:	Two (2) vacancies, all for three-year terms
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	One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending September 21, 2024
Financial Advisory Board:	One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2023
	One (1) vacancy for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2024
Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board:	Three (3) vacancies for unexpired terms ending April 30, 2024

### **Meetings and Events**

February 09, 2023 -	9:30 A.M.	Planning Board Regular Meeting
February 14, 2023 -	1:00 P.M.	Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting
February 20, 2023 -	Town Hall closed in observance of Presidents Day	
February 21, 2023 -	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Meeting

### **Board Action Report**

None.

## **8. ORDINANCES**

A. None.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA** (These are items that the Commission typically does not read to discuss individually, and which are voted on as a group).

A. None.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Fire Rescue Implementation Update**

Town Manager Labadie provided an update on the Fire Rescue Implementation.

Fire Chief Joseph provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting several images of the Fire Rescue vehicles related to the fire engine the Town purchased, the current fire rescue engine, and the EMS vehicle. Chief Joseph explained that having two color schemes initially is not a problem. The Town Commission discussed the fire rescue engines and EMS vehicle colors. The Board supported keeping the fire engine vehicles as is. The EMS vehicle will be red and black.

Town Manager Labadie spoke about starting a fire rescue foundation similar to the Highland Beach Police Foundation.

**B. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) RRR Project Update**

Mayor Hillman announced this matter will be a standing item on future Town Commission agendas.

Town Manager Labadie announced the Florida Department of Transportation will have its next RRR Project meeting on March 13, 2023, at 6 P.M. in the library. He spoke about the laterals, drainage improvements, and traffic control along A1A during the RRR project.

Mayor Hillman provided comments about the Florida Department of Transportation expertise with RRR projects and the like. There were discussions about restricting traffic in the area during construction.

**C. Discussion of Accessory Marine-related Public Input Meetings to include summary and next steps.**

Town Planner Allen presented this item and provided an overview on the December 5, 7, and 13, 2022 Accessory Marine Public Input Meetings. Staff is requesting direction from the Town Commission on whether to provide the proposed changes, in "concept" form, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation or to move forward with this initiative in some other way as prescribed by the Town Commission. It was recommended to provide the proposed changes in "concept" form to the Planning Board for review and bring it back to the Town Commission.

There was conversation about the public participates at the meetings. There was low turnout at the meetings despite all the advertising.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 2023-002**

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, relating to membership into the Florida Retirement System for the Fire Rescue Employees, providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Hillman read the title of Resolution No. 2023-002.

**MOTION:** David/Moore - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-002 as presented. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Vice Mayor Moore (Yes), Commissioner Stern (Yes), Commissioner Shoemaker (Yes), and Mayor Hillman (Yes), which passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

**B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

January 17, 2023 - Commission Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2023 - Commission Special Minutes

**MOTION:** David/Stern – Moved to approve the January 17, 2023 and January 31, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**C. Consideration to approve and authorize the Town Manager to purchase one (1) 2023 Ford Explorer XLT from Garber Fleet Sales through the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Cooperative Bid No. FSA22-VEL30.0. in an amount of \$39,215.55 for the Building Department (ADDENDUM).**

Town Manager Labadie presented this item and provided an overview of the purchase.

**MOTION:** David/Moore - Moved to approve the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Explorer XLT in an amount of \$39,215.55, which passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner David Stern had no comments.

Commissioner Evalyn David had no comments.

Commissioner John Shoemaker commented about the City of Delray Beach building a Fire Rescue Department at Anchor Park. He attended the Palm Beach League of Cities meeting and extended an invitation to Commissioner Shirley Johnson to attend the open house of the Fire Rescue Department. He also spoke about an article in the Florida Trend.

Vice Mayor Natasha Moore commented on her presentation to the Financial Advisory Board regarding the water rates. The Financial Advisory Board was supportive of an eight percent (8%) rate increase.

Mayor Douglas Hillman commented on the water rate changes. He requested that the Beach Presentation be put on the agenda for the February 21 2023 Town Commission meeting.

**13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Town Attorney Torcivia had no comments.

#### **14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **1. Department of Public Works/Capital Projects**

##### **2. City of Delray Beach Update**

##### **3. Appropriations**

Town Manager Labadie provided a report as follows:

A couple of wells failed at the Water Plant, and they are working on getting them replaced. There is a radiator issue with the generator that is being addressed.

The Fire Station and Lift Station appropriations requests will be rerun back, and the reserves letter is being prepared for the Mayor to sign.

He mentioned a new House Bill 401 on sovereign immunity limits and how it relates to tort regulations and will provide further updates if they decide to open up tort reforms.

He spoke about temporary sign placement issues and encouraged those running for office to speak Building Official Remus or Code Compliance Officer Osowsky so parameters can be set to minimize confusion.

The Town's Marine Unit is collecting data on incidents that occur on the water but there has been there is nothing that has been officially started with the state on the control of speeds in our portion of the intracoastal. A report from Chief Hartman will be shared with the Town Commission.

Advertising and communication for the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Educational Outreach Event for Dune Management and Restoration will continue to be sent out.

After a meeting with Delray Beach, the first push of data was sent over, it is being analyzed. Finance Director DiLena is reaching out to obtain the missing data and they are hopeful that they will be able to give some level of recommendation to the Board based on what was submitted.

Mayor Hillman allowed public comments.

Mr. Jack Halpern of 4511 S. Ocean provided comments on the RRR project and Milani Park.

Mayor Hillman indicated there is no update on Milani Park.

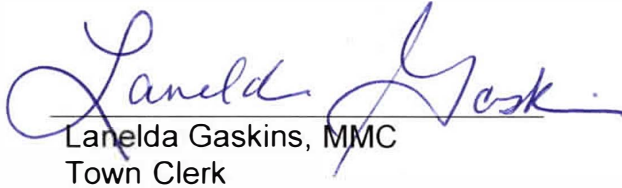
**15. ADJOURNMENT**

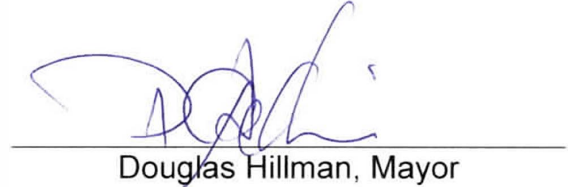
The meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm

**APPROVED** February 7, 2023, Town Commission Meeting.



ATTEST:

  
Lanelda Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk

  
Douglas Hillman, Mayor

Transcribed by  
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02/21/2023  
Date

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