



**TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL FIRST
PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

**LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
3618 S. OCEAN BLVD.
HIGHLAND BEACH, FL**

**Date: September 05, 2023
Time: 5:01 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Judith Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Evalyn David
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
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: David/Stern - Moved to approve the agenda as presented, which passed unanimously 5 - 0.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of State Awarded Appropriations for FY 2023-2024 Proclamation

Mayor Moore read the above-referenced proclamation. Florida State Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman, District 91, was present to accept this proclamation. State Representative Gossett-Seidman presented the Town Commission with a large display check from the State of Florida and a photograph was taken. In addition, State Representative Gossett-Seidman provided comments regarding this matter.

B. State Legislative Updates

State Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman, District 91

Lobbyist Jarred Rosenstein, Capital City Consulting, spoke about a memorandum he prepared regarding the 2024 Legislative Budget Priorities. He indicated that the State is more likely to approve water and road projects. He suggested that the Town Commission focus on the water and road projects such as sewer lining. He also suggested the Town Commission select one or two projects. He provided a list of projects that were vetoed by Governor Ron DeSantis.

Town Manager Labadie asked the Town Commission if they would be comfortable with moving forward with securing dollars for the sewer project. The Town Commission agreed that the sewer project should be first. There was discussion about trying to get funding for more than one project such as the Bel Lido Bridge Project or the Lift Station Project. The Town Manager will work with Mr. Rosenstein on a second project to present at a later meeting.

C. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Final Budget

Mayor Moore read the title of Item 5.C.

Finance Director David DiLena provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Fiscal Year 2023 Budget updates.

6. FIRST READINGS / PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Resolution No. 2023-021

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Schedule of Fees for the purpose of increasing water and sewer rates; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-021.

Finance Director DiLena presented this item. Mr. DiLena explained the rate increases in regard to inflation. He reviewed historical rate increases, five-year water plan, realized water usage, base fees, revenue data, fund balances, and sewer revenue.

There was discussion about building up the fund balance.

Mr. DiLena mentioned the Town gave notice to all residents informing them about the first public hearing budget meeting today. He explained that the water and sewer rates will go into effect on October 1, 2023 and it will be reflected on the December bill.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments. Hearing none, she closed public comments.

MOTION: David/Stern - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-021. Upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

B. Resolution No. 2023-022

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, adopting a Final Millage Rate of 3.4182 Mils for the Town's General Operating Funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; providing that the Final Millage Rate of 3.4182 Mils is 19.3006 percent greater than the computed rolled back rate of 2.8652 Mils; providing for severability, conflicts, and an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-022. She mentioned that this item has been thoroughly reviewed by the Town Commission.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments. Hearing none, she closed public comments.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-022. Based on roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

C. Resolution No. 2023-023

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, adopting a Final Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; determining and fixing the amounts necessary to carry on the government of the Town for the ensuing year; providing for severability, conflicts, and an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-023.

There were no public comments on this item.

MOTION: David/Goldberg - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-023. Based on roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

The Town Attorney was not present.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

Town Manager Labadie announced that the Town Commission will meet on September 21, 2023 at 5:01 P.M. for the second reading.

9. COMMISSION MEETINGS

September 21, 2023 5:01 P.M. Town Commission Second Public Hearing Budget Meeting

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 6:08 P.M.

APPROVED: September 19, 2023 Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:




Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk



Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Jaclyn DeHart and Lanelda Gaskins

09/19/2023

Date

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