

HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers
15859 West County Road 108
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Hilliard, FL 32046

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Floyd L. Vanzant, Mayor
John P. Beasley, Council President
Kenny Sims, Council Pro Tem
Lee Pickett, Councilman
Jared Wollitz, Councilman
Callie Kay Bishop, Councilwoman

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Purvis, Town Clerk
Richie Rowe, Public Works Director
Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Rec Director

TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022, 7:00 PM

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Anyone wishing to address the Town Council regarding any item on this agenda is requested to complete an agenda item sheet in advance and give it to the Town Clerk. The sheets are located next to the printed agendas in the back of the Council Chambers. Speakers are respectfully requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. A speaker's time may not be allocated to others.

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF ONE ANOTHER
EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE.
WE WILL DIRECT ALL COMMENTS TO THE ISSUES.
WE WILL AVOID PERSONAL ATTACKS.
"Politeness costs so little." – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President John Beasley
Council Pro Tem Kenny Sims
Councilman Lee Pickett
Councilman Jared Wollitz
Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop

PUBLIC HEARING

- ITEM-1 Ordinance No. 2022-06 - AD Valorem Tax Millage Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Open Public Hearing
An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida, a Municipal Corporation concerning the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the 2022-2023 year for the Town of Hilliard, Florida; advising the Nassau County Appraiser of the "Rolled Back Rate" and of the final adopted Millage Rate; providing an effective date.
Mayor Floyd Vanzant

Call for Public Comment

No public comments.

Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2022-06 at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Pickett, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Sims.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

SPECIAL MEETING - Town Council Action

Town Council adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-06, AD Valorem Tax Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, on Second and Final Reading.

Motion made by Councilman Pickett, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Sims.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

ITEM-2

Ordinance No. 2022-07 - Budget Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Open Public Hearing

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida, a Municipal Corporation estimating income, appropriating funds, and adopting a budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year for the Town of Hilliard; providing for an effective date.

Call for Public Comment

No public comments.

Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2022-07 at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Pickett, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Sims.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

SPECIAL MEETING - Town Council Action

Town Council adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-07, Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, on Second and Final Reading.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

MAYOR

To call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.

Brittney Newsome 23796 Family Lane, Hilliard, states that she is concerned about all the trees being cut down due to all the development around Pratt Siding Road. The Town refers her to Nassau County.

SPECIAL MEETING

ITEM-3

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item-5 Town Council approval to promote Cory Hobbs to Assistant Public Works Director.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

Item-6 Motion to move Item 5 to Item 6.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

ITEM-4 Town Council adoption of the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2027.

Lisa Purvis, MMC - Town Clerk

Motion made by Councilman Pickett, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Sims.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

ADDED ITEMS

ITEM-5 Town Council approval to promote Cory Hobbs to Assistant Public Works Director and to move Greg Grooms to heavy equipment operator.

Motion made by Councilman Pickett, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.

Councilwoman Bishop asks was there any discussion with Greg Grooms prior to tonight's meeting.

Public Works Director Richie Rowe states no.

Mayor Vanzant states that he agrees with Councilwoman Bishop that discussion should have been held prior to this being on the agenda.

Councilman Wollitz withdraws his Second, Councilman Sims then Seconds.

Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz
Voting Nay: Councilwoman Bishop

ITEM-6 Town Council approval of Town Employee Step Pay Increases and Benefits for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Lisa Purvis, MMC - Town Clerk

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Councilman Wollitz questions, if Greg Grooms is being demoted, then why would he be receiving a pay raise. Why would he not be at the same pay rate as Mark Strickland, who is a heavy equipment operator, that also has twenty years with the Town.

Public Works Director Richie Rowe states he agrees with the pay rate that is being requested for Greg Grooms.

Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

No public comment.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Vanzant reads the upcoming meeting dates:

October Meetings:

Thursday, 10-06-2022	@ 6PM	Joint Workshop (Alleyways)
Thursday, 10-06-2022	@ 7PM	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, 10-11-2022	@ 6PM	Joint Workshop (LDR'S)
Thursday, 10-20-2022	@ 7PM	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting (Rezone)

Councilwoman Bishop states she has no issue with recommendations just with the way things were handled.

Council President John Beasley reminds everyone that it is a Council's decision.

Councilman Wollitz Comments on how lucky we all were regarding Hurricane Ian.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT

Town Clerk, Lisa Purvis

Public Works Director, Ritchie Rowe

ABSENT

Parks & Recreation Director, Gabe Whittenburg

Public Works Director, Ritchie Rowe is thankful the hurricane did not come our way even though we were prepared. Also advises that Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg was trying to make the meeting but running late due to volleyball.

Town Clerk, Lisa Purvis states that she has added a Resolution to the regular meeting amending the personnel policy, regarding emergency closing and how employees will be paid administration pay.

TOWN ATTORNEY

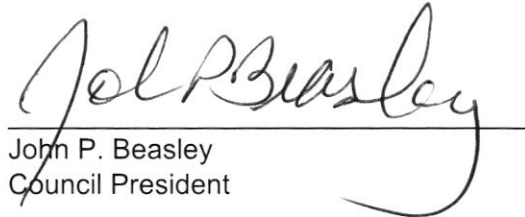
Not requested to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.


Motion made by Council President Beasley, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Sims.
Voting Yea: Council President Beasley, Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett,
Councilman Wollitz

Approved this 20th day of October, 2022 by the Hilliard Town Council,
Hilliard, Florida.



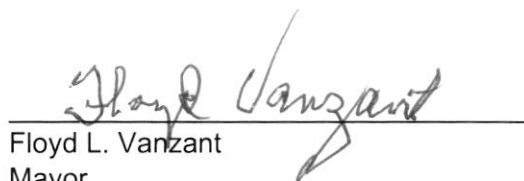
John P. Beasley
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Floyd L. Vanzant
Mayor