

HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers
15859 West County Road 108
Post Office Box 249
Hilliard, FL 32046

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

John P. Beasley, Mayor
Kenny Sims, Council President
Lee Pickett, Council Pro Tem
Joe Michaels, Councilman
Jared Wollitz, Councilman
Dallis Hunter, Councilman

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2023, 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

Mayor John Beasley
Council President Kenny Sims
Council Pro Tem Lee Pickett
Councilman Jared Wollitz
Councilman Dallis Hunter
Councilman Joe Michaels

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM-1 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Open Second Public Hearing
Explanation of Small Cities CDBG Program - Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.

Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc., explains the purpose and the application the Town staff would like to submit to the Department of Economic Opportunity in the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Category for \$700,000.00, with a \$50,000.00 match.

Call for Public Comment
No public comment.

Close Second Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

Town Council action regarding staff recommendation of continuing water line replacement.

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

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

Shane Bray, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10095, thanks Mayor Beasley for his participation in the VFW's Painting with the Stars event. Further states that Mayor Beasley raised over \$700.00 for Wounded Warriors.

Shane Bray, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10095 also recognized and thanked County Commissioner Allison McCullough, who participated in the event.

Mayor Beasley states this event was out of his comfort zone, and he originally thought he was going to be judging the paintings, not participating in painting.

Shane Bray, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10095, states the event raised almost \$5,000.00 for various charities.

Timothy Fisk, 27146 West First Avenue, Hilliard, states that the Town should, by State Law, post signs around Town regarding Golf Carts.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-2 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item-11 Town Council to set a Workshop to discuss Tourism.

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

Item-12 Town Council to discuss purchasing a Christmas Tree for future Town Events.

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

- ITEM-3 Town Council adoption of Resolution No. 2023-08, Authorizing the Implementation of the Long-Term and Short-Term Objectives of the Town of Hilliard Community Development Plan.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk
- Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.**, explains Resolution.
- Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Pickett. Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels
- ITEM-4 Town Council adoption of Resolution No. 2023-09, Authorizing the use of \$50,000.00 of the Town of Hilliard funding as leverage for the Small Cities Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Grant Application.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk
- Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.**, explains Resolution.
- Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz. Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels
- ITEM-5 Town Council adoption of Resolution No. 2023-10, Authorizing the submission of an application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2022.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk
- Melissa Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.**, explains Resolution.
- Motion made by Councilman Wollitz, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Pickett. Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels
- ITEM-6 Town Council discussion regarding the Food Sovereignty Proposal submitted by Ms. Mary Godwin.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk
- Mary Godwin, 3775 Lorena Drive, Hilliard**, explains food sovereignty and advises she has volunteers to help set up a Workshop to teach individuals how to grow their own food, and the process to trade and sell.
Councilman Wollitz advises she should address the County.
- ITEM-7 Town Council approval to contract with Kynex, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 each, for the Joint Fireworks Display with the Town of Callahan to be held at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 1, 2023.
John P. Beasley – Mayor
- Councilman Wollitz** states he would like to look at moving the Fireworks Display to July 4th, for future events.
Mayor Beasley states he wants to have a Workshop with the Town of Callahan and others to discuss.

Council agree to have Mayor Beasley reach out to the Town of Callahan for dates to hold a Joint Workshop to discuss the Fireworks Display.

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

ITEM-8 Town Council approval to set workshop for the Annual Financial Statements, September 30, 2022, Preliminary & Tentative Review.

Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

Motion made to set workshop for Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

ITEM-9 Town Council approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2023, Workshop and April 20, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Lisa Purvis, MMC - Town Clerk

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

ITEM-10 Town Council approval of Ag-Pro Companies, Payable through April 25, 2023, Project Name: John Deer Tractor in the amount of \$66,548.87.

CAPITAL FUNDED PROJECT LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$66,458.87.

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

ADDED ITEMS

ITEM-11 Town Council to set a Workshop with Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, to discuss tourism, and County Manager Taco Pope and his team, for an update on the Westside Regional Park.

Motion made to set Workshop for Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

ITEM-12 Town Council discussion regarding purchasing a Town Christmas Tree for Annual Events.

Councilman Hunter states his contact at Holiday Design's has quoted an 18' fully decorated tree for \$11,625.00, which is \$1,000.00 cheaper than the other offers the Town has received. States the offer is good until the end of May 2023.

Further states shipping is not included in the price, but the tree is located 4 hours away in Gainesville, Georgia.

Motion made to table item until the Thursday, May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

No comment.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Wollitz States that the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department completed all their hose tests today and pictures have been posted onto the Town's Facebook page.

Mayor Beasley states there were several people from Hilliard included in 40 over 40 in the Nassau County Record, including him, Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Recreation Staff Member Myron Saunders, and Marella Hunter. Also states the Council and some staff went to Tallahassee last Wednesday, and they were able to speak the with Senator and Representative and were recognized on the Senate and House floor. Further thanks to the Nassau County Economic Development Board for hosting the Town at their booth. Further states there will be a Pizza Party for Junior Beta as a thanks for helping with the Town Clean up on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Hilliard Elementary School, and he will be in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT

Town Clerk, Lisa Purvis
Public Works Director, Ritchie Rowe

ABSENT

Parks & Recreation Director, Gabe Whittenburg (at Soccer practice)

TOWN ATTORNEY

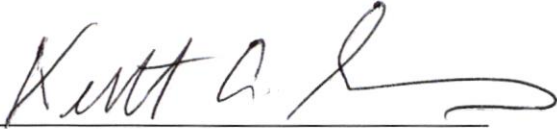
Town Attorney Waugh assures the citizens of Hilliard that they can drive their Golf Carts in the Town of Hilliard without the signs posted. Further states there is no set rule for when the signs have to go up, but rather whatever is reasonable.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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

Approved this 18th day of May, 2023 by the Hilliard Town Council,
Hilliard, Florida.



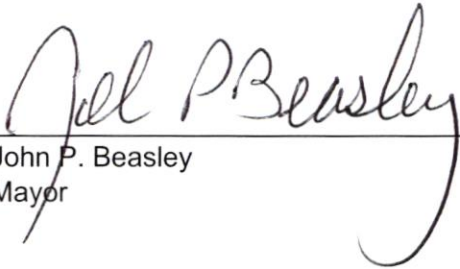
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley
Mayor