

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
Cory Hobbs, Public Works Director
Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Rec Director
Lee Anne Wollitz, Land Use Administrator

TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2026, 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 Joe Michaels

ABSENT

Councilman Dallis Hunter

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM-1 Liquor License Application – RHYSE Properties, LLC DBA Steamboat Lilly's –
Mr. Michael Shawn McClinton, Owner
Steamboat Lilly's Restaurant, located at 551429 US Hwy 1, Hilliard, Florida for a
liquor license in addition to the standard beer and wine license, that was
approved June 18, 2020.

Mayor Beasley

Ian Farhat representing Rhyse Properties, LLC DBA Steamboat Lilly's is present for any questions that the public may have.

Open Public Hearing
Call for Public Comments
Close Public Hearing on Liquor License Application

Following no public comments, motion to close Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

Town Council to consider approval to issue liquor license to RHYSE Properties, LLC DBA Steamboat Lilly's.

Motion to approve conditional on submitting background check to attach to the application in compliance with Town Code Chapter 6, Section 6.2.

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

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-2 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions to or deletions from the agenda.

ITEM-3 Town Council approval of the Public Works Director's recommendation to award the Right of Way Mowing Contract Bid for mowing, weed eating, and trash clean-up, a quantity of eight (8) times per contract year, from April 13, 2026, through the last cycle in 2028, to North Florida Lawn Maintenance, Inc.

Cory Hobbs – Public Works Director

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

ITEM-4 Town Council approval of the Minutes for the February 5, 2026, Workshop and Regular Meeting, February 12, 2026, Workshop and the February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-5 Town Council approval of Peters & Yaffee Engineering, now owned by LJA Engineering, Inc., Payable through January 30, 2026, Project Name: Design West Sixth Street in the amount of \$5,615.33.
DAYSPRING COMMONS DEVELOPER FUNDED PROJECT LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$101,672.26

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

ITEM-6 Mayor Beasley presents the annual 2025 State of the Town message.
John P. Beasley – Mayor

Motion to table item to the March 19, 2026, regular meeting agenda.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

Doug Conkey, 7775 Baymeadows Way, Suite 102, Jacksonville, FL SJRWMD, advised that mandatory water restrictions are currently in effect. He stated that he will provide the Clerk with information to distribute to the public. The Town Clerk advised that the information will be shared on the Town's social media platforms, posted on the Town website, and included as a flyer in the April water and sewer bills.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Wollitz thanked the Lyons family for their thoughtful gift and for their hard work in creating a large Christmas light display set to music for the community to enjoy. **Councilman Michaels** stated that Hilliard Parks & Recreation has been approached about potentially taking over the football program currently operating at the Little League fields. He requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming monthly workshop scheduled for March 12, 2026.

Mayor Beasey also thanked the Lyons family for their gift and for their efforts in providing the community with a Christmas light display set to music. Mayor Beasey announced that Opening Day for Hilliard Little League will take place on March 14, 2026, and that he has been invited to throw out the opening pitch. He also announced that the next HAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, during which plans for the Town's Annual Clean-Up Event will be finalized. Additionally, he noted that there will not be a Food Truck Friday at the end of March due to the Clean-Up Event being scheduled for the following Saturday.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT:
Town Clerk Lisa Purvis
Public Works Director Cory Hobbs

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz

ABSENT:

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz, reported that the recent hands-on CPR courses were a great success and that additional classes are planned for the future. She also stated that she, along with members of the Public Works Department including the Director and Assistant Director, attended Florida Rural Water Association training classes in Lake City earlier in the day. She noted that several regulatory changes are forthcoming. Ms. Wollitz further reported that all building permits will be relocated to the Old Town Hall beginning this week. She also advised that the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department will begin renovations to the upstairs living quarters at the fire station next week. Additionally, she commented on the recent Westside Regional Park site visit and provided an update regarding the various facilities that will be included at the park.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis, reported that she received an email earlier in the day from Nassau County Economic Development Executive Director Sherri Mitchell regarding the Governor's visit to Nassau County. During the visit, it was announced that West Nassau County has officially been designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) by the State of Florida. Ms. Purvis noted that this designation is significant for the western portion of the county.

Ms. Purvis also announced that the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has officially approved the building plans for the Hurricane Shelter / Community Shelter project. With the RAO designation now in place for West Nassau County, the Town should no longer need to obtain interim lending when the project enters the construction phase. She noted that this would represent a significant cost savings that had not been included in the Town's current budget.

TOWN ATTORNEY

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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

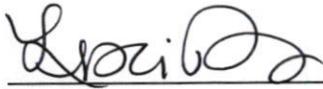
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Michaels

Approved this 19th day of March, 2026 by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.



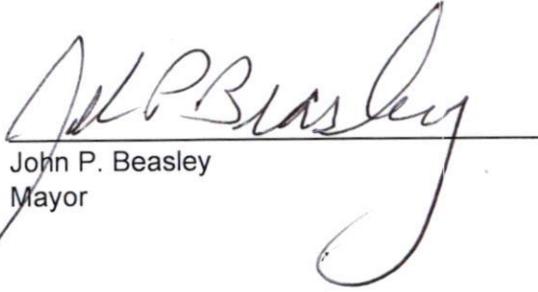
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley
Mayor