

HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers
15859 West County Road 108
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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, JULY 16, 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 Dallis Hunter

ABSENT

Councilman Joe Michaels

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-1 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions to or deletions from the agenda.

ITEM-2 Town Council to consider Ordinance No. 2026-05, an ordinance of the Town of Hilliard, Nassau County, Florida, imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, or approval of applications for development permits, development orders, rezoning, or site plans related to data centers, data processing facilities, data mining or cryptocurrency mining operations (referenced herein collectively as data center facilities) within town limits of the Town of Hilliard; adopting findings; providing for the study and development of appropriate land use regulations addressing such data center uses; providing for conflict, severability, administrative correction of scrivener's errors, publication, and effective date. Adopting on First Reading and Set Public Hearing & Final Reading for August 6, 2026.

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

ITEM-3 Town Council to consider Resolution 2026-08 – Procedures for Ex-Parte Communications in Quasi-Judicial Proceedings: This resolution establishes a formal process allowing Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board members to communicate with the public regarding pending quasi-judicial matters while ensuring transparency and compliance with Florida law.

Lee Anne Wollitz – Land Use Administrator

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

ITEM-4 Town Council to Review and Discussion of Participating in the NEFRC Community Visioning Program.

Lee Anne Wollitz – Land Use Administrator

Planning Council Representative presents information on the NEFRC Community Visioning Program. The Economic Development Administration funds the program designed to assist smaller communities in envisioning and planning for a vibrant, resilient, and community-driven future. The goal is to help align future planning objectives and address the needs of areas surrounding each jurisdiction's boundaries.

Council President Sims asked what the tangible benefits of participating in the program would be for the Town. NEFRC Representative responded that residents are often more candid about their priorities and concerns when elected officials are not present during community engagement sessions.

Town Attorney Christian Waugh answered questions regarding the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He also noted his support for intergovernmental planning efforts and stated that he is in favor of Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements (ISBA) as tools to facilitate regional cooperation.

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

ITEM-5 Town Council to set the Proposed Millage Rate, Rolled-Back Rate, and date, time and meeting place of the Tentative Budget Hearing and advise the Nassau County Property Appraiser prior to August 4, 2026. ***Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk***

Motion to set the rate the same as the previous year at 3.5 mills.

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

Motion to hold the First Public Hearings on September 3, 2026.

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

ITEM-6 Town Council approval of the Minutes for the March 19, 2026, April 2, 2026, April 16, 2026, May 7, 2026, May 21, 2026, Regular Meetings and the June 11, 2026, Workshops.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-7 Town Council approval of Peters & Yaffee Engineering, now owned by LJA Engineering, Inc., Payable through June 26, 2026, Project Name: Design West Sixth Street in the amount of \$1,736.22
DAYSPRING COMMONS DEVELOPER FUNDED PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,672.26; LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$116,672.26

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

ITEM-8 Town Council approval of Tropic Aire, Payable through July 7, 2026, Project Name: Hilliard Parks & Recreation Annex Emergency Roof Replacement, in the amount of \$36,885.00.
CAPITAL FUNDED PROJECT EMERGENCY LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$36,885.00; TROPIC AIRE

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

No comments.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Council Wollitz stated that Georgia Street at West Fifth Avenue a large truck ran over a water valve and destroyed the sidewalk. These damages fall back on the taxpayer. So, if you see anything questionable, please take photographs so the Town can hold them responsible for the repairs.

Mayor John Beasley provided the following updates:

McDonald's will be open by the end of the month.

Thanks Councilman Hunter and Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz for attending the Board of County Commissioners meeting with him for the Proclamation Presentation to honor fallen Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department Member Kevin Crews.

School starts in a few weeks.

Hilliard Middle Senior High School football field looks good.

Food Truck Friday will be held on July 31, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT:

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz

ABSENT:

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis

Public Works Director Cory Hobbs

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz spoke on behalf of Public Works Director Cory Hobbs giving updates on capital projects.

Mayor John Beasley spoke on behalf of Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg advising:

Flag football is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Westside Regional Park.

Volleyball on Saturday at the gym.

Tackle football will start soon.

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz updated the Town Council on the presentations of the proclamations honoring Kevin Crews. She also advised that the Town had received notification that Mr. Crews will be honored at the 2026 Florida Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

TOWN ATTORNEY

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

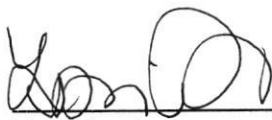
Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Pickett.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz

Approved this 2nd day of _____, 2024 by the Hilliard Town Council,
Hilliard, Florida.



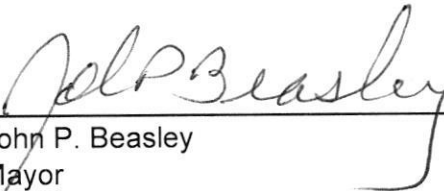
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley
Mayor