

# 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, Interim Public Works Director  
Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Rec Director

## TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

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## MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2024, 7:00 PM

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### 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 Kenny Sims  
Council Pro Tem Lee Pickett  
Councilman Jared Wollitz  
Councilman Dallis Hunter  
Councilman Joe Michaels

### ABSENT

Mayor John Beasley

## SPECIAL MEETING

ITEM-1 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

ITEM-3 Public Information Officer's responsibility in relation to the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center.

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-2 Town Council to set dates for closure of Town Hall Offices and Facilities to the public and non-essential staff.  
**Kenny Sims - Council President**

Motion is made as follows:

1. The Town Council declares a State of Emergency for the Town of Hilliard, for a duration of seven days or until Nassau County lifts theirs.
2. Town Council designates Council President Sims as the primary point of contact during this period.
3. Town Council states that storm debris will not be collected until directed by either Council President Sims or the Nassau County Emergency Management Operations Center activates the Storm Debris Clean Up contract.
4. Town Council states the Public Works Department is tasked with clearing storm debris from roads and rights-of-way unless conditions become too hazardous.
5. Town Council Monthly Workshop on October 10, 2024, is to be canceled and will be rescheduled at the October 17, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

#### **ADDED ITEMS**

ITEM-3 Town Council to discuss the Public Information Officer's responsibility in relation to the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center.  
**Gabe Whittenburg – Parks & Recreation Director**

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg, advises the Town Council that the Nassau County Emergency Management Operations Center has requested the Town's Public Information Officer, Alicia Head, to report to EOC as soon as possible. Following discussion, the Town Council agrees that P&R Director Gabe Whittenburg needs to be the one to make the determination for when Mrs. Head attends.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

##### **PUBLIC**

No public comments.

##### **MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL**

No comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

PRESENTE

Town Clerk, Lisa Purvis  
Interim Public Works Director, Cory Hobbs  
Parks & Recreation Director, Gabe Whittenburg

Interim Public Works Director, Cory Hobbs asks several storm related questions to get an understanding of what the Council are expecting of the Public Works Department during the storm. Also, advises that they are getting a larger propane tank for the Oxford Street Lift Station due to duration that this lift station may have to run if the power goes out.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

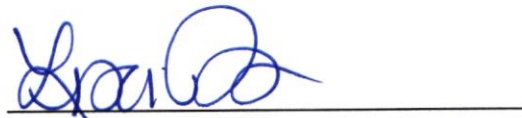
Motion made by Councilman Wollitz, Seconded by Councilman Hunter.  
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.



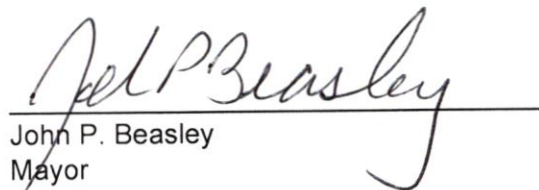
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.  
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis  
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley  
Mayor