

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, 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 (VIA TEAMS)
Council Pro Tem Lee Pickett
Councilman Jared Wollitz
Councilman Dallis Hunter
Councilman Joe Michaels

ABSENT

Council President Kenny Sims

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-1 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

The addition of Items 7 & 8 Grant & Capital Payables.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-2 Town Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-20, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida a Municipal Corporation adopting an Amended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, for the Town of Hilliard.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-3 Town Council approval of Town Employee Phillip Bouchillon's Step Pay Increase.
Cory Hobbs – Interim Public Works Director

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

ITEM-4 Town Council to appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Board for a 3-Year Term starting January 2025.
Lee Anne Wollitz – Land Use Administrator

Motion to table this Item until the December 19, 2024, Regular Meeting to allow time for the review of resumes from citizens that may be interested in serving on the Board.

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

ITEM-5 Town Council approval of the Minutes for October 28, 2024, Workshop, and the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-6 Town Council approval of Nassau County Public Library System Donation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, to Friends of the Hilliard Branch Library in the amount of \$8,000.
BUDGETED DONATION FROM GENERAL FUND TO CULTURE AND RECREATION

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

ADDED ITEMS

ITEM-7 Town Council approval of AECOM, Payable through September 30, 2024, Project Name: Obstruction Removal North & South Runway at the Hilliard Airpark in the amount of \$3,130.25.

FDOT PTGA 100% GRANT FUNDED PROJECT \$300,000; AECOM S.A. NO. 22 LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$62,605

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

ITEM-8 Town Council approval of Mittauer & Associates, Inc., Payable through September 30, 2024, Project Name: WWTP Permit Renewal in the amount of \$1,520.

CAPITAL FUNDED PROJECT LUMP SUM PROJECT \$11,000

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

Timothy Fisk, 27146 West First Avenue Hilliard, suggests that since Barnabas provides free food bags for those in need, the Town should also consider organizing food collection efforts because he would like to donate something to those in need. He further mentions that during a meeting two sessions ago, while he was speaking, the Mayor and the Town Clerk were whispering away from the microphones. He requests the notes about what was discussed between the two since it happened while the meeting was in session. Mr. Fisk states that he is bringing fireworks tonight and that he was falsely accused of attempting to steal Town documents and he denies attempting to do so. He further states that the Florida Statue states that records are to be supervised during review by the public and that the Town Clerk delegated this supervision to Mrs. Head, who did not monitor him because she was attending to cars in the drive through. He claims the Town Clerk has a history of lying, pointing out that she made a statement about there being no playground equipment at the Town Hall Park and reiterating that she falsely accused him of trying to steal documents. Additionally, he alleges she provided false information to police officers during a 911 call. Mr. Fisk concludes by stating that he will be bringing more fireworks to the next meeting he attends.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Wollitz, expresses his gratitude to all the veterans who attended the Town's Veterans Day event, as well as the participating Town employees, Council Members, Representative Dean Black, and the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department Members for cooking.

He shares that he and Mrs. Purvis attended the Nassau County Legislative Delegation Public Hearing Meeting with Senator Yarborough and Representative Dean Black, where they advocated for major infrastructure rehabilitation on behalf of the Town. Following the

meeting, he and the Town Clerk also had the chance to discuss mobility and impact fees with County Manager Taco Pope, who expressed a strong willingness to assist the Town. He concludes by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Councilman Hunter, reports that he consulted with the Town Attorney about signage for advertising at Town events. He requests that this topic be added to the agenda for the next monthly workshop, allowing the Town Council to establish clear guidelines on the matter.

Councilman Michaels, notes that the Parks & Recreation Department is doing well and experiencing strong community involvement.

Council Pro Tem Pickett, wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and highlights the success of the Veterans Day event, noting the excellent turnout.

Mayor Beasley, apologizes for being unable to attend the meeting in person, explaining that he is still recovering from surgery and unable to bear weight on his foot.

He extends his gratitude to everyone who participated in the Veterans Day event, with special thanks to the Veterans.

He reminds everyone about the upcoming "Hallmark our Hilliard" events happening in the next two weeks and encourages all to join the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Town Hall Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT:

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis

Interim Public Works Director Cory Hobbs

Public Information Officer & Event Coordinator Alicia Head

ABSENT:

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg

TOWN ATTORNEY

No comments.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

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

Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

Approved this 5th day of December, 2024 by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.



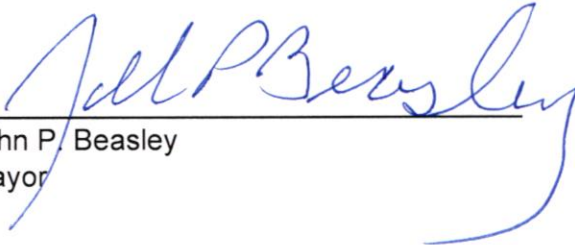
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley
Mayor