

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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025, 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 (FLOC Leadership Class)

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-1 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions to or from the agenda.

ITEM-2 Town Council approval of the Kynex, Inc. contract with both the Town of Hilliard and the Town of Callahan splitting the cost, to be held at the Northeast Florida

Fairgrounds on July 4, 2025, and a Council Member to be appointed as liaison.
John P. Beasley – Mayor

Motion to approve and appoint Councilman Wollitz as the liaison over the event.

Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.

Motion amended to approve the event only with Councilman Wollitz declining.

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

ITEM-3 Town Council approval of the Wall Event Expenditure for the General Liability insurance of the Vietnam’s Voices – Traveling Memorial Wall, with The Evanston Insurance Company in the amount of \$3,385.00.
Alicia Head – Public Information Officer & Event Coordinator

Motion to approve the General Liability Insurance with TRIA, for \$3,385.00.

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-4 Town Council approval of the Minutes for the February 13, 2025, Workshop, and the February 20, 2025, Workshop & Regular Meeting.
Lisa Purvis, MMC – Town Clerk

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

ITEM-5 Town Council approval of PQH Group, Payable through February 19, 2025, Project Name: Hurricane Shelter / Community Center Project in the amount of \$11,000.00.
FDEM 100% GRANT FUNDED PROJECT LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$572,000

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

Heather Gates, 27306 West Fifth Avenue, Hilliard, inquiries about the timeline for sidewalk repairs, citing safety concerns after two children were injured while fleeing from speeding vehicles.

Council President Sims, acknowledges the issue, explaining that delays have occurred due to the originally approved contractor facing family health issues. However, a new contractor has been scheduled to complete the repairs.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis adds that the usual concrete supplier for the Town is currently out of service, as all their materials are being allocated to Kings Bay.

Timothy Fisk, 27146 West First Avenue, Hilliard, expresses concern that the holes in the sidewalks are not properly barricaded. He suggests that the Public Works Department use Quick Crete to address the issue, as it poses both a safety hazard and a liability for the Town. Fisk also questions who is covering the insurance for the Capitol Trip, where the Town Council is using a church van. Additionally, he asks about ADA compliance in relation to the New Town Hall Park and the park used for athletics. Addressing Councilman Michaels, Fisk brings up an incident from a previous meeting where Michaels allegedly called someone "stupid." He insists that Councilman Michaels clarify whom he was referring to, suggesting it may have been directed at himself due to his termination from the Parks & Recreation Department.

Shawn McBride, of 37199 Oxford Street, Hilliard, states that he is attending simply to make a statement and filibuster.

John Gates, Hilliard, asks the Town Council whether any consideration has been given to repairing the skatepark, which he describes as unsafe for skating. He shares that he has broken at least two skateboards, costing approximately \$200, and notes that some of his friends have sustained injuries due to the damaged concrete. He inquires whether donations could be sought to repair the concrete or at least fix the holes.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Wollitz, expresses his relief that Town Clerk Lisa Purvis is recovering. He requests that Councilman Michaels coordinate with Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg regarding the skatepark issue.

Councilman Pickett, shares that he has spoken with Sandhill and confirms that yard waste fees are being waived.

Mayor Beasley, announces that he will be meeting with elementary students next week to read the book Meet the Mayor to them.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRESENT:

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis
Assistant Public Works Director Charles Chavarria

ABSENT:

Interim Public Works Director Cory Hobbs
Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg

Assistant Public Works Director Charles Chavarria, explains that the Town has faced difficulties obtaining concrete. However, The Town Clerk's office is in the process of setting up an account with a new vendor to resolve the issue.

He reports that the generator at the Old Town Hall/Fire Department has been successfully connected, with all systems transferred over to the new transfer switches.

He also addresses concerns about sinkholes on Third and Oxford Streets, stating that the area will be torn up over spring break to prevent school buses from having to detour around the area.

Town Clerk Lisa Purvis, expresses her happiness to be back.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Christian Waugh, updates that a hearing was held today on the ongoing case, with Lee and Billy Fales as the remaining defendants. A motion for summary judgment is set for May, and the trial for December. He expects the case, involving a quiet title issue over an old access road and utility easement, to be resolved in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

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

Approved this 20th day of March, 2025 by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.



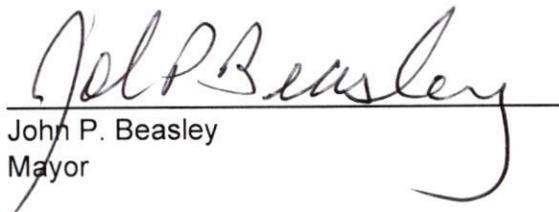
Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John P. Beasley
Mayor