



# SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

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PRESENT: PEGGY WHEELER, MAYOR  
DD HALPERN, VICE MAYOR  
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM  
DIANA DAVIS, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: ANDREA DOBBINS, ACTING TOWN MANAGER  
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK  
COLIN BAENZIGER, BAENZIGER & ASSOCIATES FIRM (*Via Zoom*)

AUDIENCE: 15

## CALL TO ORDER – 4:30PM

## PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA - *None*

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF - *None*

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

*All Non-Agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to complete a comment card with their name and address prior to the start of the meeting as well as state their name and address for the record when called upon to speak (prior to addressing the Town Council). Town Council will not discuss these items at this time.*

*Public Comments Opened at 4:31pm.*

*Public Comments Closed at 4:32pm.*

## COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Filling of Vacant Seat #3

Mayor Wheeler passed the gavel.

**MOTION:** Wheeler made a motion to hold a two-week application period and allow individuals to fill out applications for vacant Seat #3 and schedule another Special Town Council meeting for January.

**ACTION:** Motion failed for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor Halpern returned the gavel to Mayor Wheeler.

**MOTION:** Davis made a motion to fill the seat by appointment as per the Town's charter through March 2026 and have the Council pass a moratorium on development for all commercial and multi-family zoning districts until the master plan is complete.

Mayor Wheeler passed the gavel and seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion passed 3-1 with Vice Mayor Halpern opposed.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Davis gave consensus to require that all applications for Seat #3 be submitted by December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12PM and place the item on the December 17<sup>th</sup> Agenda for discussion.

2. Selection of Town Manager

**MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to select Darren Coldwell for the position of Town Manager.

**ACTION:** The motion failed 2-2 with Mayor Wheeler and Councilmember Davis opposed.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Davis gave consensus to continue the discussion on the Selection of Town Manager at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

  
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Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

  
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Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk