



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

PRESENT: PEGGY WHEELER, MAYOR
DD HALPERN, VICE MAYOR
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM
JACOB ROSENGARTEN, COUNCILMEMBER (*Via Zoom*)
DIANA DAVIS, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY
EMILY ALVES, FINANCE DIRECTOR
MICHAEL VENTURA, FORMER FINANCE DIRECTOR
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK
FIORELLA VERDECIA, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

AUDIENCE: 13

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council gave unanimous consensus to remove Agenda Item #5 from the Consent Agenda and consider it as a regular action/discussion Item at the end of the agenda; and to move Item #9 up to Item #7.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Overview of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE)
2. Annual Contributions to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary & Loggerhead Marinelife Center

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 5:39pm.

Public Comments Closed at 5:41pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Town Council Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2024
4. Revised Pay Classification Schedule for FY 2024-2025
5. Request Approval to Contract with Extra Duty Solutions
6. Request Approval to Contract with Axon Corporation for Tasers

***MOTION:** Davis/Halpern made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS *(A Public Comment Period was provided for each item below.)*

7. 1st Budget Hearing - Approving the Tentative Millage and Budget for FY 2024-2025

Former Finance Director Ventura announced that the Town of Juno Beach General Fund has a rolled back rate of 1.7045 mills. The proposed 2024-25 millage rate of 1.8195 is a 6.75% increase above the rolled back rate. The Town proposes to adopt a tentative 2024-2025 millage rate of 1.8195 mills.

***MOTION:** Hosta/Halpern made a motion to approve the millage tax rate at 1.8195 mills which is 6.75% above the rolled-back rate of 1.7045.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Davis opposed.*

***MOTION:** Hosta/Davis made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Tentative Annual Budget of \$10,785,377.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

8. 2024 Proposed Council/Employee Holiday Party

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Hosta made a motion to approve an appreciation employee holiday party for Town Staff, Police Volunteers (10), and their significant others at Twisted Tuna, at the cost proposed; and to have the member of the Town Council pay for themselves and their significant others.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Halpern and Councilmember Davis opposed.*

9. Police Department K9 Donation

***MOTION:** Hosta/Davis made a motion to approve the donation for a Police K-9 to the Juno Beach Police Department in honor of Lew Wheeler.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Halpern and Councilmember Rosengarten opposed.*

10. Request for Site Plan Approval – Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

***MOTION:** Davis/Halpern made a motion to approve the proposed site plan extension for the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, subject to the same conditions of approval set forth in Resolution 2022-10.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

11. Contract for Building Official, Plan Review and Inspection Services

MOTION: Hosta/Davis made a motion to approve the Contract for building official, plan review, and inspection services with Diversified Building Department Management and authorize execution.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

12. Town Manager Selection Process

MOTION: Halpern/Rosengarten made a motion to enter into an agreement with Colin Baenziger & Associates to conduct the search process for the Town Manager position at a cost of \$29,500, with funds taken from contingency.

ACTION: The motion passed 3-2 with Mayor Wheeler and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta opposed.

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to conduct private interviews with the members of staff who expressed interest in the Interim Town Manager position.

13. Proposed Taste of Juno Beach Event

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff look into changing the date of the proposed event to sometime in early to mid-April on either a Tuesday or Wednesday and to reach back out to the local restaurants for their interest/input.

14. Request Approval to Contract with Extra Duty Solutions

MOTION: Davis/Hosta made a motion to approve the contract with Extra Duty Solutions as amended to define the terms "officer", "extra duty details" and have staff provide a hierarchy list but to start with their own officers first.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff bring back as a discussion item the list of priorities provided by each member of Town Council (limited to 4 items).

Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to have staff reach out to a representative from the Palm Beach County Engineering Department to request a presentation to the Town Council of proposed traffic projections for the Town at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.


Peggy Wheeler, Mayor


Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk

Provided by Resident
Jim Lyons

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Juno Beach Citizens** <juno@concernedcitizensofjunobeach.ccsend.com>
Date: Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Update: Juno Beach's Future at Risk – Your Voice Is Needed!
To: <chrisroerealestate@gmail.com>

Dear Juno Beach Neighbors,

We regret to share some troubling developments affecting our town. During the August 28th Town Council meeting, Mayor Peggy Wheeler, Council members

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ik=d8859f1d99&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f:1809563473736592316&simpl=msg-f:1809563473736592316>

1/3

Rosengarten, Diana Davis, and Mariane Hosta voted to **rezone, hand over our building codes**, and an **extremely valuable easement**, a decision worth **\$\$Millions\$\$** to the Bills Family and their partner, developer Pulte. Despite the **overwhelming public outcry and over 200+ petitions signed by residents**, our message was ignored.

What's more concerning is that Mayor Wheeler admitted to private meetings with developers and involved parties, breaking the very code she pledged to uphold. These behind-the-scenes discussions violate our community's trust and have raised serious concerns about transparency and integrity in the decision-making process.

The new code of conduct was put in place to avoid corruption, yet it seems that the very individuals responsible for enforcing these rules have disregarded them. Both Mayor Wheeler and Town Manager David Dyess emphatically denied corruption at the meeting, repeating the word **"corruption" four times**.

But what can we make of these secretive meetings that consistently benefit developers over residents?

What's at Stake?

This decision could change the face of Juno Beach forever. Our cherished small-town character is under threat as developers push for rezoning our key areas and erode our community's charm. We must act now to protect Juno Beach and hold our elected officials accountable.

How You Can Help:

- 1. Join the legal effort: We are exploring ways to appeal this reckless vote. If you would like to contribute ideas or resources, please respond to this email.**
- 2. Demand a Master Plan: A thorough master plan is essential to guide responsible development and ensure that future projects align with the vision of Juno Beach residents—not outside developers.**

VOTE HER OUT!!

Diana Davis, who voted in favor of this harmful deal, is up for re-election in March 2025. She has flip-flopped on her campaign promise. We need candidates who will stand up for the residents, not the developers. If you are passionate about preserving Juno Beach, please consider running for Town Council. ****The deadline to file is November 19, 2024.****

Marianne Hosta, who struggled to keep up with the discussion and was even **called out for interrupting the meeting by chatting on FaceTime video with her friend "Eton" during a crucial conversation about our town's future**. This behavior is inexcusable. While everyone can empathize with her concern for her ailing husband, it does not justify engaging in a conversation with a friend during an official proceeding.

Both the town and her family would be better served if she stepped down from Council to focus on her personal issues.

Instead of contributing constructively, she then launched yet another attack on the Concerned Citizens, a group simply working to protect the town we all love.

Her behavior on the dais has become a platform for bullying, not leadership.

Next Steps:

- Attend the upcoming Council meetings:

Your presence matters. Let's show the Council that we are a united front in protecting our town.

Run For Council:

The time is now to replace those who have failed us. If you're ready to step up and represent Juno Beach's true interests, pick up a candidate packet from the Town Clerk's office. Pick it up as soon as possible.

Applications are being accepted between November 5th - November 19th.

The future of Juno Beach is in your hands. Let's come together as a community to ensure that our town remains a beautiful, peaceful, and protected place for all.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our town.

Sincerely,
Your neighbors in Juno Beach

****Important Election Information:****

The next ****Municipal Election**** is Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

For details on how to become a candidate, contact the Town Clerk, Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, at (561) 656-0316 or email at ccopeland@juno-beach.fl.us.

Let's protect our town's future—together.

Qualifications for town Council: https://library.municode.com/fl/juno_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH8EL

Juno Beach Citizens | Ocean Dr. | Juno Beach, FL 33408 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!

		Yes/No	Day
AquaGrille	14121 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Captain Charlie's	12846 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	NO	
Cathy's Beach Connection	12850 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Countyline Pizzeria	875 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Garden City Café	805 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
Hurricane Café	14050 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Juno Beach Café	13967 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Juno Beach Fish House	13980 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	
Kati Asian Cuisine	815 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
Ke'e Grill	14020 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	Depends on Date	
Kirby's	841 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Matty's Gelato	867 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	
Mystic Lobster	14151 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
Nick & Johnny's Osteria	14133 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Papa Kwans	13882 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	Maybe	
New - Subs and Grub	813 Donald Ross Road, Juno Beach, FL 33408	Not open yet - check back	
Portofino Bistro	891 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
Sushi Jo	14261 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Teapots & Treasures Café	14137 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
The Vine Post	817 Donald Ross Rd, Juno Beach, FL 33408	YES	Tues/Wed
Thirsty Turtle	13981 US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408		
Willie's Pizza	14731 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408	NO	
Juno Sweets	US 1		

Month	
March/April	
Any	
Any	
Any - Not Feb 13	
Any - Not Feb 13	
Any	