



Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

5:30 PM

Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with Mayor Wilkinson presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Michael Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Tom Shelly, Commissioner Patricia Barris, Commissioner Thomas Kelly, and Commissioner Todd Jennings

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

[24-0203](#)

Florida City Government Week Proclamation

Mayor Wilkinson read proclamation into record; comment on recent storm events and thanked staff.

[24-0213](#)

Allison Daniels Promotion to Sergeant

Chief Doyle, Belleair Police Department-spoke on department; provided background on Detective Allison Daniels; 18 year tenure with Belleair; spoke on accolades.

Mayor Wilkinson thanked family in attendance.

[24-0214](#)

Recognizing Terry Williams for 40 Years of Service

Mayor Wilkinson welcomed Terry Williams to the podium; read a narrative of his family; spoke on background of service to Belleair throughout the years; personal and professional contributions.

Mayor Wilkinson presented a service award.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident spoke on flooding on Hibiscus; questioned if stormwater flooding could have been prevented; questioned if ponds on golf courses could be lowered, what can be taken to mitigate if not, what can be taken to prevent flooding and sewer backup, if a reassessment of flood zone would be needed; volunteered to serve on a committee to research.

James Beretta-resident-Spoke on flooding in Poinsettia during Milton; area not an evacuation zone or flood zone; concerned with future drainage issues.

GENERAL AGENDA

[24-0211](#)

Resolution 2024-29 Authorized Signers for Town Accounts

Thomas Trask-Town Attorney-read Resolution 2024-29 into the record by title only.

Gay Lancaster-Town Manager-stated this adds Nanette Freeman to the signatory approval list and removes Amy Lockhart.

Deputy Mayor Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2024-29 Authorized signers for Town accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Shelly, Commissioner Barris, Commissioner Kelly, and Commissioner Jennings

[24-0212](#)

Resolution 2024-30 Amending Commission Procedures Manual

Attorney Trask read Resolution 2024-30 into the record by title only.

Ms. Lancaster noted this changes the meeting time to 5:30 PM.

Deputy Mayor Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2024-30. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor Shelly, Commissioner Barris, Commissioner Kelly, and Commissioner Jennings

TOWN MANAGER AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms. Lancaster stated staff will take contact information from residents who spoke during the comments section for follow-up; spoke on staff efforts; staff performed with limited assistance, working six days a week, ongoing; thanked Commission for support; video of photos from the storms shown.

Ashley Bernal-Assistant Town Manager-provided update on pre and post storm efforts; provided volume of debris removed; rainfall amounts; thanked public works and police staff; residents who stepped up and helped.

Mayor Wilkinson stated events unprecedented, commended staff.

Commissioner Kelly commended staff and the Police Department.

Ms. Lancaster thanked Police Department as well.

Attorney Trask had nothing to report.

Commissioner Barris had nothing to add.

Deputy Mayor Shelly commended staff; spoke on flood zone insurance available in all zones; cap based on homestead.

Commissioner Jennings echoed prior comments.

Commissioner Kelly thanked staff.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, meeting adjourned in due form at 5:58 PM.

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR