



**MINUTES
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Deborah L. Tarrant called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll was called with the Commission members and staff present as listed below.

Town Commission:

Mayor Deborah L. Tarrant
Vice Mayor Irene Kirdahy

Commissioner Barbara Baldassarre
Commissioner Vicky Feaman

Town Staff:

Town Manager Mac Serda
DJ Doody, Town Attorney
Town Clerk Sherry D. Henderson, CMC

I. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion and Vote on Decorative Elements for Front of Town Hall

Mayor Tarrant noted there were construction supply issues due to COVID-19, and none of the samples were available for review. She stated that samples would be available for the July 6 meeting, thanks to borrowing samples from the show room.

Mayor Tarrant explained the necessity for bollards in front of Town Hall to meet ADA compliance requirements. She stated images of samples were included in the backup materials and asked for input.

Mr. Serda added that he had reached out to the designer for recommendations. He shared her feedback with the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the options and need for lighting or reflective material on the bollards. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to move forward with option four (4). Mayor Tarrant asked that Mr. Serda obtain a sample for the Commission to view.

II. INTERVIEW OF COMMISSION MEMBER CANDIDATES

Mayor Tarrant welcomed the candidates, noting David Ravanese was attending via Zoom and Jane Reiser was attending in person. She asked the candidates to introduce themselves and share what they would like the Commission to know about them.

A. David Ravanese

Mr. Ravanese introduced himself. He stated he had always been active in local politics and reviewed his activities and experience briefly. He stated he brought to the table honor, commitment, and a responsibility to the community. The Commissioners asked questions of Mr. Ravanese.

B. Jane Reiser

Ms. Reiser introduced herself. She shared her efforts to learn what was happening in the Town and stated she tried to be a supporter of the Town Commission because she knows they hear all the negativity and the positive things they do are often overlooked. The Commissioners asked questions of Ms. Reiser.

III. COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES AND VOTE

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kirdahy, seconded by Commissioner Feaman, to name Jane Reiser as Commissioner to fill the position left vacant by Andrew Brown. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor Tarrant stated she was fortunate to be acquainted with both candidates and noted that both would approach the position with the Town's best interest at heart. She encouraged Mr. Ravanese to step forward again for future openings.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBER

A. Resolution No. 2021-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA, TO APPOINT JANE REISER AS A COMMISSION MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH, FLORIDA TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ANDREW BROWN THROUGH THE NEXT SCHEDULED MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2022.

Mr. Doody read the Resolution by title only.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldasarre, seconded by Commissioner Feaman, to adopt Resolution 2021-28 as presented. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (4-0)

Mr. Doody administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Jane Reiser.

Commissioner Reiser joined the Town Commission and took her seat at the dais.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tarrant reminded residents that there was a public meeting on July 1 with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Mr. Serda stated the meeting would be held at the FDOT offices. He added that he was working with FDOT regarding setting up office hours at Town Hall for individual questions regarding impacts.

Mr. Doody noted that the meeting was a FDOT presentation and not a meeting of the Town Commission. He clarified participation restrictions.

Mr. Serda reviewed the process for the meeting and noted that FDOT continued to work through the logistics administratively.

Mayor Tarrant reiterated the scope of the project, including installing sidewalk on the north mile of Town, consistent marked bike lanes on both sides of the road, and raising the road on the south end of Town where flooding had been a problem for years. She stated it was important to know that the elevation change would be dramatic and driveway integration would be an important piece of the discussion. Continuing, Mayor Tarrant stated that at this point there was no drainage or pumping included in the project, which was a major problem for the Commission. She shared efforts she was making to involve State legislators. She read a statement from Representative Chip LaMarca agreeing to reach out to the appropriate person at FDOT. She stated she had not yet heard back from Senator Gary Farmer.

Vice Mayor Kirdahy discussed the history of the project and stated she and others had been clear since the beginning that pump outs would be required.

Commissioner Baldasarre asked what steps would be taken to publicly notice the presentation.

Mr. Serda stated that FDOT was sending a letter via mail and noted that the Town would follow up with an additional letter and details on the website. He noted that he did not know if the meeting would be posted in the newspaper.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kirdahy, seconded by Commissioner Baldasarre, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously. (5-0)

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

By: Deborah L. Tarrant
Deborah L. Tarrant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry D. Henderson
Sherry D. Henderson, CMC
Town Clerk