

MINUTES  
TOWN OF JUNO BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 25, 2023

Council Chambers/YouTube  
340 Ocean Drive

PRESENT: DD HALPERN, MAYOR  
ELAINE K. COTRONAKIS, VICE MAYOR  
PEGGY WHEELER, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM  
JASON HASELKORN, COUNCILMEMBER  
ALEXANDER COOKE, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: JOSEPH LO BELLO, TOWN MANAGER  
LEN RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
MATTHEW PAZANSKI, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
ANDREA DOBBINS, PROJECT COORDINATOR/RISK MANAGER  
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING  
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK  
YASMIN FAVARETTO HAMEL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

ABSENT:

Audience: 45

~ CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM  
~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
~ ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA  
(Time: 2:00 – 3:59) (TIME STAMP IS BASED OFF OF [YOUTUBE VIDEO](#))

Mayor Halpern asked to move Item #11 up to Item 7A and add a Discussion on the Town Center Patio Workshop at the end of the agenda.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler asked to move Item #12 up to Item #5A.

*Council gave consensus to move and place the above items accordingly on the agenda.*

1. SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER JOHN FRISCIA (Time: 4:00 – 9:27)  
(Chief of Police Smith & Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez)

Chief of Police Smith introduced Police Officer John Friscia.

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez swore in new police officer John Friscia.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Time: 9:28 – 28:59)  
*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 this evening. Any issues will be referred to Staff for investigation; a report will be forwarded to the Town*

*Council; and citizens will be contacted.*

Public Comments Opened at 5:37pm.

Jacob Rosengarten, 1613 E. Hemingway Dr., commented on the Town Center Patio Workshop.

Nancy Wolf, 1613 E. Hemingway Dr., commented on the Town Center Patio Workshop.

Michael Clarjen-Arconada, 70 Celestial Way, commented on transparency.

Steve Pinard, 370 Apollo Drive, expressed his opposition to the Town Center Patio project.

Steve Allen, 451 Olympus Drive, expressed his opposition to the Town Center Patio project.

David Cox, 911 Ocean Drive, inquired about the U-Turn Sign on U.S. 1 and Donald Ross Road to head north. He also recommended designating Mars Way a one-way street and having a 70-year anniversary for the Town.

Stuart Katz, 900 Ocean Drive, expressed his concerns with Mayor Halpern and provided his comments for the record (*see attached*).

Jim Lyons, 451 Apollo Drive, expressed his concern on a biased, non-factual blog that was written about him by resident Marianne Hosta last month.

Marianne Hosta, 500 Ocean Drive, questioned Mr. Lyons about the blog and commented on her candidacy for Town Council Seat #1.

Mayor Halpern asked Mr. Lyons and Ms. Hosta to take their conversation outside.

Katherine Pinard, 370 Apollo Drive, expressed her concern regarding how the meeting was being conducted.

Public Comments Closed at 5:57pm.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*Time: 29:00 – 30:15*)

*All matters listed under Item 3, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- A. Consider approving the December 14, 2022, Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Special Event Request – 2023 National Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride
- C. Special Event Request – Art Fest by the Sea in Juno Beach
- D. Special Event Request - Turtlefest
- E. Resolution No. 2023-01 – Requesting Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency to Prioritize Funding for Multimodal Improvements to U.S. Highway One Right-Of-Way

With regard to Consent Item E, Vice Mayor Cotronakis and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler

stated for the record that they were present at the Multimodal Workshop that was held by the TPA at the Town of Jupiter.

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Wheeler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.*

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

4. **APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE (REQUEST TO CONTINUE TO USE VACANT PARCEL LOCATED AT 12860 US HIGHWAY 1 AS SUPPLEMENTAL OFF-SITE PARKING FOR BEACH PLAZA** (Time: 30:16 – 50:34)  
(Director of Planning & Zoning Davila)

A. Swearing in of Witnesses

Town Attorney Rubin swore in all parties wishing to give testimony.

B. Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

Town Attorney Rubin asked the Council if they had any ex parte communications to disclose.

Vice Mayor Cotronakis and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler disclosed communications with the applicant.

C. Staff Presentation

Principal Planner Thompson went over the memorandum and asked Council to hold their questions until the applicant has presented.

D. Applicant Presentation

Robert Burson, applicant's representative, went over the proposal and asked Council if they had any questions.

Anthony Ferreira, applicant/owner, explained the proposal and asked Council if they had any questions.

Cathy Murphy, Owner of Cathy's Beach Connection, expressed her support for the Special Exception.

E. Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened at 6:10pm.

Anne Bosso, 765 Hibiscus Avenue, expressed her support for the Special Exception.

Ms. Wolf expressed her support for the Special Exception.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:13pm.

F. Council Discussion

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff, Mr. Burson, and Mr. Ferriera questions on this item.

G. Council Action

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to approve the Special Exception Use of the property for supplemental off-site parking for Beach Plaza with the conditions recommended by staff, with the additional conditions that the special exception terminate if there is a change in ownership and that the parking lot not be used for any purpose other than temporary off-site parking for Beach Plaza.*

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

5. **FPL PRESENTATION TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING OR UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRIC UTILITIES** (Time: 50:35 – 1:30:40)  
(Project Coordinator/Risk Manager Dobbins)

Don Kiselewski, Executive Director of FPL, introduced his team, went over a presentation (see attached), and asked Council if they had any questions.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked Mr. Kiselewski, his team, and staff questions on this item.

Public Comments Opened at 6:44pm.

Ms. Bosso asked Mr. Kiselewski questions on this item.

Mr. Clarjen-Arconada inquired about the safety of overhead transmission lines.

Thomas Bradford, 44 Chestnut Trail, Tequesta, provided his opinion on this proposal.

John Stelluto, 401 Sunset Way, expressed his concern on the proposal and staff.

Public Comments Closed at 6:55pm.

Mayor Halpern asked Council for a consensus to have a workshop on this item.

*Council gave consensus to wait until after they receive information on the legislative appropriation request.*

5A. **JUNO BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION ANNUAL UPDATE** (Time: 1:30:41 – 1:53:32)  
(Per the request of Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler)

Tom Murphy, President of the Juno Beach Police Foundation, went over a presentation (see attached) and asked Council if they had any questions.

Lew Wheeler, Vice President of the Juno Beach Police Foundation, praised both Mr. Murphy, Mr. Luther, and Chief of Police Smith for all their hard work on behalf of the foundation.

Council thanked Mr. Murphy and the Juno Beach Police Foundation for the support and the Foundation's efforts on behalf the Town.

*Mayor Halpern recessed the meeting at 7:21pm.*

*Mayor Halpern reconvened the meeting at 7:29pm.*

6. **TOWN MANAGER SEARCH UPDATE: RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES** (Time: 2:01:25 – 2:25:49)  
(Colin Baenziger & Associates)

Lynelle Klein, Vice President for Operations at Colin Baenziger & Associates, went over the process for the selection of candidates and asked Council if they had any questions.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked Ms. Klein and Mr. Baenziger questions on this item.

Council ranked the candidates (*see attached ranking sheet*).

*Council gave consensus to have the February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm Reception with the Town Manager Candidates open to the Public.*

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez confirmed with Council that the reception will be noticed like a public meeting.

Council thanked all the candidates who applied for the position.

7. & 7A. **KAGAN PARK EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND DISCUSSION ON ELIMINATING RUBBER MULCH AT KAGAN PARK PLAYGROUND** (Time: 2:25:50 – 2:56:25)  
(Project Coordinator/Risk Manager Dobbins)

Project Coordinator/Risk Manager Dobbins went over the memorandum and asked Council if they had any questions.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff questions on both Items 7 and 7A.

*Council gave consensus to conduct a Workshop on Kagan Park on April 26, 2023, at 3:30pm.*

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez clarified that the workshop will be called the Kagan Park Workshop.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 760 – ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE** (Time: 2:56:26 – 2:59:01)  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH,**

**FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, “FLORIDA BUILDING CODE,” OF CHAPTER 6, “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,” OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SECTION 6-24, “ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS,” AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 6-24 TO READOPT AMENDMENTS PROVIDING FOR A TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND WORK COMMENCED BEFORE PERMIT ISSUANCE AND ADOPT A NEW AMENDMENT FOR PERMIT VALUATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*(Director of Planning & Zoning Davila)*

A. Town Attorney to Read Ordinance Title

Town Attorney Rubin read the Ordinance Title.

B. Staff Presentation

Director of Planning & Zoning Davila went over the memorandum and asked Council if they had any questions.

C. Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened at 8:26pm.

Public Hearing Closed at 8:26pm.

D. Council Discussion

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff questions on this item.

E. Council Action

***MOTION: Haselkorn/Cotronakis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 760 on second reading.***

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

9. **UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHARRETTE FOR ARCHITECTURAL STYLES** *(Time: 2:59:02 – 3:35:09)*

*(Director of Planning & Zoning Davila)*

Director of Planning & Zoning Davila went over the memorandum and asked Council if they had any questions.

Public Comments Opened at 8:30pm.

Ms. Bosso recommended asking Town residents who are architects if they would consult with the Town for free.

Public Comments Closed at 8:30pm.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff questions on this item.

Mr. Stelluto commented on the uniqueness of the Town.

Ms. Bosso continued to comment on this item.

Mr. Bradford provided his opinion on gathering consultants for a charrette.

Council continued to discuss and ask staff questions on this item.

***MOTION:** Haselkorn/Cooke made a motion to proceed with retaining George Gentile & Associates as the urban planner to moderate the charette at a cap of \$5,000 and to retain the services of an architect at a cap of \$10,000 and to waive the bidding process as not advantageous.*

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

Director of Planning & Zoning Davila stated that he will bring an update to Council at the next meeting.

10. **DISCUSSION ON PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
ADDING DISCUSSION ITEMS TO AGENDAS** (Time: 3:35:10 – 3:42:45)  
(Director of Planning & Zoning Davila)

Director of Planning & Zoning Davila went over the memorandum and asked Council if they had any questions.

Council reviewed, discussed, and asked staff questions on this item.

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cooke made a motion to approve the process recommended by Staff and the Planning & Zoning Board.*

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

11. **DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN CENTER PATIO WORKSHOP** (Time: 3:42:46 – 3:52:02)  
(Per the request of Council)

Mayor Halpern asked Council for a consensus to not move forward with the Town Center Patio project.

Councilmember Cooke and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler agreed with Mayor Halpern to not move forward with the project.

*Council gave consensus to not move forward with the project.*

Councilmember Haselkorn disagreed.

Vice Mayor Cotronakis stated that the consensus should lie with revisiting and modifying the project.

Council continued to discuss this item.

Aldo Rovere, Uno Lago, suggested that Council rewrite the grant application.

12. **COMMENTS FROM TOWN MANAGER** (Time: 3:52:03 – 3:52:05) - None

13. **COMMENTS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY** (Time: 3:52:06 – 3:52:09) - None

14. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF** (Time: 3:52:10 – 3:53:08)

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez announced that the Town will be placing items in upcoming surplus auctions on Govdeals.com. She also went over upcoming event and meeting dates.

15. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** (Time: 3:53:09 – 4:06:08)

Mayor Halpern confirmed with staff that the Mars Way Traffic Study took place this week. She inquired about having a monthly Coffee with the Council event.

Council discussed and agreed with the idea of having a monthly Council event.

Mayor Halpern stated that she will bring the item back up for discussion at the next meeting.

*Council gave consensus to start having this type of event starting in March.*

Mayor Halpern inquired about seeking a legislative appropriation for the Celestial Way drainage improvements project.

Town Manager Lo Bello explained that grants have a better success rate.

Mayor Halpern confirmed that a grant application had been submitted for the drainage improvements for Celestial Way. She also inquired about the Complete Streets Policy.

Town Manager Lo Bello stated that staff is still working on it.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Wheeler thanked the Juno Beach Historical Society for the Celestial Railroad event. She inquired about the status of the Veteran's memorial. She also stated that there would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cichlid Rodeo Roundup event and indicated that she would like to place the discussion on the process for appointing Planning & Zoning Board members on the next agenda.

Councilmember Cooke thanked staff and the Juno Beach Police Foundation for the Night Out Against Crime event.

Mayor Halpern addressed Mr. Katz's public comment.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** (*Time: 4:06:09 – 4:06:20*)

Mayor Halpern adjourned the meeting at 9:34pm.

*Minutes Approved on February 22, 2023.*