

MINUTES  
TOWN OF JUNO BEACH  
**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 28, 2023**  
Council Chambers/[YouTube](#)  
340 Ocean Drive

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

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER  
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK  
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING  
MICHAEL A. VENTURA, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
ANDREA DOBBINS, PROJECT COORDINATOR/RISK MANAGER  
YASMIN HAMEL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

ABSENT:

Audience: 40

**CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

*Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, Councilmember Cotronakis, and Councilmember Halpern gave consensus to move Item #10 up to Item #9.*

**PRESENTATIONS** (Time: 8:49 – 22:44)

1. Swearing in New Police Officer Robert Espinosa
2. Council-Manager Milestone Recognition – 35 Years
3. Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Annual Update

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** (Time: 22:45 – 51:59)

*Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff look into options on renaming or renumbering beach access #16; have a review on additional crosswalks placed on an upcoming agenda; send a letter to FPL inquiring about being moved up on the undergrounding utilities program list and have all of Council sign; have staff prepare a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day; and place Comments from Staff and Town Attorney at the beginning of the Agenda and Comments from Council at the end.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** (Time: 52:00 – 1:09:21)

*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. Comments needing a reply*

*will be referred to Staff for research; a report will be forwarded to the Town Council; and citizens will be contacted.*

Public Comments Opened at 6:14 pm.

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez read comments into the record (*see attached*).

Nancy Wolf, 1613 E Hemingway Dr, commented on Kagan Park.

Charles Hollings, 1679 Pleasant Dr, expressed his concern with The Waterford.

Nancy Lodise, 1865 Pleasant Dr, expressed her concern with The Waterford.

Cynthia Frasher, Floral Dr, expressed her concerns on the proposal for the Christmas tree lot.

Red Dunn, 440 Sunset Way, expressed his support for a citizen group for Kagan Park.

Bianca Cooke, 400 Seaside Lane, commented on the resident meeting for Kagan Park.

Public Comments Closed at 6:31pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (*Time: 1:09:22 – 1:10:14*)

4. Consider approving the May 24, 2023, Kagan Park Workshop Minutes (*Amended*)
5. Consider approving the May 24, 2023, Town Council Meeting Minutes
6. Consider approving the May 31, 2023, Goal Planning Workshop Report
7. Consider approving the May 31, 2023, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
8. Resolution No. 2023-10 – CivicPlus Agenda & Meeting Software Program Services Agreement (*Amended – taking funding from impact fees instead of contingency.*)

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

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

**COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS** (*Time: 1:10:15 – 4:33:54*)

9. Request for Proposal – Universe Blvd Drainage Improvement Project

***MOTION:*** *Wheeler/Halpern made a motion to have the stakeholders not be assessed for the Universe Boulevard Drainage Project.*

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

***MOTION:*** *Halpern/Hosta made a motion to enter into an agreement with CK Contractors & Development, Inc. to complete the Universe Boulevard Drainage Project at a cost not to exceed \$3,043,504.50; with funding from the Resilient Florida grant in the amount of \$1,050,000 and the balance from reserves.*

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

10. FY 2023-2024 Budget Planning Session

*This item was just an update for Council, no action needed at this time.*

11. Funding Request for Removal of FPL Poles along Universe Blvd

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Wheeler made a motion to approve payment to Florida Power and Light in the amount of \$23,586.72 to remove the streetlights on Universe Boulevard for the drainage improvement project utilizing funds from contingency until final project disbursement has been determined by Council.*

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

12. Public Hearing & First Reading on Ordinance No. 765 – Site Area Development Modification Option – Residential Use

***MOTION:** Wheeler/Cotronakis made a motion to obtain professional input/analysis on this matter.*

***ACTION:** The motion failed 2-3 with Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Halpern opposed.*

***MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 725 on first reading.*

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

13. Public Hearing & First Reading on Ordinance No. 767 – 2024 Municipal Election – Date Change

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Wheeler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 767 on first reading.*

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

14. Auditor Selection Committee

*Council gave unanimous consensus to have Mayor Cooke serve on the Auditor Selection Committee as Chair.*

*Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Cotronakis gave consensus to consider resident John Troxel for the Auditor Selection Committee.*

***MOTION:** Cotronakis/Halpern made a motion to initiate an Auditor Selection Committee that includes the Finance Director for Seacoast Utility Authority, Mayor Cooke, Ellen Andel, Michael Moll, James Papadacos, and Leonard Tylka, with Finance Director Ventura as an advisor.*

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

15. FY 2023-2024 Town Events

*Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Hosta, and Councilmember Cotronakis gave consensus to replace the proposed Holiday Parade on December 1<sup>st</sup> to a combined Christmas by the Lake and Hanukkah Celebration called Holiday Party by the Lake.*

*Council gave unanimous consensus to remove the proposed August End of Summer Bashes from the list and proceed with the remaining events for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.*

16. Retirement Party Options for Former Town Manager Lo Bello & Finance Director Pazanski

***MOTION:*** *Halpern/Hosta made a motion to have a public party at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.*

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

17. Discussion on Kagan Park Playground Equipment

*Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, and Councilmember Halpern gave consensus to have staff obtain options for the Kagan Park Playground Equipment from Kompan and an additional vendor; and conduct a Workshop with the Public on August 24, 2023, at 3pm.*

18. Sea Turtle-Friendly Streetlights

***MOTION:*** *Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to move this item to the July meeting.*

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

**COMMENTS FROM TOWN MANAGER** (Time: 4:33:55 – 4:34:56)

*Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, Councilmember Cotronakis, and Councilmember Halpern gave consensus to separate from the Juno Beach Historical Society as they are becoming their own Florida Non-Profit Corporation (Federal 501(c)(3) Status).*

**COMMENTS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY** (Time: 4:34:57 – 4:35:14)

Town Attorney Rubin provided an update on legislative Senate Bill 250.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF** (Time: 4:35:15 - 4:35:39) - None

Mayor Cooke introduced the new Finance Director Michael A. Ventura.

**ADJOURNMENT** (Time: 4:35:40 – 4:35:45)

Mayor Cooke adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.

***Minutes Approved on July 26, 2023.***