



**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, March 38, 2023
6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR CHRIS VINCENT

Mayor Chris Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Edmund Malkoon, Commissioner Alfred “Buz” Oldaker, Commissioner Theo Pouloupoulos, Commissioner Randy Strauss, Town Manager Linda Connors, Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen, Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach, Assistant to the Town Manager Courtney Easley, Director of Budget and Finance Lucila Lang, Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell, and Town Clerk Katrina Adler.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. INVOCATION

Rabbi Bentzion Singer gave the Invocation. Afterward, all present observed a moment of silence in response to the lives lost in Nashville, Tennessee.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Vincent read a Proclamation recognizing Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. A tree planting event will be held in the Town on that date beginning at 10 a.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment.

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Ina Marjakangas, owner of Coast Boutique, expressed concern with the continued use of barricades in the Downtown area to facilitate outdoor dining. The barricades and additional street furniture impede the accessibility and visibility of her retail business. She requested that the Town Commission consider allowing her a sandwich board sign to advertise her business, or that they meet with her and discuss other potential solutions.

With no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Vincent closed public comment.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

a. AMR February 2023 Report

Commissioner Strauss made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Malkoon, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

b. BSO February 2023 Report

Captain Tom Palmer of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) stated that Deputy James Goodwin was named Deputy of the Month for February 2023 in recognition of his apprehension of a thief. He continued that BSO's spring break operation has concluded with no incidents reported.

Commissioner Oldaker requested an update on BSO activities on Seagrape Drive. Captain Palmer advised that BSO has conducted speed surveys near this roadway and has placed a speed sign on Seagrape Drive, which monitors vehicle speeds and provides traffic counts. This assists BSO in their traffic enforcement efforts. The average speed on Seagrape Drive was 18 miles per hour (mph), and the highest speed captured was 37 mph. He concluded that he would attach a summary of this effort to his monthly BSO report.

Commissioner Oldaker asked what residents along Seagrape Drive could do to qualify that roadway for speed bumps or other traffic calming measures. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach noted that there are already speed bumps on Seagrape Drive. He was not certain there was the capacity to install more of these. Captain Palmer added that when considering speed bumps, BSO looks at traffic crashes and vehicle speeds in the area, as does Broward County. He noted that the average speed is approximately 10 mph below the posted speed limit.

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Town Manager Linda Connors added that the Town has a policy for the request of speed humps; however, this does not mean that these devices will be installed in every neighborhood that requests them. County approval is also required, and the Commission will need to decide whether or not they wish to install speed humps during the upcoming budget process.

Mayor Vincent commented that the blocking of intersections when the bridge is up continues to place an inordinate burden on north/south traffic. He asked if there could be visible BSO activity at these locations. Captain Palmer replied that this can be done. Town Manager Connors added that the Town can reach out through social media on this issue as well.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

c. VFD February 2023 Report

Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strauss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

a. Town Manager Report for March 28, 2023

Town Manager Connors reported that Broward County plans to apply for a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The County has requested a letter of support from each of its municipalities. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to provide this letter on behalf of the Town.

Town Manager Connors continued that the Town has signed a contract with microtransit provider Circuit. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to brand the new vehicle as Circuit-By-The-Sea. The vehicle will be wrapped and branded.

Town Manager Connors stated that the Commission's next two meetings are scheduled for April 11 and April 25, 2023. An ethics training session is scheduled for April 25 as well.

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Vice Mayor Malkoon asked when the Downtown project is expected to begin. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach replied that pavers have been ordered and are expected to arrive by May. He expected a clearer time frame could be identified within the next week or so, with the goal of completing the project before the next tourist season.

Vice Mayor Malkoon asked if the Town could accommodate the concerns raised during Public Comment by allowing Coast Boutique to place a sign on the sidewalk through the end of the season until construction begins. Town Manager Connors explained that the proposed off-premise signage, which is prohibited by Code, was requested in an area with high pedestrian traffic. Mayor Vincent observed that if off-premise signage is permitted for one business, this could create an unwanted precedent of allowing businesses to use signs that do not comply with Code.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen reported that a great deal of proposed legislation is currently moving through the Florida Legislature. Many of these bills would preempt home rule in Florida municipalities.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes:

- **2-28-23 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
- **3-14-23 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Strauss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Sea Glass Beach Place 4245 N. Ocean Drive Request for Development Order Extension 2022-SP-01

Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell recalled that in October 2022, the Commission was presented with a Site Plan for 4245 N. Ocean Drive, which will be redeveloped into a three-unit property. One condition of the development order was the requirement to secure a building permit within six months. Due to this time frame, the development order was set to expire on April 6, 2023.

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The Applicant has submitted a request to extend their development order to allow for another year in which to obtain a building permit. This one-time request is permissible under Town Code. The Applicant has made progress on the site's development, including an application for a demolition permit. The Applicant is also seeking a right-of-way permit to close the sidewalk in the area, as it will be redirected and will require an easement. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strauss, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Strauss reminded all present of the Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry, which will be held on the weekend of March 24, 2023 at the Plunge Hotel.

Mayor Vincent wished all residents a happy Easter and Passover. The Community Church will host a sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

15. ORDINANCES 1ST READING

None.

16. ORDINANCES 2ND READING

None.

17. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resolution 2023-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A WORK

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**AUTHORIZATION WITH MAN-CON, INCORPORATED FOR
EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER LATERAL POINT REPAIRS;
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE
AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach stated that one aspect of the Town's relining program is the identification of laterals that require rehabilitation. Two of these laterals on El Mar Drive require repair before they can be lined.

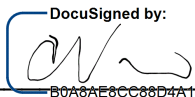
Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Poulopoulos, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

18. QUASI JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

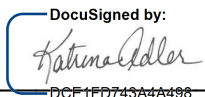
19. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Mayor Chris Vincent

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Town Clerk

4/21/2023

Date