



**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR CHRIS VINCENT

Mayor Chris Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell, Director of Budget and Finance Lucila Lang, Assistant Finance Director Edner Saint-Jean, Senior Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Katie Anderson, and Town Clerk Katrina Adler.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. INVOCATION

All present observed a moment of silence.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation recognizing Armilio Bien-Aime for 25 years of service.

Mayor Vincent read a Proclamation in honor of Armilio Bien-Aime, who has served the Town as Director of the Community Center for 25 years.

b. Citizen Observer Patrol Annual Awards and Promotions

Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) Captain Bill Wesolowski explained that Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) is a BSO program in which Lauderdale-By-The-Sea citizens volunteer

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their time to patrol the Town and provide increased visibility for public safety. In 2023, COP members volunteered for a total of 1118 hours.

Captain Wesolowski presented awards and promotions to the following COP members:

- Pamela Roberts
- Art Jackson
- Joe Frascatore
- Tom Crique
- Bill Johansen

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

a. BSO January 2024 Public Safety Report

Captain Wesolowski recalled that at a previous meeting, a resident had expressed concern regarding traffic near Benihana restaurant. BSO put a selective traffic enforcement program (STEP) into effect specifically for West Tradewinds Avenue in front of the restaurant from January 10-31, 2024. As a result, 67 individual citations were issued, most of which were for making an illegal left turn from the restaurant onto Commercial Boulevard. BSO also issued 14 warnings and made one arrest during this enforcement period, and a message board sign was deployed to deter parking, stopping, or standing in the street.

Captain Wesolowski also addressed spring break enforcement, which is planned for the month of March each year. Extended additional patrols will be in effect every Saturday and Sunday, including dedicated beach patrols and establishment of an emergency lane on the beach. They will also increase the Downtown enhanced visibility detail, particularly on weekend nights and during the St. Patrick's Day holiday. A regional traffic unit will assist with traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Oldaker noted that the city of Miami is raising parking fees and closing sidewalk cafés during the spring break period, and asked if this is expected to have an effect on the larger region. Captain Wesolowski advised that BSO typically works with

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Fort Lauderdale to learn what their patrols will include and how they may affect Broward County. He did not anticipate conditions in Miami to affect all of South Florida.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment.

Ann Marchetti, resident, requested that Town Staff consider encouragement of composting as a means for residents to reduce waste. Compost could be collected by the Town and provided to Public Works Staff as well as the Garden Club.

Ms. Marchetti continued that she did not understand why glass recycling is not an option in the Town when it is done in other Broward municipalities, and requested that this be reconsidered in the future.

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

a. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Linda Connors reminded all present that the League of Women Voters of Broward County will hold a Candidates Forum before the March 19, 2024 municipal elections. The Forum will be held in Jarvis Hall on March 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. Individuals with questions for the candidates are asked to submit them directly to info@LWVBroward.org no later than Friday, March 1 by 5 p.m.

Town Manager Connors continued that the Town has expanded its recycling program and updated its recycling flier. This information will be sent to residents via email and included in the Town's social media accounts.

The Town is responsible for maintaining its Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) street lighting infrastructure in exchange for a yearly payment from FDOT per pole to help defray costs. This payment, which totals \$34,384, was not received in 2023. Florida State Senator Jason Pizzo's office contacted the utility to assist in resolving this issue.

Upcoming meetings and events include:

- March 12: regular Town Commission meeting
- March 19: general election

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- April 2: regular Town Commission meeting (rescheduled from March 26)

Vice Mayor Malkoon addressed recycling, requesting additional information on why glass recycling is not available. Town Manager Connors explained that glass currently has a negative recycling value. While the Town may recycle glass, this would come at a cost to the public.

Vice Mayor Malkoon asked for clarification of the cost of recycling glass, noting that donations may be available to cover some of this cost. Town Manager Connors replied that Staff would look into this further.

Vice Mayor Malkoon concluded that there is a company which recycles cooking oil for use as fertilizer, and suggested that this could be an option to be used toward the maintenance of Town properties.

Commissioner Oldaker advised that the regional Solid Waste Committee, which is working on different ways to address recycling in Broward County over the long term, is also looking into the possibility of recycling glass. In addition, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is exploring concepts for the use of glass in asphalt.

b. Visitor Center Q4 FY2024 Report: October-December 2023

Assistant to the Town Manager Courtney Easley reported that during this time period, the Visitor Center saw 880 visitors. The Center is currently selling 75th anniversary merchandise, as is Town Hall. The Town will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Visit Florida* magazine.

The Visitor Center provides a bin in which beach toys are stored for use by beachgoers. A Little Free Library will also be implemented at the Center so residents and visitors can pick up and drop off books at no cost.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2024

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution 2024-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GIASPACE, INC. FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM WITH TWO OPTIONAL TWO-YEAR RENEWALS; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION, IMPLEMENTATION, CONFLICTS, AND 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 recalled that Giaspace was awarded the contract for technology services through the request for proposal (RFP) process in 2012, 2015, and 2021. While contracts typically include optional renewals, no such option was included in the Resolution approving the 2021 contract. This resulted in the contract's expiration sooner than planned.

Town Staff recognized that Giaspace, Inc. has been an integral part of the Town since 2012. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach advised that he reached out to the president of the company to determine how the contract could be extended. The result of these negotiations was a four-year contract with two additional terms at the current rate.

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

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14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Oldaker recognized Town Staff and State Senator Jason Pizzo for their work in securing the payment from FDOT. He also encouraged residents and businesses to reach out to the Commission and Staff with any suggestions or concepts related to the topics discussed at tonight's Special Meeting.

Commissioner Strauss noted that traffic has increased in recent weeks, and encouraged residents to act safely.

Mayor Vincent expressed concern with mailings distributed in the Town which disparage him as well as other individuals he has endorsed for office. He asserted that these actions are divisive, illegal, and intellectually irresponsible, and urged residents to look into these materials and use common sense when voting in the March 19, 2024 election.

15. ORDINANCES 1ST READING

None.

16. ORDINANCES 2ND READING

None.

17. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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 7:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. R.', is written above a horizontal line.

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Mayor Edmund Malkoon

ATTEST:



Katrina Adler, Town Clerk

4/15/2024 | 6:40 AM PDT

Date