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TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, April 2, 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 Poulopoulos, 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, and Senior Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Katie Anderson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. INVOCATION

Rabbi Bentzion Singer gave the Invocation.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Vincent requested that Public Comment be postponed until after the new Town Commission has been seated.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Vincent invited Commissioner Oldaker to make any remarks at this time.

Commissioner Oldaker stated that all he has done during his tenure on the Commission was intended for the benefit of the Town, and emphasized the importance of public involvement in Town affairs and business. He thanked all present for the privilege of serving Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

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Mayor Vincent also thanked the Town's residents for their trust and support. He recognized the ongoing contributions of Town Staff as well as first responders, and thanked his family for their support as well.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

None.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Certification of Election Results

Assistant to the Town Manager/Acting Town Clerk Courtney Easley stated that, pursuant to the Town Charter, the Town held an election on March 19, 2024 to elect the Town Mayor At-Large, Town Commissioner District 1/Seat 3, and Town Commissioner District 2/Seat 4. The results of the Town Election have been canvassed by the Broward County Canvassing Board in accordance with Section 102.141.

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Today the Town received its certified election results from the Broward County Supervisor of Elections' Office. The results are as follows:

- Mayor At-Large: Edmund Malkoon received 765 votes, Ann Marchetti 666 votes, and Buz Oldaker 470 votes
- Commission District 1/Seat 3: Howard Goldberg received 778 votes, and John A. Graziano received 1093 votes
- Commissioner District 2/Seat 4: Ken Brenner received 727 votes, and Richard DeNapoli received 1142 votes

Staff recommends that the Commission formally accept the election results of the March 19, 2024 municipal election as provided by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

The Commissioners accepted the election results by unanimous consensus.

b. Oath of Office

Assistant to the Town Manager/Acting Town Clerk Easley continued that, pursuant to Section 2-61 of the Town Code, every official of the Town shall, before entering the duties of office, take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation to be filed and kept in office by the Town Clerk. The newly elected officials will take the Oath of Office to fulfill the obligations of Code.

At this time Mayor-elect Edmund Malkoon was sworn into office as Mayor, and Commissioners-elect Richard DeNapoli and John Graziano were sworn into office as Commissioners. The new Mayor and Commissioners were seated at the dais.

Mayor Malkoon thanked Commissioner Oldaker and Mayor Vincent for their service to the community, and thanked the Town's residents for the trust they have placed in him as Mayor. He outlined some of the initiatives he hoped the Town to adopt going forward, including updates to the Strategic and Comprehensive Plans, establishment of a Charter Review Board, updating of landscape Code, and review of fee schedules.

Commissioner DeNapoli thanked the Mayor and his fellow and outgoing Commissioners, as well as the Town's voters and those who assisted him in seeking office.

Commissioner Graziano thanked the Town's residents and voters for the privilege of public service. He stated that he was in favor of full transparency and home rule by Town government and Staff, as well as infrastructure improvements and traffic calming

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measures. He encouraged all members of the community to participate in the budget process.

Commissioner Poulopoulos congratulated the new Mayor and Commissioners, as well as the individuals who ran for office but did not win their elections, as they were participants in the democratic process. He urged all residents to be engaged in Town business.

Commissioner Strauss congratulated the new Mayor and Commissioners and recognized former Mayor Vincent and former Commissioner Oldaker for their leadership, character, and direction. He looked forward to the next two years.

c. Personal Code of Conduct for the Town Commission

Assistant to the Town Manager/Acting Town Clerk Easley explained that in 2010, the Town Commission established a Code of Conduct for themselves, which was first signed in July of that year. Since that time, whenever a new Commission is seated, every Commissioner has signed the Code of Conduct and agreed to abide by it.

The Mayor and Commissioners signed the Personal Code of Conduct at this time.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time Mayor Malkoon opened public comment.

Bob Fleischman, resident, congratulated former Mayor Vincent and former Commissioner Oldaker on their retirement and thanked them for their service to the Town. He briefly reviewed some of the business that has come before the Commission during their tenure, including infrastructure improvements, outsourcing of emergency services, expanded parking, and renovated the Downtown area, among others. He welcomed the new Mayor and Commissioners as well.

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

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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Mayor Malkoon recommended that the Commission hold an organizational meeting immediately prior to the April 9, 2024 regular Commission meeting. The Commissioners agreed to this proposal by consensus.

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 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Edmund Malkoon
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ATTEST:

Katrina Adler
_____ 5/2/2024 | 6:15 AM PDT
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Katrina Adler, Town Clerk Date