



**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 N. Ocean Drive
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR EDMUND MALKOON

Mayor Edmund Malkoon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Randy Strauss, Commissioner Richard DeNapoli, Commissioner John A. Graziano, Commissioner Theo Pouloupoulos (by phone), Town Manager Linda Connors, Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Assistant to the Town Manager Courtney Easley, Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell, Assistant Development Services Director Terry-Ann Boyd, Events and Marketing Manager Katie Anderson, and Town Clerk Katrina Adler.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. INVOCATION

Rabbi Benzion Singer gave the Invocation.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Sanitary Sewer Fund Presentation

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Ken Rubach gave a presentation on the Town's Sanitary Sewer Fund. This is an Enterprise Fund, which means all money collected from sewer rates goes into the Fund. No millage rate money goes into this Fund.

The Town's system is divided, with the half of the system south of Pine Avenue belonging to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and the northern half belonging to Pompano Beach, which sets its own rates.

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The Fund pays for the transportation and treatment of wastewater, which is any water from a household that goes down a drain. Wastewater is transported and treated before it is discharged into a body of water. The Town currently collects sewer fees through water billing from the south side of Town. These include a fixed rate, which is paid monthly and funds Broward County's wastewater treatment plant, and a volumetric rate, which is determined based upon use. The Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund is typically used toward large capital expenses or emergencies.

The budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 shows that 62.85% of the sewer budget is fixed. These numbers are passed on to the Town from Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Broward County. Fixed costs include maintenance of lift stations, transportation of wastewater through pipes, and treatment of wastewater. Costs determined by the Town include salaries and capital projects, such as the ongoing sanitary sewer lining project.

The fixed rate has increased substantially since FY 2018. It was \$16,000 at that time and is currently \$35,100. This is the price paid by the Town each month, regardless of usage, which represents an increase of over 90% since FY 2018. Volumetric rates have increased by 95% per 1000 gallons, which is an increase of approximately \$139,000 per year, or 45.5%.

The Town's budget and expenditures are not synchronized with respect to wastewater. Expenditures have currently exceeded revenues. There is also a contingency amount set aside annually in case of emergency.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach advised that the fixed rate continues to grow due to increasing "pass-through" expenses as well as current regulations for wastewater, which requires significant investment from Broward County and Pompano Beach. Broward County is expected to make extensive upgrades to its treatment plant in the future, which will raise the fixed rate even more. The Town used its reserve funds in the past fiscal year to supplement revenue; should this continue, they will run out of reserves within five to seven years.

The proposed rate going forward is a 25% increase for single-family and commercial buildings, which will cost roughly \$3 more per month. For multi-family buildings, this increases to \$3.65 per month. Both are in addition to the consumption rates, which will increase by \$2.04 per month. Residents who are using the most water can expect an increase of approximately \$23 per month, while typical users will see an increase of roughly \$13.

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Florida Statutes outline the process for increasing rates, which includes:

- Notifying customers through their water bill and postcard mailings
- An Ordinance will be placed on the Town Commission Agenda

The Town will work with Fort Lauderdale to implement the new rates

Mayor Malkoon recalled that Fort Lauderdale increased its rates in September 2024, and asked why the Town was only now implementing an increase. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach replied that he was not familiar with Fort Lauderdale's implementation or billing processes.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked how often rate changes are presented to the Town. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach explained that the Town receives an annual number, which up until last year was sufficient to pay its bills as well as allow a small amount to be placed in reserve. The Town's usage decreased by roughly \$100,000 in the previous year, which also affected how much money was collected.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked what can cause rates to increase or decrease. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach advised that the Town uses a formula supplied by Broward County which reflects the cost of the Town's capacity and treatment at their plants. They also receive a formula from Pompano Beach to determine the cost of maintaining lift stations and transporting wastewater by force main.

Commissioner DeNapoli also requested more information on increases in relation to consumption rates. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach stated that these increases are intended to allow the Town to build up more reserves. Staff is very conservative in determining these numbers in order to lessen the impact of increases. The Town has no pricing power over Fort Lauderdale or Pompano Beach.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked why an instrument such as a continuing resolution could not be used to keep up with changes. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach recalled that before FY 2019, a series of increases were made over five years. This changed after 2019 due to several circumstances, including the COVID-19 pandemic. He agreed that it would make sense for the Town to return to building in increases over a period of time.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach suggested that Staff could budget in yearly increases on a specific calendar date. Commissioner DeNapoli stated that he would like this to be a pass-through number rather than an artificial estimate. Deputy

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Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach explained that the current process by which the amount is presented to the Commission for a vote is the only way to make this change. This is only necessary when the Town needs additional revenue.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked if money in the Sanitary Sewer Fund is invested in a high-yield account. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach confirmed this.

Commissioner Graziano expressed concern that the Town has no role in the establishment of fees, and asked if the Town could find out when increases are being calculated in advance so they can prepare for the change. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach replied that per the Town's agreement with the providing municipality, they are informed of this increase in December of each year. He was not familiar with when Fort Lauderdale's process determines the amount of the change. Pompano Beach's automatic increases begin on October 1 of each year.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach continued that this may continue to be an annual issue if the Town does not build its rates out going forward. This would mean Staff must ask the Commission each year for an additional percentage increase to cover the Town's costs. He added that the Town seeks to keep its reserve funds equal to one year's operating expenses, typically \$1.4 or \$1.5 million.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach continued that the Town has upcoming projects as well, including additional lining and inspection of existing lining on mains. This will help minimize the infiltration of water into the system, which in turn will keep costs lower.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked if the Town can expect additional increases going forward. Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach confirmed this, concluding that he would bring a Resolution regarding the rate increase back to the Commission at a subsequent meeting.

b. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Malkoon read a Proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time Mayor Malkoon opened public comment.

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Marc Pearson, resident, recalled that in 2024, he had disagreed with the permitted design of a house constructed in his neighborhood. The Town had informed him that there were no issues with the design. Mr. Pearson requested additional information on the designs and attempted to file appeals, but could not do so because appeals must be filed within 30 days. He felt this deadline applied to parties actively involved with construction or permitting rather than to general residents.

Mr. Pearson continued that he had then attempted to file “generic” appeals based on communications he had received from the Town. He was informed that these appeals could not be filed in the absence of a permit. He requested that the Commission place his dispute with Town Staff on an upcoming Agenda.

David Gadsby, resident, asked the Commission to consider approving a private event at the Beachside Village Resort (BVR) which may require additional parking. He requested that attendees be allowed to park along the inside lane of El Mar Drive on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from approximately 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ron Piersante, resident, wished Mayor Malkoon a happy birthday.

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

7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

None.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

a. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Linda Connors advised that spring break season is underway. The Town has opened its emergency lane to ensure clear passage on the beach for public safety officials, and the Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) will have dedicated beach patrols on weekends. A second Deputy has been added to the Downtown area from 6 p.m. through midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. BSO’s regional units will also maintain a sporadic presence throughout the season.

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At the most recent Special Magistrate meeting, Pier representatives provided an update on the status of that structure. Staff is concerned with the safety of the Pier. The Special Magistrate required the following:

- Immediate appointment of personnel at the Pier to monitor patrons who may potentially swim out to it; this individual must be available from sunrise to sunset
- A permanent barrier will be placed on or around the Pier to discourage climbing
- A meeting will be held within one week to discuss a permanent solution
- Additional No Trespassing signs have been installed at the Pier

The Town will continue to monitor progress and keep the Commission informed.

A visioning session is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. Residents are asked to provide their thoughts on how they see the Town and how it can improve.

Residents are reminded to call 911 in the event of a life-threatening emergency. For non-life-threatening issues, they are asked to call BSO's non-emergency number, which is (954) 764-4357. For non-emergent issues, residents may use the My Civic Services mobile app to contact Town Staff. They may also use BSO's Safer Watch app, which is administered through BSO. Town Manager Connors explained that the Town's social media sites are not monitored with the intent of addressing issues, and information distributed there may not come from the Town.

Taste of the Beach is scheduled for March 12, 2025. All residents are encouraged to attend the event, which is almost sold out. Tickets are \$35 each. The event will offer samples from local and neighboring food and beverage establishments.

Movies in the Park will run on the second Friday of each month from April through June 2025. Each event will include activities aligned with the movie's theme.

Town Manager Connors reported that longtime Town employee Dwayne Sumlin is moving to North Florida. She thanked him for his dedication to the Town.

Town Manager Connors reminded all present that in addition to public parking spaces throughout the Town, private parking lots are also available. These lots operate differently from Town lots. She encouraged drivers to follow the rules of any parking lot they may choose.

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Town Manager Connors addressed the parking request for the upcoming private event at the BVR. Roughly nine metered spaces are available on Washingtonia Avenue, and a median runs from that roadway beyond the Resort. The normal parking rate for the median is \$4/hour or \$21/day. The metered spaces can be blocked during the day so they are available for the event.

Commissioner Graziano suggested that the Commission consider passing an administrative Resolution to allow both metered and median parking without fees at special events. Mr. Gadsby stated that he did not wish to set a precedent for use of the spaces, and was willing to consider paying a fee for their use. He explained that his request for use of the inside lane of El Mar Drive was intended to be in case guests fill all the metered spaces.

Deputy Town Manager/Public Works Director Rubach recommended that the median be used for the event. Town Manager Connors noted that the space would be paid for through two hours, and the number of vehicles that can fit into the south side of the median would be calculated.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Application for Relief of Code Compliance Lien at 4601 El Mar Drive

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Assistant Development Services Director Terry-Ann Boyd explained that a lien mitigation request was submitted by the property owner of the hotel located at 4601 El Mar Drive. The Applicant has requested relief from 50% or more of the lien, which requires the request to come before the Commission.

The violation for Case 16030013 is an expired permit. Initial notice of violation was issued on March 15, 2016. The case ended on June 15, 2017 when the permit was renewed and closed. Case 1710013 also involves this address and refers to a building safety inspection violation initially cited on October 31, 2017. This case was resolved on November 26, 2019.

Assistant Development Services Director Boyd advised that the Commissioners' backup materials include additional information on fines, the Applicant's actions to address the violation, the amount expended to correct each case, and violations occurring on any other properties owned by the Applicant. She noted that the Applicant is represented by the property manager for the hotel.

Sevim Aldinc, hotel manager for the Applicant, requested that the fines be reduced to more manageable amounts. She noted that the Applicant is willing to make a payment of 10% of the amount, and requested the Town's help in the continuation of the business.

Commissioner DeNapoli requested clarification of when Ms. Aldinc became the manager of the subject site. Ms. Aldinc replied that this happened in July 2023. She was not aware of the liens when she began the job, but was made aware of them after a couple of months.

Vice Mayor Strauss requested clarification of the violation(s), including whether or not they involved safety concerns. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd advised that Case 1710013 involved a violation for a building safety inspection. This case began in 2017 and ended in 2019. The lien was recorded on June 12, 2018. It was clarified that the two cases before the Commission tonight involved the same property owner, although they are separate cases.

Vice Mayor Strauss expressed concern with absentee owners, which has been an issue for both residential and commercial properties in the Town. He pointed out that the neighbors of these properties are affected when the subject properties fall into disrepair. He also emphasized the safety aspect of this issue, as violations occur when an owner secures a permit but fails to close it out. This can lead to problems on the property that may last for years.

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Vice Mayor Strauss concluded that his concern was that mitigation of fines or liens in these cases could set an unwanted precedent, and urged the other Commissioners to keep this in mind when making a decision on the Application.

Ms. Aldinc advised that the property owner has been in the process of securing a green card and could not come to the U.S. due to this process. She added that the manager who preceded her had not paid proper attention to the site.

Commissioner DeNapoli pointed out that the Code violations were addressed in 2019, and asked if there was a reason the owner was only now seeking to address the lien. He recommended that in the future, the Town take a proactive stance in reaching out to property owners and clearing the liens or pursuing other options.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked if the building inspection had identified any safety concerns. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd replied that none were found. She added that Staff has discussed proactive ways to ensure that liens do not remain on the books for a significant length of time, such as sending courtesy notices to property owners reminding them of outstanding amounts. The Town also has a collection agency that can be used to address liens.

Commissioner DeNapoli expressed concern that there did not seem to be an incentive for an owner to pay a lien that has stood for several years. He suggested that amnesty could be offered to clear some of the smaller liens. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd reiterated that Staff has discussed these issues and plans to explore possible action in collecting some of the larger liens.

Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen advised that she can work with Staff to help develop a program to clear some of the liens. She cautioned, however, that not all liens can be collected, as there are rules that affect homesteaded property, as well as other issues which may affect collection. Each lien would need to be analyzed individually.

Commissioner Graziano asked how much this case has cost the Town thus far. Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell explained that when a case goes to the Special Magistrate, the Town pays the Magistrate's costs as well as Staff costs. There is an additional cost to record the lien in the public record.

Commissioner Graziano suggested that the Town may wish to consider increasing fees in the future, or taking other steps to incentivize payment. Development Services Director

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Campbell replied that at present, the Town assesses a cost of \$50 for a Special Magistrate hearing. She confirmed that the Town's costs are significantly lower than those of other local municipalities, and concluded that this will be addressed when a review of the Code program is brought before the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos stated that while he understood the purpose of mitigation hearings, he was concerned with the amounts per day that may accrue when no safety issues are involved. He pointed out that the Town is unlikely to have incurred expenses of more than \$100/day in relation to the case before them. He concluded that he found amounts such as the one before the Commission tonight to be punitive for a violation that is relatively benign.

Assistant Development Services Director Boyd advised that \$100/day is not an unusual amount for a fine, but is a standard rate. Other municipalities charge a larger rate for daily fines depending upon the violations. If a violation is repeated, the daily fine may go as high as \$500/day. She explained that the \$100/day fine is intended to deter others from committing the same violation as well as to speed up the compliance process.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos pointed out that although the Applicant's permit was not closed, there was no safety issue involved, which was why he found the total amount of the fines to be punitive. He also emphasized the need to address each case on an individual basis, noting that he did not feel the case before the Commission required a fine of that amount.

Assistant Development Services Director Boyd clarified that fines increase incrementally: for example, a fine may be \$50/day for the first 30 days, and may increase to \$100 for up to 60 days and to \$150 thereafter. Staff may make recommendations to the Special Magistrate, but ultimately the Special Magistrate will determine the amount of fines according to the circumstances of the case.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos asked if the Commission has any authority to provide guidance to the Special Magistrate with respect to the amounts of fines they would like to see imposed for certain types of violations. Town Attorney Trevarthen recommended that policy guidance be provided to Staff, which can present it as part of their recommendation to the Special Magistrate.

Town Attorney Trevarthen continued that in the past, there was some concern that the daily fines would not be enough to encourage compliance. Specific violations were identified in Code for which the fine must be at least a certain amount. Other violations,

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however, are subject to the tiered system of fines. She noted that the fines are the Town's only real tool to encourage compliance under state law.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos reiterated that the facts of each case would need to be considered on an individual basis, and that the case before the Commission tonight appeared to be relatively benign. He concluded that he was in favor of mitigation.

Mayor Malkoon requested review of the fine as well as the proposed mitigation. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd stated that Case 16030013, which addressed the violation of an expired permit and was out of compliance for 68 days, accrued a fine of \$100/day, resulting in a fine of \$7050. The Applicant has offered to pay a 10% settlement of \$705, which is a reduction of \$6345.

For Case 17100013, which involved a building safety inspection violation, the property was out of compliance for 605 days at a fine of \$100/day. The total amount due is \$61,750. The Applicant has offered a 10% settlement of \$6175, which is a reduction of \$55,575. The total settlement offer for both requests is \$6880.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked why the fines in these cases were \$100/day. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd replied that she did not have information on why that amount was levied in these cases, but noted that it is typical for fines to start at that amount.

Commissioner DeNapoli pointed out that the building inspection case, which had lasted for over two years, could have led to the identification of a safety issue.

Commissioner Graziano emphasized the need to consider the length of time involved in the building inspection case.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos observed that the 10% mitigation amount offered by the Applicant was a significant amount. He added that he did not want residents of the Town to think of Code fines as the Town's main source of revenue, as this was not the case; Code Compliance is intended to enforce the Town's laws.

Town Attorney Trevarthen asked if the Staff costs related to the Application have already been collected or are included in the proposed payment amount. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd clarified that these costs must be paid before an item is eligible to seek mitigation before the Commission. Staff's recommendation is that the \$6880 be paid by April 11, 2025.

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Commissioner Pouloupoulos made a motion to reduce the fine to the requested amount of 10% of the overall initial violation amount, and payment by April 11. [The motion died for lack of second.]

Town Attorney Trevarthen clarified that the Commission may also choose to offer another amount or no mitigation.

Vice Mayor Strauss made a motion for mitigation payment of 15%, payable by April 11, 2025.

Town Attorney Trevarthen clarified that this amount would be \$10,320.

Commissioner Graziano seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Assistant Development Services Director Boyd advised that if the fines are not paid by the due date, the liens would revert to the original amount.

b. Application for Relief of Code Compliance Lien at 4600-4608 N Ocean Drive f/k/a 4600 N Ocean Drive and 4608 N Ocean Drive Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, 33062

Assistant Development Services Director Boyd emphasized that while the Applicant is the same, this Item has a different timeline than the case discussed above. It includes Case 15070023 and Case 15070024, both of which address violation of time limits for completing construction and repair. During the course of these cases, the two parcels were unified, and for purposes of tonight's Application they will be considered as a single address.

This case began in July 2015 and the lien was recorded in January 2016. All permits for the project were closed in February 2017 and construction was complete. Extensions were provided within these timelines, as the property came to the Commission for approval of the extensions in June 2015 and September 2015. Both extensions were approved by the Commission.

Case 15070023 was in violation for 518 days at a rate of \$50/day, totaling a fine of \$25,900. The proposed settlement amount is \$2590, which is a reduction of \$23,310. Case 15070024 was also out of compliance for 518 days at a rate of \$50/day. The total

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amount due is \$26,350. The Applicant offers a settlement of \$2635, resulting in a total reduction of \$23,715.

Although both cases began at the same time and involve the same time frame, the difference in the total amounts due is because the Applicant made some payments during the course of the cases.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked why these violations carried a fine of only \$50/day. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd replied that the violations fell within a tiered system at which fines begin at \$50/day for the first 30 days, to increase over time. Extensions also applied to the original \$50/day time frame, which stopped the fines from accruing during that time.

Commissioner DeNapoli asked if the 518-day timeline took the extensions into account. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd stated that this timeline runs from the beginning to the end of the case. Fines did not accrue for all of the 518 days due to the extensions.

Commissioner DeNapoli requested clarification of other case numbers included in the Commissioners' backup materials. Assistant Development Services Director Boyd explained that these case numbers are related to any violations that occurred on other properties that have the same owner, such as the property previously addressed by the Commission at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Aldinc, again representing the Applicant, stated that a general contractor was responsible for the violations and could not be reached by the Applicant's representative.

Town Attorney Trevarthen noted that mitigation to 15% would total \$7837.50.

Vice Mayor Strauss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Graziano, to mitigate to 15%, or \$7837.50, payable by April 11, 2025. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

The Commission took a brief recess at this time.

c. Commissioner Graziano Request to Discuss Commission Salary

Commissioner Graziano recalled that he was elected to the Town Commission in March 2024, and within a short time received a consumer price index (CPI) increase. He

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explained that he had wished to refuse the increase, but was unable to do so under the requirements of the Resolution which granted it. That Resolution provided “a set fee” for the Mayor’s and Commissioners’ increase.

Commissioner Graziano clarified that he had only sought an exemption from the increase for himself. This would not have affected the other Commissioners. When this could not be done, he had suggested moving the issue to the Town’s Budget Committee; however, he was advised that this would require a new Resolution to modify or replace the existing Resolution.

Commissioner Graziano concluded that he did not know how to prevent receipt of the increase for himself in the next fiscal year, as it is mandated by Resolution. He cannot return the amount to the Town, nor can he request that it be considered a stipend due to legal constraints associated with that term.

Mayor Malkoon requested additional information on why the increase is mandatory. Town Attorney Trevarthen explained that the Commissioners are legally seen as employees of the Town, which means there are other bodies of law involved which see the salary increase as compensation. There is no action the Town can take to change this relationship.

Once a Commissioner has received the increase, it is listed as income and is considered taxable. The Town is required to pay its employees what it owes them. If an individual wishes to make a donation to the Town for public purpose, they may do so; however, the process of treating the increase as pay has an effect on the amount.

Town Attorney Trevarthen recommended that the Commissioners continue to be treated on equal footing, as their salaries are established by the job rather than by the individual.

Mayor Malkoon asked if pay requirements could be rewritten to provide the option of not receiving a salary. Town Attorney Trevarthen advised that the Resolution makes the increase automatic. If the Commission chooses to go in a different direction, they would need to amend the Resolution.

Commissioner Graziano stated that there would be no need for a new Resolution if he could return the money through an administrative process. Town Attorney Trevarthen clarified that while this could be done, it would need to be done after the Commissioner has received the funds.

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Commissioner DeNapoli described a similar process by which a previous Florida Governor had returned his salary. The State General Appropriations Act also clarifies that salaries can be reduced voluntarily. Town Attorney Trevarthen confirmed that there are a number of potential solutions, although the current Resolution does not provide for any of them. With Commission consensus, she can draft future legislation to allow for returning of a salary.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to have Staff draft an option for receiving or declining a salary or salary increase.

14. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

None.

15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner DeNapoli congratulated Aruba Beach Café for being named the best waterfront restaurant in South Florida by a *Sun-Sentinel* readers' poll. He added that he had provided Town Staff with information on a state money market fund that is used by several municipalities, and would like to hear whether or not the Town could make more from that fund than under their current configuration.

Commissioner DeNapoli invited all present to attend Taste of the Beach.

Commissioner Graziano complimented BSO contractors for the work done installing cameras throughout the Town. With respect to the Pier, he noted that some potential suggestions were sent to him by members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, and he could pass them on to Staff to determine their viability.

Commissioner Graziano requested clarification of how to distinguish between public and private parking lots. Town Manager Connors advised that private lots will post their own signage, which differs from the Town's signage.

Commissioner Pouloupoulos noted that there has been a recent influx of fishermen on the beach near the Town's commercial area, and encouraged them to retrieve their hooks from the beach to avoid injury, also encouraging pedestrians on the beach to avoid poles.

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Vice Mayor Strauss wished Mayor Malkoon a happy birthday. He attended the recent “Coffee with a Cop” event, and encouraged all residents to participate in Taste of the Beach.

All present congratulated Commissioner Graziano on his upcoming 58th wedding anniversary.

Mayor Malkoon thanked all present for the birthday wishes, and also thanked Staff for their work ensuring safety at the Pier. He encouraged use of BSO’s non-emergency number as needed.

16. ORDINANCES 1ST READING

None.

17. ORDINANCES 2ND READING

None.

18. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resolution 2025-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA REVISING THE TOWN COMMISSION MEETING AND AGENDA PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Town Attorney Trevarthen explained that this Resolution implements direction received at the February 25, 2025 Commission meeting, which would move the publication of Commission Agendas from the Friday before the meeting to Thursday. An additional change was also made to reflect the provision of voluminous items by Wednesday if possible.

Commissioner DeNapoli made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Strauss, to approve. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

19. QUASI JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

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None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Mayor Edmund Malkoon

ATTEST:



Katrina Adler, Town Clerk

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Date