



**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
Jarvis Hall
4505 N. Ocean Drive
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
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 Ken Rubach, Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen, Public Works Director Chris Lips, Finance Director Lucila Lang, Assistant Finance Director Edner Saint-Jean, Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell, Assistant to the Town Manager Courtney Easley, Events and Marketing Manager Katie Anderson, and Town Clerk Melissa Vasami.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. INVOCATION

Rabbi Bentzion Singer gave the Invocation.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, Mayor Malkoon opened public comment.

Marc Pearson, resident, stated that although the Town's preferred architectural style is Mid-Century Modern, there appears to be no design controls on what houses can look

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like other than their height and setbacks. He expressed concern with how this lack of enforcement can affect property values and concluded that he plans to appeal the designs of houses that do not follow this standard.

Mr. Pearson provided a photograph to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the public record.

Howard Goldberg, resident and chair of the Chamber of Commerce, reminded all present of the upcoming Stars & Stripes By the Sea event scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026. He thanked the Commission for their approval and sponsorship of this event, and recognized Events and Marketing Manager Katie Anderson and Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Captain Christopher Sutter for their assistance.

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

7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

a. BSO May 2026 Public Safety Report

BSO Captain Sutter reported that Deputy Jerry Hopkins is the Employee of the Month for May 2026. Deputy Hopkins initiated an investigation into a potential threat, located and interviewed the suspect, and completed a Risk Protection Order to prevent the individual from purchasing firearms in the future.

Captain Sutter thanked members of the community who attended the May 22, 2026, Coffee with a Cop event as well as the Town's recent Dive Into Summer event. He noted that BSO Detective Ben Koos solved a theft through use of the Town's license plate reader (LPR) camera system.

Captain Sutter encouraged residents to lock their doors and cars and to secure their keys indoors.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

a. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Ken Rubach stated that Dine Out Lauderdale will be held later this summer and encouraged Town restaurants to register for and participate in this event.

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They may sign up for the event using the Visit Lauderdale partner portal. Questions may be addressed to Events and Marketing Manager Katie Anderson at KatieA@lbts-fl.gov. The program runs from August 1 through September 30, 2026, and showcases specially priced menu items at participating restaurants.

The annual July 4th Parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. beginning behind Town Hall. Family Fun Day runs from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and the fireworks display will begin at 9:00 p.m. He recognized all of the Town's resident veterans and active-duty military personnel as Grand Marshals of the 2026 July 4th Parade. Additional information is available on the Town's website.

A World Cup Watch Party is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The match, which will include Team USA, begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes at 10:00 p.m. The party will include a big screen in the Town's Dunes Pavilion and will include games and family-friendly entertainment in Oceans Plaza. These and other activities related to the World Cup will be included in the weekly *Town Topics* e-blasts.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of the May 26, 2026, Regular Town Meeting

Commissioner Graziano noted a correction to p.9 of the May 26, 2026, meeting minutes: his remarks under Commissioner Comments should include a compliment to the Town's audit firm of Grau & Associates, as well as recognition of Roseann Minnet and Christina Cuomo for their service on the Audit Committee.

Commissioner DeNapoli made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Graziano, to approve as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

a. RESOLUTION 2026-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BIEN-AIME, INC. FOR

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SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

None.

15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Graziano stated that three neighborhoods in Pompano Beach were recently approved for Florida Power and Light's (FPL's) Storm Secure Underground Program (SSUP). FPL continues to deny inclusion of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea neighborhoods in this program before the scheduled date of 2036, although he had requested reconsideration of these areas.

Commissioner DeNapoli encouraged all residents to attend the 4th of July Parade.

Vice Mayor Strauss also invited the community to attend the upcoming parade and participate in the Town's family-friendly July events, including the World Cup Watch Party.

Vice Mayor Strauss continued that dredging is underway on the Hillsboro Inlet to keep the waterway sufficiently deep for boats.

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Mayor Malkoon noted the upcoming Stars & Stripes By the Sea event and encouraged residents to participate, adding his support for the World Cup Watch Party, the 4th of July Parade, and Blues By the Sea as well. He thanked Commissioner Pouloupoulos for chairing the July 4th Committee and recognized Staff for their work on this event.

16. ORDINANCES 1ST READING

None.

17. ORDINANCES 2ND READING

None.

18. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resolution 2026-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, RATIFYING AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT BEACHFRONT HOTEL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Development Services Director Jhanelle Campbell explained that Resolution 2026-19 continues the pilot program originally approved by the Commission in February 2024 under Resolution 2024-44. This program allowed the Plunge Beach Resort to serve food and beverages, including alcohol, to hotel guests in the hotel's beach chair area.

The Commission agreed at the May 26, 2026, meeting to extend this pilot program and directed Staff to bring back a Resolution continuing the program for an additional year. The Resolution addresses the retroactive time period from expiration through the additional year. It does not expand the program, and all existing rules remain in place. Staff has not received any complaints or encountered any issues with the program to date.

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

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b. RESOLUTION 2026-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM FROM FLOCK GROUP INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,250.00; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

BSO Captain Sutter recalled that the Town invested in a license plate reader (LPR) camera system in 2014 using Law Enforcement Forfeiture Trust (LEFT) funds. The cost at that time was \$155,000. Over the years, the Town has paid for a subscription to maintain the cameras and use their licensed software. This cost was approximately \$13,000/year.

Over time, the LPR cameras have degraded, and their value has declined. The technology has grown significantly since 2014, with more companies providing new and better software. BSO evaluated available systems by surveying personnel at its real-time Crime Center as well as Deputies and Detectives, who ultimately recommended the system provided by Flock Group, Inc.

While the existing system required a one-time purchase of cameras, Flock offers a two-year lease with an initial fee for installation. The newer cameras have greater capabilities, including multiple lanes, improved visibility, and search features. Both Fort Lauderdale and Sea Ranch Lakes have Flock systems that can be integrated for sharing of resources. Individual Lauderdale-By-The-Sea communities may also purchase Flock cameras privately and integrate them into the Town's system.

The cost of the Flock system's first year is \$24,150, which includes an installation cost of \$1,050. Subsequent years will be \$23,100 on a recurring two-year lease. Each additional camera costs \$300 and includes increased data storage to assist longer-term investigations.

Vice Mayor Strauss asked if integration is available between the Flock system considered by the Town and the Flock systems used by other local municipalities.

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Captain Sutter confirmed that access to other Flock systems is already available to law enforcement throughout Broward County.

Vice Mayor Strauss also asked if there is a market for the sale of the existing equipment. Captain Sutter replied that the current digital cameras may be integrated with other systems, although the older cameras are analog units and may have little resale value. Town Manager Rubach clarified that according to the Town's disposal policy, any items anticipated to have a resale value of over \$10 will be auctioned off. This would be the case with the existing digital cameras.

Commissioner Graziano suggested the sale of the digital cameras to Town neighborhoods. Captain Sutter explained that Flock uses a different camera system with which the existing cameras are not compatible.

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

19. QUASI JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Mayor Edmund Malkoon

ATTEST:



Melissa Vasami, Town Clerk

7/30/2026 | 9:29 AM EDT

Date