



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Held on March 4, 2025

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (00:53)**

Chair Lindsay called the town council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. On roll call, all council members were found to be present except for Council Member Julie Araskog.

II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (1:26)**

Town Clerk Churney gave the invocation, and Council President Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (2:08)**

The following modifications were made to the agenda:

XIII.B.2 – Time Certain added at 11:00 a.m.

XIII.B.2. – Resolution No. 017-2025, pulled from consent and added to this item

XIII.B.2. – Resolution No. 028-2025, pulled from consent and added to this item

XIII.B.3. – Revised backup provided

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (03:39)**

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve the amended agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

V. **PRESENTATIONS (03:41)**

A. Presentation by Sarah Kavanagh, Consul General of Ireland

Mayor Moore introduced Sarah Kavanagh, the Irish Consul General, who blessed the Basilica on Saturday evening. Because of the large Irish population in Palm Beach, Mayor Moore invited Ms. Kavanagh to address the Town Council.

Ms. Kavanagh was present with her assistant, and she thanked Mayor Moore for the invitation. She stated that she came to Miami in 2022 to establish Ireland's first consulate in Florida. She noted that just over 8% of the Palm Beach County population has Irish Heritage. She spoke about the importance of St. Patrick's Day and what it represents. She stated that The Ireland Funds is a huge event that gets a lot of support from the residents of Palm Beach, to support peace and reconciliation on the island. She said the first event is held in Palm Beach every spring and the recent event was the most successful ever, raising more than \$1 million which will be used toward great causes in the spirit of reconciliation in Ireland. She thanked the Town of Palm Beach Mayor and Town Council for allowing her to speak.

At this time, Council President Lindsay suggested one additional modification to the agenda. She asked to move the Landmarks Preservation Commission's annual report to follow item VI, Recognitions.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the amended agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

VI. **RECOGNITIONS (12:19)**

- A. Recognition of Dan Floersheimer for his Service on the Architectural Commission from March 2018 to March 2025.
- B. Recognition of Anne Metzger for her Service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission from August 2018 to March 2025.
- C. Recognition of Sue Patterson for her Service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission from March 2017 to March 2025.

Mayor Moore recognized all three commission members and thanked them for their service to the town.

VII. **BOARD AND COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (33:22)**

A. **Presentations by the Applicants and Appointments to the Architectural Commission (33:24)**

The following applicants presented their qualifications to the Town Council:

Kathy Georgas
Alicia "Maisie" Grace
Sue Patterson
David Phoenix, Jr.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to appoint Kenn Karakul and Richard Sammons as regular members and Kathy Georgas, Sue Patterson and David Phoenix as alternate members of the Architectural Commission. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 17 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

B. **Presentations by the Applicants and Appointments to the Code Enforcement Board (49:50)**

The following applicants presented their qualifications to the Town Council:

Angel Arroyo
Dave Brooker
Pamela Saba

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to appoint David Brooker and Pamela Saba as regular members of the Code Enforcement Board. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to appoint Angel Arroyo as an alternate member of the Code Enforcement Board. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 10 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

VIII. [COMMENTS OF MAYOR DANIELLE H. MOORE \(1:02:02\)](#)

Mayor Moore announced the milestones as follows:

Nichole Dennis, Police – 5 years of service

Mirline Ceus, People & Culture – 5 years of service

Lauren Bayard, Recreation – 5 years of service

John Scanlan, Police – 20 years of service

She reminded residents to get their 2025 parking decals and encouraged them to stay connected with the Town by signing up for alerts and news releases.

Mayor Moore announced that the Town received the 2024 Cigna Healthy Workforce Gold Designation and the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Agency certification awards.

She announced that longtime resident, the Honorable Lisa Small, has been recognized as the Jurist of the Year.

She acknowledged the Palm Beach Garden Club for their successful House and Garden Event and thanked the Palm Beach Citizens Association for their successful breakfast the previous week.

IX. [COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS \(1:08:36\)](#)

Council President Pro Tem Crampton was pleased with the number of residents who applied for the commission appointments and thanked them for their interest. He highlighted the procurement award and said that because the department was doing so well, it had saved the town money and helped the town avoid potential litigation. He also acknowledged the Palm Beach Citizens Association's annual meeting and its 30-year anniversary.

Mayor Moore acknowledged the passing of Donald Singer, a resident and co-chair of the Palm Beach Citizens Association.

Council Member Cooney thanked his fellow council members and staff for working on quality-of-life-related issues. He acknowledged the dedication of the Basilica at St. Edwards on Saturday evening. He asked the mayor if she would be willing to issue a proclamation for Father Glen; the mayor

agreed to do so. He acknowledged the successful House and Garden Day event and the Palm Beach Day Academy's Field Day event. Lastly, he stated he attended the Marlins' game, where he encountered some of the Public Safety staff members and their families.

Council President Lindsay acknowledged the Palm Beach House and Garden Day event, which is the organization's primary fundraiser. She was grateful for the Public Works Department's efforts to beautify an impromptu bus stop for drop-off/pick-up of House & Garden Day patrons.

X. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - 3-MINUTE LIMIT, PLEASE**
(1:18:35)

No one indicated a desire to speak.

XI. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (1:18:52)**

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve the amended consent agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

A. MINUTES

1. Town Council Meeting Minutes
Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk
 - a. February 11, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. February 12, 2025, Town Council Development Review Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Major Matters Considered by the Architectural Review Commission at its Meeting of February 26, 2025.
Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 017-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a Purchase Order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services associated with development of design plans related to the proposed intersection improvements at Royal Poinciana Way in the amount of \$263,902.04, approving a contingency in the amount of \$39,585.00 and approving a project budget of \$303,487.00.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and heard as item no. XIII.B.2.e.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 023-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to Gehring Group's original resolution authorization of \$442,380 for a multi-year contract to \$558,031.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager
3. RESOLUTION NO. 024-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a change order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Construction Phase Services for the Central Fire Fuel Tank Remediation in the amount of \$37,160 for a total project budget of \$253,060.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager
4. RESOLUTION NO. 025-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a purchase order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design of D-3 stormwater pump station generator and E-7 wastewater pump station improvements in the amount of \$161,850, approving a contingency in the amount of \$24,277 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$186,127.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager
5. RESOLUTION NO. 026-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a purchase order to Mock-Roos for design of A-43 wastewater pump station improvements in the amount of \$252,046, approving a contingency in the amount of \$37,806 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$289,852.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager
6. RESOLUTION NO. 028-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a Purchase Order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services associated with development of design plans related to the proposed intersection improvements for Bradley Place Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$174,306.02, approving a contingency in the amount of \$26,145 for a total project budget in the amount of \$200,451.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and heard as item

no. XIII.B.2.f.

C. OTHER

1. Budget Calendar for FY26 Budget Process
Bob Miracle, Deputy Town Manager - Finance and Administration
2. Request by the City of West Palm Beach for Town Sponsorship in the Amount of \$12,000 for the City's 4th on Flagler Event.
Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and heard as item no. XIII.A.1.

XII. BOARD/COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

- A. [Annual Report of the Investment Advisory Committee \(1:19:52\)](#)**
Christopher Storkerson, Chair

Chair Storkerson explained the purpose of the Investment Advisory Committee and presented their annual report, which continues to result in a healthy return on investments. .

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to accept the of the Investment Advisory Committee's annual report. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 16 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

- B. [Annual Report of the Landmarks Preservation Commission \(21:42\)](#)**
Sue Patterson, Chair

Chair Patterson presented the Landmarks Preservation Commission's annual report.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to accept the Landmarks Preservation Commission's annual report. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 12 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

XIII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Matters Pulled From Consent Agenda: If needed

1. [Request by the City of West Palm Beach for Town Sponsorship in the Amount of \\$12,000 for the City's 4th on Flagler Event. \(3:13:43\)](#)

Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

Council President Lindsay stated a number of negative environmental impacts to air, water and wildlife why she would not be supporting the item.

Mayor Moore stated that she did not disagree with Council President Lindsay but believed that the City of West Palm Beach would be proceeding with the celebration regardless of the Town's donation. She recommended alerting the City of West Palm Beach to the environmental concerns.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton suggested a letter from the Mayor pointing to the environmental impacts of the fireworks. He thought the Town should support the event this year but inform them that Palm Beach's support next year would be based upon dealing with environmental impacts of the fireworks.

Council Member Cooney agreed with Council President Lindsay about the environmental concerns. He stated he would support the event but agreed with communications with Palm Beach regarding environmental impacts.

Council Member Moran suggested a letter offering more money if an alternative solution is found.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve the Sponsorship of \$12,000 for the City of West Palm Beach's 4th on Flagler Event. The motion carried 3-1, with Council President Lindsay dissenting.

This discussion lasted approximately 8 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

B. Old Business

1. [Town-wide Undergrounding Project - Review of Project and](#)

[Dashboard, Summary of Project Status \(3:22:40\)](#)

H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, presented pictures of the approved easements for the North Fire Station. Mr. Cooney asked if the landscaping could be increased in size, to which Ms. Strayer agreed it would grow fast. The second approved easement was for 247 Park Avenue. Mr. Cooney asked if additional hedging could be added, to which Ms. Strayer agreed.

Ms. Strayer said the poles for Phase 3 South and equipment in Phase 5 North are being removed, which means that AT&T and Comcast are off the poles, allowing them to be pulled in the next three weeks.

Council President Lindsay applauded the use of environmentally friendly hedges, including native cocoplum. She preferred the green cocoplum.

There was a consensus from the Town Council to increase the landscape in the easements located at the North Fire Station and at 247 Park Avenue.

This discussion lasted approximately 6 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

2. [Discussion on Traffic Mitigation \(1:35:51\)](#)

Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 A.M.

- a. Corrected RESOLUTION NO. 022-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida Temporarily Amending the Hours for Construction Work Set Forth in Section 42-199 of the Town's Code of Ordinances for the Benefit of the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Residents; and Providing an Effective Date.

Town Manager Blouin asked Mr. Bergman to discuss the previously approved resolution relating to modified construction hours, allowing new hours Monday through Friday for a 7:00 a.m. arrival with 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. quiet work and the workday ending at 5:30 p.m. He stated that Saturday work hours were not considered when that resolution was approved.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor discussed the corrected

resolution for approval, which addressed Saturday work hours. She indicated that the Town Council's intent was not to change the Saturday work hours and that it was not addressed in the first resolution.

Mayor Moore stated that she could understand why the residents could be confused as it was a bit difficult to stay on top of the changes.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment. No one indicated a desire to speak.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the decisions to be made by condominium boards regarding Saturday work. Mr. Blouin said the condominium Homeowner's Association would continue to set its rules regarding work hours.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution No. 022-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

- b. Further Discussion and Review of Draft Ordinance to Mandate the use of Construction Management Agreements (CMA) for Certain Projects.

Director Wayne Bergman stated that staff had worked with the local construction companies to be involved, although they have expressed some opposition to the idea of a Construction Management Agreement (CMA). He said there have been discussions between staff and the City Attorney to develop a compromise proposal that would limit the number of vehicles related to construction traveling on and off the island. He said the size of the project has been increased to 5,000 square feet or more in size, or any project that exceeds \$1 million. This is a significant increase in the thresholds. Small projects of less than five total workers have been exempted and the shuttle has been removed as a mandatory requirement. He stated that the goal was to address the total number of daily construction-related trips on and off of the island.

Tim Benitz of Benitz Building LLC, spoke about the revised CMA and shared feedback on behalf of local construction companies. He addressed shared concerns about the impact on their businesses and the potential for unintended

consequences. Mr. Benitz discussed the redundancies and overlap of required building permits versus the new CMA. He noted that the delivery schedules were unrealistic.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton liked Mr. Benitz's idea for a template to be created through the cooperation of a group of builders and town staff discussions to determine the baselines.

Council Member Moran asked about a realistic delivery schedule for construction. Mr. Benitz responded that an all-day delivery schedule would be ideal, as deliveries could be scheduled, particularly around road closures.

Council Member Cooney spoke about the quality of life for residents. He acknowledged that construction was not the only cause of traffic issues and stated the goal is to find a compromise that works for everyone.

Mayor Moore stated that if the town reverted to the past, construction would not be allowed during the seasonal months.

George Ford of Seabreeze Building had been under the impression that there would be an opportunity for collaborative input on what should be included in the CMA. He noted that the earlier hours were helping with traffic.

Dan Swanson of Addison Development expressed his concerns about the proposed changes that would impact construction.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the number of workers onsite for new homes. Mr. Swanson responded.

Council Member Moran asked about the reason for the construction delays. Mr. Swanson discussed the issue of losing good subcontractors.

Council Member Cooney asked if construction in town had slowed down at all. Mr. Benitz responded that he did not see it slowing down.

Rick Smith, Sunrise Avenue, stated that citizens were appreciative of the Town Council's efforts. He stated that many of the problems are related to bridge openings.

Town Manager Blouin asked what the construction industry can do to limit the traffic to the town.

Mr. Benitz stated that the trades were carpooling into town. He noted that the contractors have already been trying to manage the issues. Mr. Blouin asked if a threshold could be agreeable for the construction management agreement. Mr. Benitz said it was possible, and he would have to get back with Mr. Bergman.

There was a consensus from the Town Council to allow Director Wayne Bergman to meet with the general contractors to propose agreeable modifications to a construction management agreement and return to the Town Council with those changes at a later date.

- c. Further Discussion of Proposed Draft Ordinance to Limit Number of Building Permits

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor stated that she reviewed limiting the number of permits being issued by the town, but she did not recommend this due to the homeowners' property rights. She recommended managing this through a construction management agreement.

There was a consensus from the Town Council to remove the item from future agendas after receiving an opinion from Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor.

- d. Right of Way Division of Responsibilities

Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, discussed the right-of-way issues for his department, as well as Police, Planning, Zoning and Building issues. He also discussed the permitting process for right-of-way applications.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked who enforces right-of-way violations. Mr. Brazil responded that it is a combination of Public Works, Code Enforcement officers and police officers.

Director Wayne Bergman further explained how a Code Enforcement right-of-way violation could be dealt with differently than violations from Public Works or Planning, Zoning and Building.

Council Member Moran noted that the citation forms rarely

include the plate numbers. She thought that a way to track them was needed. Mr. Brazil said staff takes photographs and includes them in the citation.

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, explained how the violators are cited.

Council Member Cooney thought it made sense to streamline coordination between the three departments. He also thought additional training for Code Enforcement officers could be useful, specifically related to Planning, Zoning and Building issues. Mr. Bergman stated that he had already spoken to Town Manager Blouin about adding more training.

There was a consensus from the Town Council for further coordination, training, and communication among Planning, Zoning and Building, Police, and Public Works staff, as well as better resident awareness on whom to call with complaints.

- e. [RESOLUTION NO. 017-2025 \(2:52:12\)](#) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a Purchase Order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services associated with development of design plans related to the proposed intersection improvements at Royal Poinciana Way in the amount of \$263,902.04, approving a contingency in the amount of \$39,585.00 and approving a project budget of \$303,487.00.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager

Mr. Brazil introduced the item and asked Assistant Director of Public Works, Jason Debrincat, to explain Resolutions 017-2025 and 028-2025. He stated that both resolutions are related to the Bradley Place Corridor and the resolutions consolidate all of the comments from both the Town Council and the public. He explained the options and updated plans for traffic mitigation on Bradley Place.

The Town Council members discussed concerns about the loss of parking, cost, aesthetics, and the effectiveness of the proposed changes.

Mr. Brazil stated that if the resolutions are approved today, another project would be put on hold to accommodate the cost

of this project. He said that Bradley Place would happen much sooner than the slip lane.

Council Member Moran asked about the impact of the mast arm, and Mayor Moore wondered why the entire project couldn't be completed at once. She thought the mast arms may solve part of the problem.

Council Member Cooney did not think that the slip lane was appropriate for the town.

Council President Lindsay stated that she did not want to do this project now because of the irreversible impact and the expense. She thought the road should be returned to two-way with signalization to see how that would impact traffic.

Mr. Brazil stated that staff would bring information back to the Town Council regarding the timing of a decision point if they decided to move forward with the project two summers from now.

- f. RESOLUTION NO. 028-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a Purchase Order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services associated with development of design plans related to the proposed intersection improvements for Bradley Place Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$174,306.02, approving a contingency in the amount of \$26,145 for a total project budget in the amount of \$200,451.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager

No action was taken on either Resolution Nos. 017-2025 or 028-2025.

This discussion lasted approximately 21 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

Clerk's note: A break was taken at 1:37 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:44 p.m.

- 3. [Intersection Safe Sight Visibility Triangle Waiver Request 284 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480 \(3:28:43\)](#)
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Mr. Brazil stated that he was informed that the Town Council had asked to reconsider the staff's recommendation to bring the site into

compliance. He showed the Town Council pictures of the wall prior to construction, pictures of the sections of the wall that had been rebuilt without a permit and advocated for the wall to be brought into compliance.

Patrick Segraves of SKA Architect + Planner discussed the historic nature of the wall. Mr. Segraves showed an elevation of the previous wall with the pickets and the currently proposed wall.

Dustin Mizell of Environment Design Group provided an explanation of the lattice on the fence.

Attorney Maura Ziska stated the wall is lower than what is required, but the pickets seem to be problem but you can see through them.

Council Member Cooney thought that automobiles had routinely been prioritized over small, walkable communities. He advocated keeping the historic wall. He stated that he contacted Police Chief Caristo to pull any safety data in the area, and he thought the wall could stay since it is an original historical feature of the home.

Council Member Moran thought the Landmarks Preservation Commission did their job and supported the charming design; however, she thought this was a safety and liability concern.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if the wall had been constructed in the wrong place. Mr. Segraves stated that the wall had been in that location for 83 years. Mr. Brazil stated that when projects are redeveloped, staff makes a point to correct issues like this. Mr. Brazil also added that the wall being in that location for 80 years does not make it acceptable.

Mayor Moore thought the wall was charming but added that it could be moved to an appropriate location outside the sight triangle.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Aimee Sunny of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach advocated for the site wall and stated that it was a character-defining feature of the home.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney to grant the intersection safe sight visibility triangle waiver request at 284 Monterey Road.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Lindsay to move the wall outside of the safe-sight visibility triangle, and any further revisions shall be subject to design approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The motion was carried 3-1, with Council Member Cooney dissenting.

This discussion lasted approximately 24 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

4. [Status Update Regarding Riviera Beach Mooring Permit \(3:52:34\)](#)
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Mr. Brazil explained the internal discussions and changes made since the last discussion. Mr. Blouin stated there was no reason for the Town Council to be concerned and staff could continue to provide updates.

The town Council agreed that the Town staff will continue to monitor the situation and act when needed. The staff will also send the Town Council a brief synopsis of the issue and contact information for concerned citizens to provide their comments.

This discussion lasted approximately 9 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

C. New Business

1. [RESOLUTION NO. 030-2025 \(4:01:57\)](#) A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Approving a Purchase Order To Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services Associated With A-5 Wastewater Pump Station Conversion in the Amount of \$151,300 Approving a Contingency in the Amount of \$60,000 for a Total Approved Award in the Amount of \$211,300.
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Julie Parham, Senior Project Engineer, explained the A-5 wastewater pump station conversion to a submersible station at Bradley Park. She stated that the project would involve demolishing the existing building and installing underground components, with only control panels

above ground. She said over time, the maintenance cost would be reduced.

Council Member Cooney was glad this was an easy decision. He was happy to send this project to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to review future landscaping.

A consensus of the Town Council was to allow the vista to be more open, creating a water view.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the cost differential. Mr. Brazil responded.

Mayor Moore recommended asking the Garden Club for their opinions on landscaping since they did the tidal garden in the park.

Council Member Cooney asked if excavation needed to occur, and if so, he expressed concern. Ms. Parham responded that none was needed.

Council President Lindsay wondered if the green buttonwood tree would be disturbed, and Ms. Parham responded that it would not be disturbed.

Council Member Moran recommended adding a walking path from the bridge to the Lake Trail.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution No. 030-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 16 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

2. [David Yarrow Photography Filming Permit Application \(4:17:50\)](#)
Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager - Business Enterprise and Culture

Ms. Stone presented the permit request for still photography, she stated that the ordinance requires council approval for photo shoots for commercial photo businesses.

Council Member Cooney said Mr. Yarrow is doing quite a bit of art in town and this would be minimally disruptive and scheduled at a time of day when traffic is not an issue.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Stacy Gatewood, Production Manager for David Yarrow Photography, assured the council that they would adhere to all laws and rules in town. She offered references upon request.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to grant the permit application and with the direction to allow staff to modify the date if there is inclement weather. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 6 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

3. [Groin Rehabilitation at Blossom Way Holdings, LLC \(4:23:32\)](#)
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Mr. Brazil presented the request. He stated that in the past, the town council had provided directions to staff that if there was a homeowner or group of homeowners who wanted to take on groin rehabilitation, they could work under the town's permit and that town staff could help facilitate the work. One property owner on Blossom Way is interested in rehabilitating four existing groins. The objective is that it would be at no cost to the town, the town would have no new liability, and the town would not be a leaseholder for the final product. He requested directions from the Town Council. Mr. Brazil said the new groins may not have a greater function than the existing ones. He also discussed the process for renewing the permit.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton noted that in April there would be a Shore Protection Board meeting, and he wondered if this should be put on that agenda to address concerns about residual impacts.

Council Member Moran would like to see an agreement between the town and the homeowner to address the issue if something negative occurred, the homeowner would be responsible. She did not think it needed to go to the Shore Protection Board.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Ronald Matzner, 3120 South Ocean Blvd and Vice Chair of the Shore Protection Board, discussed the function of the Shore Protection Board. He advocated for the project to be presented to the Shore Protection Board.

Attorney Larry Curtin of Holland and Knight, representing Blossom Way Holdings, LLC, expressed concern about the delay that would occur by taking this issue to the Shore Protection Board.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton wondered if a one-month delay would affect the project. Mr. Curtin responded.

Steve Tannenbaum, 2100 S Ocean Blvd and representing the homeowners at the address of the same, discussed the Sloane's Curve Association and their opinion concerning the proposed project. He said there was concern that the project would dramatically impact the association's beaches and property values.

Skip Aldridge of the Palm Beach Citizens Association, agreed with the one-month deferral while allowing the Shore Protection Board to review the proposed project.

Lawrence Kaplan, 2299 Ibis Isle Road, agreed with Mr. Matzner's comments but applauded the homeowner's effort to repair the groin.

Council Member Moran thanked the property owner for undertaking this initiative. She remarked that the issue would become irrelevant if the Army Corps did not renew the permit.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton believed that the citizens should be afforded time to opine on the project and he did not have any issue with deferring the approval for one month.

Council Member Cooney was happy that the homeowner would take on the expense. He asked Messrs. Brazil and Blouin for more clarity as to the scope of the Shore Protection Board. Mr. Brazil responded that the task of the Shore Protection Board was refined to be communication only. The scope was changed because the Shore Protection Board recommendations did not align with the Town Council's desire to pursue permitted projects. Mr. Blouin added that the Shore Protection Board had technical expertise that should be relied upon.

Attorney Maura Ziska, representing Blossom Way Holdings, LLC, asked what purpose a one-month deferral would serve.

Town Manager Blouin recommended allowing the Town Council to hear from the town's consultant on the issue.

Tom Pierro, Principal Engineer of Coastal Protection Engineering, stated that the Shore Protection Board had supported this before now. He referred to a video on the website that encourages homeowners to take on groin rehabilitation. He also pointed out that for the Blossom Way properties, there are only four groins, and there is physically no way for them to be any different through the rehabilitation process.

Mayor Moore felt that the owner of the property had followed the process as outlined.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council Member Cooney to grant Blossom Way Holdings, LLC's request for groin rehabilitation. The vote was tied 2-2, with Council President Lindsay and Council President Pro Tem Crampton dissenting. Mayor Moore broke the tie in the affirmative. The vote was carried 3-2.

This discussion lasted approximately 53 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

D. Quarterly Litigation Report

1. [Quarterly Litigation Report \(5:16:11\)](#)
Joanne O'Connor, Town Attorney

Town Attorney O'Connor provided the quarterly litigation report highlighting two cases concluded in the town's favor. She also provided updates on ongoing litigation, including the Paramount Case, the Simon Taylor public records matter, Form 6 litigation and the Cloutier case regarding beach ownership rights. Attorney O'Connor stated one other matter not concluded in this litigation update but was prepared about a week ago, right about the time that the town received a Petition for Certiorari in the Palm Beach Synagogue matter, a challenge filed in the Circuit Court Appellate Division to counsel's approval of special exceptions and variances for the synagogue development and redevelopment.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to accept the Quarterly Litigation report. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 15 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

XIV. ORDINANCES

A. Second Reading (5:21:30)

1. ORDINANCE NO. 003-2025 An Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending The Town Code Of Ordinances At Chapter 74 - Parks And Recreation, By Amending Sec. 74-162. Regulation Of Fishing To Prohibit Fishing And Casting Of Nets Upon Certain Town-Owned Property Including Bridges And Docks And By Amending Sec. 74-163. Fishing Prohibitions Concerning Public Docks To Prohibit Fishing From The Docks Owned By The Town At Lake Drive Park; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing An Effective Date.

Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to adopt Ordinance No. 003-2025 on Second Reading. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 1 minute. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

XV. ANY OTHER MATTERS (5:22:55)

There were no other matters discussed at this time.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT (5:22:58)

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to adjourn the March 4, 2025, Town Council Meeting at 3:39 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVED:

Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk

4/18/25
Date

