

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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3 The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 15,
4 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all Committee Members
5 were found to be present.

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7 **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 Chair Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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13 The following change was made to the agenda:

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15 **ADDITION:** Discussion of Derelict Vessel South of the Palm Beach Inlet was added under
16 Any Other Matters.

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18 **Motion was made by Committee Member Pucillo, and seconded by Chair Moore, to**
19 **approve the agenda, as amended above.**

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21 **IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – *None***

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23 **V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

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25 Harris Fried, 212 Oleander Ave., requested an update on the Town Engineer's resignation
26 and Director of Public Works Brazil's view on the Undergrounding Project.

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28 Director of Public Works Brazil spoke regarding the Town Engineer's resignation, the
29 promotion of Patricia Strayer as the new Town Engineer, and the Town's efforts to fill Ms.
30 Strayer's position in the interim.

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32 **Chair Moore requested that Mr. Fried's second request, regarding the**
33 **Undergrounding Project, be tabled to the October 4, 2016, Underground Utilities**
34 **Task Force meeting.**

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36 **VI. CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH-RETAIL WATER SERVICE AND FRANCHISE**
37 **AGREEMENT**

38 *Thomas G. Bradford, Town Manager*

1 Director of Public Works Brazil provided an overview of the Town's Retail Water Service
2 and Franchise Agreement with the City of West Palm Beach and spoke regarding the
3 Town's potential to provide water services independent of the City of West Palm Beach
4 by the year 2029.

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6 Discussion ensued regarding costs and cost savings, current condition of the Town's
7 water infrastructure, short-term and long-term water management options, alternative
8 water resources, what it would mean if the Town became a "bulk" customer of the City of
9 West Palm Beach, contract extension provisions within the current agreement, and plans
10 to replace some of the old water infrastructure during the Undergrounding Project.

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12 **It was the consensus of the Public Works Committee to direct Staff to research the**
13 **costs for alternative water provision options and providers, with water utility**
14 **experts, and to provide a recommendation to the Town Council.**

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16 **VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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18 **The Following Item was Added Under Approval of Agenda:**

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20 A. Discussion of Derelict Vessel South of the Palm Beach Inlet

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22 Director of Public Works Brazil provided an update on the derelict vessel that ran
23 aground south of the Palm Beach Inlet.

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25 Discussion ensued regarding the owner's lack of response to removal requests,
26 the amount of debris that has washed up on the beach, removal of the fuel and
27 any other dangerous substances, how to handle citizen concerns and requests for
28 debris removal from private property, the vessel currently being under the
29 jurisdiction of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Town being prohibited
30 from taking any removal action at this time, and options for paying for the removal
31 of the vessel.

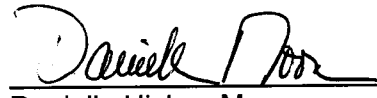
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33 **Chair Moore requested that Staff keep residents informed on what actions the Town**
34 **is taking to address the derelict vessel.**

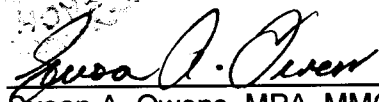
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36 **Committee Member Pucillo requested that Town Attorney Randolph look into the**
37 **State's removal deadline given to the owner and when the State can consider the**
38 **vessel abandoned.**

1 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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3 There being no further business, the Public Works Committee meeting of September 15,
4 2016, was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.
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13 Danielle Hickox Moore
14 Chair
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20 Susan A. Owens, MPA, MMC
21 Town Clerk

22 10/10/16
23 Date

