

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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3 The Special Town Council meeting was called to order on Monday, December 2, 2013, at
4 10:30 a.m., in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all of the elected officials were
5 found to be present.

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7 **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 Council President Rosow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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13 Motion was made by Council Member Diamond, and seconded by Council Member
14 Kleid, to approve the Agenda. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

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16 **IV. POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENT OF FY14 COASTAL PROTECTION**
17 **PROJECTS** [Peter B. Elwell, Town Manager]

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19 Town Manager Elwell provided an overview of the current bidding climate and the
20 circumstances that caused bids for both the Mid-Town Beach Nourishment (Bid No.
21 2014-06) and Reach 7 Partial Beach Nourishment/Reach 8 Dune Restoration (Bid No.
22 2014-08) projects to come in extraordinarily high.

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24 Discussion ensued regarding piggybacking off of the United States Corps of Engineers,
25 costs and funding, bid and project timing, quantities of sand, segmenting the project,
26 condition of the seawalls, assisting owners with maintenance of privately owned
27 seawalls, and putting the whole project out to bid now.

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29 George Cloutier, 240 N. Ocean Blvd., spoke regarding the condition of the seawall and
30 the bidding process.

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32 Alex Gilmurray, The Breakers Palm Beach CFO, spoke in support of continuing with the
33 whole project.

1 Gerry Frank, 2784 S. Ocean Blvd., Shore Protection Board Member, spoke regarding
2 piggybacking off of the County's project and the cost to taxpayers if the Town proceeds
3 with the bids received.
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5 Carla Herwitz, 2275 S. Ocean Blvd., spoke in support of moving forward with the bids
6 received.
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8 Pat Cooper, 265 Orange Grove Rd., Shore Protection Board member, spoke in support of
9 a longer-term bidding process.
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11 Town Manager Elwell provided the following three alternatives for providing interim
12 storm protection during the current fiscal year: 1) construct interim sand placement in
13 Reaches 3 and 7; 2) perform seawall monitoring and prepare for emergency dunes; and 3)
14 no additional activities in FY 2014. He stated that Woods Hole Group is leaning towards
15 Alternative 2.
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17 Larry Goldberg, 3360 S. Ocean Blvd., expressed his concerns regarding Alternative 1.
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19 Harvey Kinzelberg, 260 N. Ocean Blvd., spoke in support of having the consultant
20 determine what needs to be fixed and doing it, revetments, and a joint plan informing
21 owners of why they need to repair their private seawalls.
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23 **Motion was made by Council Member Diamond, and seconded by Council Member**
24 **Pucillo, to reject all bids for both the Mid-Town Beach Nourishment (Bid No. 2014-**
25 **06) and the Reach 7 Partial Beach Nourishment/Reach 8 Dune Restoration (Bid No.**
26 **2014-08) projects. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.**
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28 **Motion was made by Council Member Pucillo, and seconded by Council Member**
29 **Kleid, to direct Staff to proceed with getting bids for Alternative 1 and to obtain an**
30 **engineering report on the condition of the Reach 3 seawall and report back to the**
31 **Town Council in January regarding what needs to be done to the wall and how**
32 **much it will cost. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.**
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34 V. **ANY OTHER MATTERS** – None
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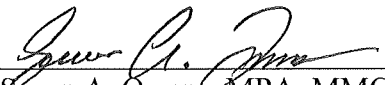
1 VI. ADJOURNMENT

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3 There being no further business, the December 2, 2013, Special Town Council meeting
4 was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.
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7 APPROVED:

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12 David A. Rosow
13 Town Council President

14 ATTEST:

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19 Susan A. Owens, MPA, MMC
20 Town Clerk

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22 3/21/14
23 Date

