

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting  
Held on October 14, 2025

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 09:29 AM in the Town Council Chambers.

**Members Present:** Bridget Moran, Ted Cooney, Lewis Crampton, Bobbie Lindsay, Julie Araskog, and Danielle Moore

**Staff Present:** Kirk Blouin, Carolyn Stone, Bob Miracle, Kelly Churney, and Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor

## INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the amended agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

## COMMENTS

### 1. MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moore announced the following September Milestones: 10 years of service for Brittany McGary (PD), and 20 years of service for Richard Caraballo (PW) and Skyler McDonald (REC). She stated that the Town was part of the Countywide Transportation Plan, which aims to establish a planning framework for multiple jurisdictions. She asked everyone to take a brief survey online before October 18 to provide input. She stated that the Palm Beach Police Department wanted to remind the community about the prohibition of car carriers offloading or unloading vehicles on any public roadway or right-of-way within the town. She encouraged residents to advise auto transfer companies to schedule the pickups and drop-offs outside of Palm Beach. She was relieved to know that the Israeli hostages had been released and that there was peace in the world.

Council Member Moran concurred with the Mayor's comments on the release of the hostages. She stated she received more letters than usual about traffic and construction. She asked everyone to be patient and kind, and she assured residents that she hears their concerns.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton celebrated the return of the hostages. He thought everyone should celebrate and thank President Trump and the people with him in Egypt and Qatar, who helped with the hostage situation. He asked for a brief moment of silence in memory of those hostages who did not survive. Following a moment of silence, he asked Mr. Brazil about the canopy north of the fire station; he thought it looked sketchy.

Patricia Strayer, Engineer in Public Works, explained that the project was originally bid as a single contract for drainage, paving, and new markings. However, when bids came in significantly over budget, it was divided into two phases. The drainage work is now being completed, with cleanup and temporary paving scheduled to make the area presentable before November 1, and full paving and remarking planned for next summer.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton also inquired about the project in the middle of Royal Poinciana Plaza, asking about a completion schedule and what it would look like during the season. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, stated that both segments should be completed by November 1st; if not, they would be cleaned up and presentable by that date.

Council Member Araskog also celebrated the Israeli hostages returning home and asked everyone to pray for those who did not come home, as well as the people in Gaza. She asked that everyone speak to their children about the importance of slowing down, wearing helmets, and riding bikes safely. She also asked residents to be kind to others in traffic. Finally, she indicated that she has received complaints about the construction in Town over the summer. However, she stated that while it is disruptive, it would save on the traffic that would occur during the season.

Mayor Moore wished Mr. Cooney a happy birthday.

Council Member Cooney inquired about the new roadway markings at the Southern traffic circle, stating he had received a few complaints and found the area confusing. Mr. Brazil stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would be here in the afternoon, and it would be a good time to ask them about the changes.

Ms. Moran asked Mr. Brazil to speak on the cones north of Town Hall. Mr. Brazil explained that the cones north of Town are where the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to install a raised curb and a landscaped triangular island. This improvement will guide traffic into the correct pattern while maintaining the turnaround north of the fountain. He added that the cones are temporary and will be removed once the state completes the project, noting that FDOT is expected to provide an updated timeline in the afternoon.

Ms. Araskog asked about the completion of the work near Canterbury Road. Mr. Brazil stated that work would stop on November 1st, but discussed continuing it during the next year.

Council President Lindsay thanked the many residents who reached out after she announced she would not seek reelection next year, noting that she is proud of her ten years of service and

remains committed during her remaining six months on the Council. She praised the current Council for its strong collaboration and expressed confidence that this spirit will continue. She also reflected on the current global unrest, commending her colleagues' comments on Gaza and emphasizing the importance of recognizing progress toward peace amid widespread conflict.

## 2. PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Susan Gary, 229 Onondaga Avenue, urged the Town Council to reform its code enforcement process, citing inefficiency and lengthy delays. Drawing from her 15 years in law enforcement, she noted that current methods allow violations to linger for months, unlike Winter Park, where issues must be corrected within five days or the town hires contractors to fix them and bills the owner. She shared photos of neglected properties on her street and emphasized that quicker, more proactive enforcement would better protect neighborhoods and uphold Palm Beach's standards.

Daniel Fairbanks, 130 Chilean Avenue, asked about the new stoplight and arm near Mar-a-Lago. He discussed how it caused traffic congestion at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Brazil stated that between the FDOT, Secret Service, and Sheriff, the town has very little control. However, they have been receptive when the Town has expressed concern. Mr. Brazil will communicate this information to the appropriate agencies.

Fred Wright, 44 Coconut Row, discussed North Lake Way and the difficulty of accessing the road from the side streets. He said the visibility was becoming impossible due to the overgrown hedges. Mr. Brazil said that the previous Town Council had decided on redevelopment, requiring property owners to create site triangles to maintain visibility. However, existing hedges were grandfathered in. He noted that Public Works/Code Enforcement can encourage people to trim their hedges back from the edge of the roadway, although this does not provide for the entire site triangle. For visibility, there would not be anything above 30 inches in that site triangle. He said the policy decision is whether to do so upon redevelopment or whether it should be forced regardless of redevelopment.

Police Chief Caristo stated that when a complaint is received in a situation where something was grandfathered in, the Police Department contacts the homeowner, and most of the time, they move the hedge.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that he has driven all the cross streets, and most of the hedges have been trimmed; however, there are a few situations where hedges still need to be trimmed due to visibility issues.

Mr. Blouin stated that staff would look at the site triangles and contact property owners as appropriate.

Council Member Araskog added comments about visibility being impaired due to overgrown hedges. She wondered if the policy could be modified for those properties that were grandfathered in.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Pro Tem Crampton requested that Items 10 and 18, Resolution No. 115-2025 and Resolution 130-2025, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Council Member Araskog requested that Items 15 and 16, Resolution No. 122-2025 and Resolution 126-2025, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the amended consent agenda. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

3. September 8, 2025, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
4. September 9, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes
5. September 10, 2025, Local Planning Agency Meeting Minutes
6. September 10, 2025, Town Council Development Review Meeting Minutes
7. September 18, 2025, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
8. September 25, 2025, Architectural Commission Meeting Minutes
9. October 6, 2025, Special Town Council Meeting - Closed Door Session Minutes
11. **123-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order for the Town Wide Annual Beach Physical Monitoring Analysis and Reporting to Applied Technology & Management in the amount of \$138,544, approving a contingency in the amount of \$20,781 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$159,325
12. **124-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to Burkhardt Construction, Inc. for Phase 6 South AT&T Fiber Conduit Installation in the amount of \$909,670.84, approving a contingency in the amount of \$181,934 and approving new project budget in the amount of \$9,491,604.84
13. **129-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to Burkhardt Construction, Inc for Phase 8 AT&T Fiber Conduit Installation in the amount of \$787,437.97, approving a contingency in the amount of \$157,487 for a new project budget in the amount of \$17,058,665.97
14. **121-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order to Bridges, Marsh & Associates, Inc, for the Midtown Beach Bathroom Building Renovation Design in the amount not-to-exceed \$190,000

17. **128-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an award authority for PZB Inspection and Plan Review Services to the prequalified firms in the amount of \$300,000 for FY26.
19. Status Report of Delinquent Accounts and Request for Authorization to Write off Uncollectible Accounts
20. Request to Hear Proposed Ordinance No. 023-2025, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Town Council Development Review Meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

21. **127-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Authorization to Vacate And Abandon Existing Public Utility Easement Locate At 315 Chapel Hill Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

Mayor Moore stated that her mother is an adjacent property owner.

Ms. Strayer stated this is a request to abandon the existing public utility easement located at 315 Chapel Hill Road. She said this request has been publicly noticed, all fees have been paid, and the one question that was raised after the public notice has been answered.

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

Council Member Araskog confirmed that the homeowner would pay to move the utilities. Ms. Strayer confirmed that they would.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Resolution 127-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **22. MATTERS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

10. **115-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Approving And Authorizing Execution of a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement Between The Town of Palm Beach And The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Relating to Landscape Improvements Within The FDOT Right-Of-Way On State Road A1A, Including The New Plantings At Phipps Ocean Park; Providing For Authorization; Providing For An Effective Date.

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Council President Pro Tem Crampton.*

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if the town had a reforestation plan. Mr. Brazil stated that there is no reforestation plan in place, except for the parks. He stated that only two open spaces are planned, one for Phipps and the other for Bradley Park. He noted that considerable work had been done on the road right-of-way, thanks to donations. There is no master overall plan. Mr. Brazil stated that there is a generational plan for the canopy, including changing species and transitioning to the next generation of trees. Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if such a plan should be developed over time, and Mr. Brazil responded affirmatively, noting that

some areas have already been addressed. He felt the most significant opportunities would be south of Sloane's and Royal Poinciana Way.

Council Member Araskog commented on the expense of planting and maintaining trees along the south end, from one end to the other. Then, the question arises whether the entire town would want to invest in shade trees at such an outrageous expense. She did not feel creating a plan in the next few years was realistic.

Mayor Moore also noted that when the Civic Association brought in extra palm trees, an issue arose regarding the maintenance expenses. While she also loved the idea, she didn't think the timing was right to develop a plan at this time.

Mr. Blouin stated that staff could look into developing a longer-term reforestation plan. He stated it could be developed and presented during next year's budget process.

Council Member Moran thought a master plan would be ideal.

Council Member Cooney agreed and thought there was another area that needed attention, around Root Trail to Wells. He said that the area creates an entrance to the north end of the island.

**A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 115-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

15. **122-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to SYZGY Global, Inc. in the amount of \$39,805.53 for a new project total of \$132,299.86 for the Mandel Recreation Center Pergola Project

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Council Member Araskog.*

Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Building, presented the item. He noted the request was for two changes. At the request of the Town Council, the proposal was submitted to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM) for two changes. One change was to elevate the pergola, and the other was to modify the rafter tips in height so that the proposed bougainvillea plant would have something to grow and attach to. Everything else was approved as presented.

Council Member Araskog asked to defer the item to determine what was initially approved and what the Architectural Commission had recommended. She noted that the Town Council had not seen both plans.

Ms. Stone noted that in 2024, some drawings were submitted, and it took the architect a while to return with the changes. She thought the Town Council saw the new plan in April.

Ms. Strayer stated that she thought the change was intended to provide power to the pergola, allowing it to open and close. She stated that the change order did not alter what had been approved by ARCOM.

Mr. Blouin said he would provide additional information later during the meeting.

Council Member Cooney expressed concern that residents might end up with significantly larger dollar amount changes imposed on them by ARCOM. He believes the Town should be held to the same standards.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to defer Resolution 122-2025 until later in the afternoon under Any Other Matters. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution 122-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

- 16. 126-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an award authority in the amount of \$1,143,020 to Spur Staffing for temporary staffing utilized by the Recreation Department for FY26.

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Council Member Araskog.*

Council Member Araskog asked for clarification on how the funds would be used.

Ms. Stone explained that the Recreation Department has several part-time and seasonal workers, and during the season, more individuals are needed, which is budgeted for every year.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 126-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

- 18. 130-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a Purchase Order to Chen Moore and Associates for Phase 4S, 6S and 7N Paving Civil Engineering Services in the amount of \$229,420, approving a contingency in the amount of \$34,413 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$263,833.

*This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Council President Pro Tem Crampton.*

Council President Pro Tem Crampton said that during his office hours, he hears complaints about the roads that have yet to be paved.

Ms. Strayer stated that next month she could present the paving plan for the next couple of years. She noted that this year, funds have been budgeted for a pavement management plan. She stated that 4S is much of Midtown, and 5S was done in the previous year. She stated that 6S is from one block north of Royal Palm to Royal Poinciana, and those streets will be paved, milled, and resurfaced next summer. 7N is just north of the Palm Beach Country Club. She noted that 7N is Bahama to List Road, and those poles will be removed next summer.

**A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Resolution 130-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

- 23.** Recognition of Eric Christu for his Service on the Planning and Zoning Commission from December 2016 to September 2025.

Mayor Moore presented Mr. Christu with a recognition plaque for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**24. Recognition of Michael Vincent John Spaziani for his Service on the Planning and Zoning Commission from May 2014 to September 2025.**

Mayor Moore presented Mr. Spaziani with a recognition plaque for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**25. Presentation by Dorothy Jacks, Palm Beach County Property Appraiser**

Ms. Jacks presented an overview of 2025 property values and trends for the Town of Palm Beach. She reported a market value of \$56 billion and a taxable value of \$34 billion, reflecting an 8.2% annual increase and healthy new construction activity. She explained the difference between market and taxable values, noting that the Save Our Homes cap accounts for about \$15 billion, or nearly 30% of the gap. She described how homestead and non-homestead caps affect tax shifts, particularly for non-homesteaded condos and commercial properties. She reviewed the Town's limited exemptions, including its successful historic property program.

Looking ahead, Ms. Jacks said legislators may consider raising the homestead exemption to \$100,000 or adjusting assessment caps. However, such changes would have minimal effect on Palm Beach but could strain other jurisdictions. She cautioned that eliminating property taxes would be difficult because Florida lacks a state income tax. Finally, she observed that real-estate activity has slowed, but values remain stable, adding that Palm Beach continues to perform far better than many markets nationwide.

Mayor Moore asked Ms. Jacks her opinion on how the county would handle the removal of property taxes. Ms. Jacks responded that the larger question is how to fill that void. She said revenue would have to come from somewhere else, and sales taxes are very sensitive to the economic environment. She did not think there was much appetite for other taxes beyond a significantly higher sales tax. She said it is also essential to consider the level of government control. Mayor Moore asked about the timing of filing for a homestead exemption and wondered if a real estate attorney could file on behalf of their client. Ms. Jacks said that the homestead application can be filed immediately. She said residents do have through March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, since residents must own and occupy on January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year. An attorney may assist with completing the form and filing it once the property owner has signed it.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton discussed who would lose if the property taxes were cut. He noted that rationality appears to be prevailing in Tallahassee.

Council Member Moran thanked Ms. Jacks for her time and interesting presentation.

Council President Lindsay thought that the portability was too low for Palm Beach. Ms. Jacks discussed portability and the controls placed on it. She said changing the amount of portability has been discussed, but it is a matter of scale. She said a problem in Florida is that all property tax law is statewide, and there is no consideration or reconciliation for outliers, such as Palm Beach.

Council Member Araskog wondered why the Town only received .17 per dollar. Ms. Jacks noted all the agencies that receive money from property tax revenues. Council Member Araskog wondered how the municipalities would function without tax dollars. She hopes the legislature will listen to the municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, and the lobbyists.

**26. Discussion Regarding Time for Town Caucus to be Held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

Town Manager Blouin stated that the caucus needed to occur on December 2, 2025. He indicated that the tree lightings in the town were on the same day, which was the same issue as the previous year. He stated that in the previous year, the Town Council elected to hold the caucus at 3:30 p.m. so as not to conflict with any of the activities that occur later in the evening.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to schedule the Town Caucus on December 2, 2025, to occur at 3:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**27. Coastal Matters**

**27.1 120-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement Between the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, Blossom Way Holdings LLC, and Providencia Partners LLC for the Blossom Way Groin Rehabilitation Project**

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor provided a redlined version of the documents and addressed the adjustments made in collaboration with the property owner. She clarified that the \$5 million on indemnification or duty to defend does not apply to any corrective actions a governmental agency may require the property owner to perform, and that the homeowner is solely responsible for any such required corrective action, with the Town bearing no responsibility.

Council Member Araskog asked about indemnification in excess of \$5 million and inquired about sovereign immunity. Ms. O'Connor responded that the Town would be entitled to sovereign immunity in personal injury cases where damages would be capped at \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per occurrence.

Sara Gutekunst, Coastal Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the agreement related to the Blossom Way Groin Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Brazil reviewed the history of the groins, including when the townwide permit was obtained. The Town Council decided not to pursue rehabilitating the groins townwide. The direction to staff was that if any homeowners or a group of homeowners wanted to undertake this type of project, staff would help facilitate it. This project meets the definition of what the Town Council directed staff to do.

Council Member Araskog wondered how the Town protects the southern properties of the groins. Ms. Gutekunst replied that the Town would have data to reference in making necessary determinations.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton received inquiries from a couple of the estate owners, as well as individuals at Sloane's Curve, and was interested in the town's monitoring of the property and the records the Town will keep regarding the project. He wondered how inspections would be set up, how often they would be conducted, and how a written record would be maintained on a quarterly basis. Ms. Gutekunst stated that they could put a protocol together in writing. The agreement was written to allow work with the homeowner, giving the Coastal Coordinator and their consultant access to perform inspections. Council President Pro Tem Crampton insisted that this be done, and Ms. Gutekunst agreed to do so. He then asked Ms. O'Connor about the level of comfort with the amount of the liability. Ms. O'Connor stated she was very comfortable with the indemnification provision, as it is very broad and includes the duty to defend. She also stated that, because any corrective actions required by governmental agencies would also be undertaken as part of the reporting and monitoring process, they would be at the property owner's expense.

Council Member Moran inquired about insurance and who would be responsible in the event of an injury. She noted this is a benefit to the town. She also asked if Town engineers would conduct inspections as the work progresses. Ms. Gutekunst stated that the inspection team would be led by Dr. Mike Jenkins, PhD, PE, of Geosyntec Consultants, the on-call Coastal Engineering Firm, and his team. Council Member Moran expressed support for and comfort with the project. She was grateful to the oceanfront property owners who were willing to undertake the groin projects.

Council Member Araskog wondered if the \$5 million would cover gross negligence on behalf of the owner. Town Attorney O'Connor said that would not be attributed to the town if such negligence was on the owner's part.

Council President Lindsay supported the project. She thought the existing groins were already dangerous.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Paula Jastermsky, Association Manager of the 2000 Association at Sloane's Curve and representing the Sloane's Curve Association, asked the Town Council to address monitoring for environmental impact, as the new groins may impact the near-shore hard bottom or have other environmental impacts. The responsibility for measurement monitoring, mitigation, and remediation should be specified in the permitting process. Monitor for other adverse effects, as it is their understanding that when the State of Florida issues a permit for structures on state-owned sovereign land, the permittee will be held for adverse events caused by the structure. These adverse events could include, but not be limited to, people colliding with the structures or downdrift erosion. In this case, the permittee will either be the applicant or the property owner of the Town of Palm Beach, whose permit is being used for the construction. In addition, while the Town has not renourished beaches in Reach 6, it has spent millions of dollars renourishing beaches and dunes in Reach 7, approximately one mile south of the proposed construction site. As it does in similar circumstances, the Town should require measurement, monitoring, mitigation, and remediation by applicant property owners to protect the property owners south of the new groin construction project, and to protect its own enormous investment in shore protection in Reaches 7 and 8. Town and taxpayers' potential liability, since the town's permit is being used for the construction, the Town should assure its residents and taxpayers that if the current or future property owners do not fulfill their indemnification obligations, other property owners will not be penalized because of the property owner's default or an expense that exceeds the contractual

indemnification limit. The proposed contract limits the current property owner to an aggregate liability limit of \$5 million, which appears to be far too low. She said that as a condition, the Town should have the contract run with the deed of the property in perpetuity as a restrictive covenant. These obligations may already exist in perpetuity if the existing groins were permitted by the state when they were built. This contract will establish a precedent for neighboring property owners who also wish to restore their groins; therefore, it should protect the town and all taxpayers. In conclusion, Ms. Jastermsky requested, on behalf of the 2000 Association, that the Town Council resolve these issues for the current applicant, as they will set a precedent for existing and future applicants.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton supported the project but wanted to ensure that all concerns were addressed and documented.

Mr. Brazil stated the staff's responsibility was to document all the conditions.

Ellen Howe, 2295 S. Ocean Blvd, wondered if there were any benefits to the residents south of Sloane's Curve. Mr. Brazil stated that there was no positive or negative impact on those residents.

Council Member Araskog wondered if bi-monthly checks during the first year or two would be beneficial. Mr. Brazil responded that in the first year, staff could do something before construction, something after construction, and subsequently, the regular annual checks. He said quarterly visual inspections could be conducted. Council Member Araskog inquired about environmental impacts, and Mr. Brazil responded that there are no near-shore environmental resources in the area that would be impacted.

Council Member Moran wondered if more inspections could pollute the data. Mr. Brazil noted that daily visual inspections would produce different results. He said what would be most telling would be the annual inspections, and visual inspections before, during, and after construction are warranted and will provide a reasonable record of the project.

**A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 120-2025, to include the red lines in the document, and with the condition that quarterly monitoring, a written record, and longitudinal monitoring are completed with the project, and that the monitoring/inspections be made a matter of public record. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

## **27.2 Consideration of Waivers to Town Code for Construction Dates and Noise for Construction of the Blossom Way Groin Rehabilitation Project**

Sara Gutekunst, Coastal Coordinator, discussed the request for an extension of work hours. She stated that construction for the groins would take place between November 1, 2025, and April 30, 2026. The contractor would like to work Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with noisy work occurring between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No work would be conducted during the holidays.

Mr. Blouin stated that this type of work had to be done this time of year, outside of turtle season. Regarding the Town Council's authorization of work outside normal hours, he advised that staff resolve any issues expressed by a neighboring property owner. He said the property is large, and the work required will be noisy, but staff will ensure that the loudest work stays within the hours

outlined in the code, as well as minimizing any negative impacts on the neighbors. He noted that staff would bring any elevated issues back to the Town Council.

Council President Lindsay expressed concern about the 8:00 a.m. start time, recommending 9:00 a.m. instead. Mr. Brazil noted that staff did not believe the 8:00 a.m. start time would be a problem, given the property's size. Mr. Blouin added that it would be preferable due to traffic.

Paula Jastermsky, General Manager of the 2000 Sloan's Curve, wondered if there was any potential for excessive turbidity with the project. Ms. Gutekunst stated that turbidity monitoring was required as a condition of the environmental permit. She said that if there were any plumes, samples would be required. Additionally, the proposed methodology involves installing temporary steel sheet piles around the project template to serve as a barrier and contain turbidity.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if there was turbidity that escaped the barriers and if the work could be suspended. Ms. Gutekunst stated that the permit condition specifies that if there is an exceedance over time, work must stop and may be restarted once the issue is remedied.

Council Member Araskog stated she had a problem with the request for Saturday work.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve the waivers to the Town Code for construction dates and noise for construction of the Blossom Way Groin Rehabilitation project with the following conditions: Construction work will be allowed 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday with noisy work 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., with no pile driving before 9 a.m. during the week, no pile driving on Saturdays, and if any complaints cannot be resolved by staff, they will be heard by the Town Council. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**27.3 119-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Agreement for Dune Restoration Project – Reach 9**

Sara Gutekunst, Coastal Coordinator, presented the resolution, stating that it is in partnership with neighbors to the south, the Town of South Palm Beach, where the working relationship has historically been positive. This agreement will replace approximately 10,000 cubic yards in Reach 9, and grant funding has been received from FDEP for beach and dune restoration as part of the recovery plan from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole.

Mayor Moore stated that the Mayor of South Palm Beach has been a wonderful partner to the Town of Palm Beach, noting this is a standard interlocal agreement, as has been in place in the past.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton expressed gratitude to Fred Kamel and the Atriums' employees for doing a great job for the town. He added that the Claridges condominiums are also helping by hosting a fueling station for the trucks.

Council Member Araskog suggested writing a thank-you letter to the Atriums and The Claridges from Mayor Moore.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Mr. Cooney to approve Resolution 119-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**27.4 93-2025** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order in the amount of \$750,000 to Sea and Shoreline LLC for the Reach 8 Dune Restoration Project and establishing a new project in the amount of \$2,107,500

Sara Gutekunst, Coastal Coordinator, presented the resolution for a change order for Sea and Shoreline LLC, for the Reach 8 dune restoration project, and establishing a new project amount.

Mr. Brazil acknowledged what seemed like a large cost but stated that it was fair for the long distance the conveyor needed to travel.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution 93-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**28. Update and Schedule of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) A1A Projects**

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, introduced the item and turned the presentation over to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Mel Pollock of FDOT provided an update on the current projects in the Town. Mr. Pollock stated he thought the area of Brazilian and County Roads would not be addressed until the summer of 2026.

Mr. Cooney wondered if the visual board could be removed. Mr. Pollock stated he would speak with his representatives to see if that was possible.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton wondered if FDOT utilized the extended working hours. Mr. Pollock responded. Council President Pro Tem Crampton discussed the light at Mar-a-Lago. He also recommended moving the yield sign at the roundabout, and Mr. Pollock said that it is being discussed.

Council Member Araskog thought the roundabout was very confusing. Mr. Brazil clarified that the northbound slip lane is outside of the circle. Council Member Araskog suggested that the Mayor send a letter of appreciation to FDOT. She also suggested using nighttime paving in the southern area near El Vedado.

Council Member Moran agreed that the roundabout was confusing. She appreciated that FDOT was utilizing signage rather than sharrows.

Council President Lindsay also thanked Mr. Pollock.

Council Member Araskog asked about the solution for the sharrows. Mr. Pollock stated nothing had been decided, but they would determine the final solution and inform the Town Council.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that a tree plan had been discussed, and he thought the work was being done quite well. He mentioned the orange barriers extending a little too far into the street but acknowledged they would not be there long. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pollock.

**29. Town-wide Undergrounding Project - Review of Project and Dashboard, Summary of Project Status**

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, discussed the history of the paving project and how it was done in coordination with the undergrounding project. She reviewed the areas in the town and when and where the paving would be milled and replaced.

Council Member Araskog asked about the increased utility costs. Ms. Strayer said those were actual costs, and since COVID, the costs had increased. She noted that for AT&T's installation of fiber in four phases, there is a savings of nearly \$3 million, offsetting the total cost.

Council President Lindsay discussed the paving in the north end during the first phase, which is already in need of repaving. She thought a paving management plan was necessary, at least by the next budget season. Mr. Brazil explained the nature of paving and stated that it is an ongoing process. He agreed that a comprehensive pavement management program is needed, which has been reintroduced, and proposals are being solicited.

Council Member Moran inquired about completion dates, and Ms. Strayer confirmed that 7 South and 7 North will be completed in 2026. She also noted that Phase 8 is expected to be completed by 2027.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the first paving that would be initiated. Ms. Strayer responded that the town is paving the rest of Midtown, between Royal Poinciana and Seaspray, as well as the area just north of the Palm Beach Country Club. Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that there needed to be clear information about what would be done with funds already being budgeted. He felt the residents should be further educated about when the work will be done.

Council Member Cooney inquired about the area near Bradley Place. Ms. Strayer stated that the matter would be addressed next summer. Mr. Brazil noted that there was a lot of work to be done in that area.

*\*Note: A lunch break was taken at 12:39 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:27 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**30. Donation from the Police and Fire Foundation  
TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM**

Chief Caristo stated that the Police Department has been cleaning up derelict vessels. He stated that the Police and Fire Foundation wanted to donate money to assist with the removal.

Tim Moran, 275 Dunbar Road, presented a donation of up to \$250,000 to enhance the Town's budget for enforcing illegal vessel mooring and maintaining the health and safety of the Lake Worth Lagoon. These funds will allow the Police Department to address underfunded needs such as towing, removal, and destruction of illegally moored or anchored vessels. The donor requests that the funds be maintained in a separate fund and used only once other funding resources, such as grants, are exhausted. He stated that in eighteen months, the foundation will follow up to see if additional support is necessary to remove and clean up derelict vessels.

Mayor Moore thanked the Police and Fire Foundation for the donation and expressed her appreciation. After last month's discussion, she noticed a boat that had sunk.

Council Members Araskog and Moran thanked the Police and Fire Foundation for the donation and expressed their appreciation.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that there is no other organization that does so much comprehensively as the Palm Beach Police and Fire Foundation. He expressed his appreciation to the foundation.

**A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to accept the donation from the Palm Beach Police and Fire Foundation. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

*\*Note: A short break was taken at 10:58 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:07 a.m.*

### **31. 203 South Lake Trail**

Mr. Brazil introduced the item and indicated that the property owner requested to raise the Lake Trail. He provided a comprehensive presentation about the issue of raising the trail. Mr. Brazil reviewed the request and potential implications. The request is to raise the trail from 1.09 and 1.70 ft NAVD to 4.6 ft NAVD (a 2.9 to 3.51 ft change in elevation) and taper the grades on either side of the property to match what exists. He reviewed the Town's current standards and explained that the Town needs to decide how the Lake Trail should be raised. He discussed the water modeling results and vulnerabilities associated with raising the trail. Mr. Brazil noted that, prior to initiating the code reform process, the Town Council had placed the subject issue on hold. There are policy options that need to be considered regarding raising the trail. Mr. Brazil reviewed the options, the pros and cons of each. He then discussed funding options and noted that none of this would be clean and easy to address.

Mr. Brazil suggested that if the Town Council does not have an answer today, this request be deferred, allowing for completion of the Woods Hole update and a subsequent conversation about the alternatives, vulnerable areas, and how to address those areas, along with a schedule. He stated this is a long-term program, and the property owner is requesting to raise the trail because it floods.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the easement on private properties. Mr. Brazil discussed the easement and the issues. He said that because the Town has an easement across

these properties, the elevation of the trail could be raised, and maintenance is the Town's responsibility. He noted that private property on both sides would be impacted wherever the trail is raised.

Council Member Moran discussed the potential impact on the neighbor and wondered if there was a way to protect the neighbor. Mr. Brazil stated there was no way to protect the neighbor.

Mayor Moore asked Mr. Brazil what the cost would be for a project of this size. Mr. Brazil stated he did not have a price, but it would be a significant cost over several years.

Mr. Blouin discussed the private property owner's responsibility.

Council Member Araskog stated she could not imagine taking responsibility for the bulkheads on private properties.

Council President Lindsay acknowledged that the tide gauges installed years ago are now confirming what residents already know: that sections of the Lake Trail regularly go underwater during king tides. She emphasized that the data provides a clearer picture of future vulnerabilities along the intracoastal side and will likely require attention sooner than the oceanfront. She commended the Town's success with its ocean protection program but stressed the need for a coordinated effort to address lakeside flooding.

Cory Meyer of Nievera Williams Design made a presentation on behalf of the homeowner, requesting to raise the Lake Trail at 203 South Lake Trail.

Council Member Moran asked whether the design team had considered the impacts of the drainage project on neighboring properties. She also inquired about how the system functions during heavy flooding, specifically, whether it continues to work when the catch basins are full. Mr. Meyer explained that while the system continues to function, it takes longer for water to reach the pump station when water levels are high, and during severe flooding or high tides.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton did not believe the council had enough information to make a decision. He stated that a more detailed plan was needed to address similar issues in the future.

Council Member Araskog said that although the Town Council may be inclined to grant approval to the request, the concern is that no guarantee exists to protect the neighbor. Mr. Brazil said this property and many properties along the trail have a retaining wall or privacy wall from east to west. He said in terms of protecting the property, it can be done at the first retaining wall, allowing a homeowner to become self-sufficient by raising the grades on their property outside of the trail to protect their property from flooding.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to defer the request from 203 South Lake Trail indefinitely. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

### **32. Compass Marketing Filming Permit Application**

Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager, introduced the item for a request from the Clerk's Office. The project would include a crew of eight and would be still photography at the clock tower and

on Worth Avenue.

Paul Schweibinz, Compass Marketing, presented his request for photography in the Town. He noted that it would be a quick in and out with no special needs cited. He also stated that an alternate date would not be necessary.

Council Member Moran asked if there was anything to permit photography between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Blouin said that only approval by the Town Council.

Council President Lindsay asked if the requester would notify the Town when they would be shooting, and Mr. Schweibinz said they would shoot on November 4, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Council Member Araskog confirmed all photography would be done between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the filming permit application of Compass Marketing. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

Ms. Stone requested that the first reading of Ordinance 20-2025 be heard at this time.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to reorder the agenda to hear the first reading of Ordinance 20-2025 at this time. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

### **33. Waiver of Third Charitable Solicitation Event Permit for Place of Hope, Inc.**

Charles Bender of Place of Hope requested a waiver for the third charitable solicitation.

Mayor Moore stated she had conversed with Mr. Bender and learned they had cooperated with another group for their last event. She appreciated the honesty on the part of the Place of Hope, Inc. She feels the waiver request is reasonable.

Council Member Moran asked Mr. Bender to explain the waiver. He responded and stated that these issues would not happen again in the future.

Council Member Araskog asked about the event in which they participated. Mr. Bender stated it was called The Palm Event, a large car show.

Mayor Moore inquired about Mr. Bender's charity. Mr. Bender stated his charity is faith-based and benefits and cares for abused children, human trafficking survivors, and moms with children who have nowhere else to go. Council President Lindsay stated support for the request.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Cooney to waive the third charitable solicitation permit for Place of Hope, Inc. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

### 34. Discussion of Donor and Recognition Signage

Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager, stated that, at the direction of the Town Council, staff had prepared a presentation regarding donor recognition and signage. She outlined why a donor recognition policy would be helpful, noting that donor generosity is extremely and deeply valued in the town. She reviewed the existing donations policy. She discussed the main sections that would be included in a donor and recognition policy, and recommended language for the sections. She also presented some examples of donor signage utilized throughout the Town.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton acknowledged that issues do arise, and the policy language presented seems to be a great start.

The Town Council reached a Consensus that there should be a policy.

Ms. Stone stated that she would develop a draft policy, including a limit on the naming of amenities or objects to a certain dollar amount, with anything under that amount not allowing for naming rights. She also noted that naming would have to be approved by the Town Council.

***There was a consensus among the Town Council to direct the staff to prepare a proposal for donor and recognition signage for the Town Council's review.***

### 35. Request for a Historical Marker on Worth Avenue Recognizing Lilly Pulitzer

Friederike Mittner, Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Planner, introduced Dr. Lynnette Long, who would present the request for a historical marker to be installed on Worth Avenue in honor of Lilly Pulitzer's history.

Dr. Long provided a background of historical markers and the number of women honored. She said out of 950 markers, only six honored women. She stated these markers are from the State of Florida. In 2017, Dr. Long started nominating women for historical markers and has gotten several installed.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if a marker could be removed after it is placed for different reasons. Dr. Long stated that the committee extensively researches the women they want to honor and conducts a thorough investigation. She noted that in the history of Florida, no marker has ever been installed for a living person.

Council Member Araskog asked why Lilly Pulitzer's marker is not in front of her original store, rather than a corporate one. Dr. Long said the Town has the right to change the proposed location for a historical marker.

Mr. Blouin discussed the issue of the proposed location versus the original store's location. He noted that a marker or designation could not be placed on private property without the property owner's permission. Mr. Blouin said that businesses typically relocate from time to time due to the leasing of space.

Mayor Moore suggested that Dr. Long go to the original location of her store and ask permission to place the marker there from the owner. She expressed concern about setting a precedent and

sign pollution.

Council President Lindsay inquired about the dimensions of the signage. Dr. Long reviewed the dimensions, which were 42 inches across, on a 6-foot pole extending above ground.

Council Member Moran recommended revisiting placement in the original location and modifying the wording on the sign, as it looks like it came out of Wikipedia. She suggested this item be deferred or denied as proposed.

Council Member Araskog discussed why she did not support the project as proposed on Worth Avenue in the right-of-way.

Mr. Blouin stated that even if the private property owner agreed to the placement of a historical marker, it would still have to undergo official approval processes.

Council President Lindsay asked if it had to be in this format with a six-foot pole, and the applicant confirmed that it would. She called for public comment. No one indicated a desire to speak.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to deny the request for a historical marker on Worth Avenue as requested and as described in this location. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

*\*Note: A lunch break was taken at 12:39 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:27 p.m.*

### **36. Proposed Boat Parade in Intracoastal Waterway**

Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager, stated that there is a boat parade in the north end of Palm Beach County that travels north. She stated they were requesting the boat parade begin at Sailfish Marina, heading south on the Intracoastal Waterway. The request to the Town of Palm Beach would support the parade traveling under the Flagler Memorial Bridge, which would require the bridge to be raised for approximately 45 minutes. The request requires an FDOT permit, and the Town would have to sign off on that permit. She stated it would potentially cause traffic issues in the Town.

Sarah Lott, from the parade production company, was present to address questions.

Council Member Moran stated she could not support the request. Council President Pro Tem Crampton agreed.

Council President Lindsay agreed and explained that the traffic is gridlocked in December. She could not support opening the bridge for an hour. Council President Lindsay recommended that the boats turn around at the bridge.

Mayor Moore wondered how many boats would be in the parade. Ms. Lott stated she could not answer definitively, but they were hoping for 30 to 40 boats.

Council Member Araskog agreed with the other council members. She said the traffic issues were too bad, and the residents would not support the bridge closure.

Council Member Cooney agreed with the others.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Matthew Wood, 2210 Collier Avenue, Lake Worth, suggested opening the bridge for 10 minutes to allow 30 boats in and then opening it an hour later to let them return.

Mr. Blouin stated that the residents would disapprove of this request.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to deny the request for the boat parade in the Intracoastal Waterway. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**37. Waiver to Town Codes for 201 Worth Avenue to Occupy the Right-of-Way and Work on the Exterior of the Building Outside Normal Working Hours.**

Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, presented the request for extended work hours. Mr. Brazil recommended that they approve the request.

Council Member Araskog supported the request, provided it was completed by November 1, 2025. Mr. Brazil stated that if they received any complaints, they would reassess the situation.

Mayor Moore wondered why they took so long to get started. Mr. Brazil discussed the approval process that they need to go through. Based on the information, the mayor supported the request.

Council Member Moran felt this application should have been done several years ago.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked what would happen if the request was denied. Mr. Brazil replied that nothing positive would happen if the request was denied.

Council Member Araskog noted this was probably being done because the tenant is new. She noted that the tenant had no involvement in the work and had to go through the approval process.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve the waiver of the Town Code for 201 Worth Avenue to occupy the right-of-way and work on the exterior of the building, with work concluding by November 1, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**38. Presentation by Jonathan Paul of NUE Urban Concepts on Impact Fees  
TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM**

Bob Miracle, Deputy Town Manager, requested that this item be moved to the October 15, 2025, meeting, to be heard at 2:00 p.m. time certain.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to move the item to the October 15, 2025, meeting to be heard at 2:00 p.m. time certain. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**39. Right of Way Division of Responsibilities**

Kirk Blouin, Town Manager, opened the discussion by providing a general overview.

Ms. Strayer said the Right-of-Way Manual approved last month provides for the private use of rights-of-way, which she explained. She said when there are citations, they are entered into the new ERP system, which then goes through Planning, Zoning, and Building and Code Enforcement. She noted everyone is working together to get all citations into the system. Mr. Blouin added that the end goal is compliance. He also stated that the final action is to administer stop work orders, and contractors do not want to receive an order to stop working. He commended staff for their internal coordination efforts.

Council Member Moran felt that the three-strike system was working well.

Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Building, stated that coordination meetings had been held to streamline the process. With the new coordination process, some significant steps have been taken to simplify it. He elaborated on the internal process and steps that are taken when citations are issued.

Mr. Blouin stated that there are administrative processes in place, with the Town Council ultimately acting as judge and jury when deemed necessary.

Mayor Moore thought the staff needed to do a better job of noticing the violations because they were all over the town.

Chief Caristo discussed the number of cases in 2024 for five code enforcement officers.

Council Member Cooney recommended continuing interdepartmental coordination and supported a proactive approach. He agreed with Mayor Moore.

Council Member Araskog discussed her calls to Code Enforcement, adding that she should not have to make them. She asked Mr. Bergman if the town could enter private property to conduct an inspection. Mr. Bergman discussed the legal rights of building inspectors to enter private property. He explained the two types of building inspections that may be allowed.

Council Member Moran said that when staff have done what previous Town Councils have asked, the current Town Council feels the growing pains. She was unsure what approach to take; however, she believed enforcement should be done in a courteous manner. She also thought the burden should be removed from the residents.

Mr. Blouin noted that enforcement needed to be both strict and reasonable.

Council President Lindsay stated that the Town Council agrees that the Town staff needs to return to the Town Council with a more proactive plan. She also mentioned the need to address repeat offenders. In addition, she thought that there may need to be additional oversight on private providers.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thought everything should be written up with conditions to get the Town moving in the right direction.

Council Member Araskog thought that changes may require an amendment to an Ordinance. Attorney O'Connor responded, citing the Florida Statutory requirements. Mr. Blouin said the message was clear that the Town Council desired stricter enforcement.

Council Member Araskog commended Chief Caristo for a job well done and thought the discussion was about fine-tuning processes.

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

#### **40. Discussion - Code Enforcement**

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

***There was a consensus among the Town Council to eliminate verbal warnings and to issue a five-day warning before a citation is issued, allowing Code Enforcement officers discretion if warranted.***

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **41. FIRST READING**

**41.1 20-2025** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 82 of the Town Code of Ordinances relating to Personnel, at Article II, Employee Benefits, Division 2, Retirement System, amending Subdivision III, Firefighters, by amending Section 82-99, Deferred Retirement Option Program for Firefighters; amending Subdivision IV, Police Officers, by amending Section 82-119, Deferred Retirement Option Program for Police Officers; providing for severability, providing for repeal of Ordinances in conflict; providing for codification; providing an effective date.

Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager, introduced the item.

Attorney Janice Rustin with Lewis, Longman & Walker, and on behalf of the Town, was available to answer questions. At the request of Council Member Araskog, she explained the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) program, noting that there would be no cost to the Town in terms of contributions or interest on the DROP account balance. She noted a slight increase in the plan's cost.

Council Member Araskog asked Ms. Rustin about the options. Ms. Rustin stated that the ordinance applies to a very specific number of members: those who entered the DROP after June 1, 2024. She said this benefit would not be available to any other employees.

Mr. Blouin further clarified the terms of the ordinance, noting the request would be cost-neutral to the Town.

Mayor Moore thought this option should be available for the staff. She saw no downside to supporting the option. Mr. Blouin agreed.

Council Member Araskog thought it was a fair solution.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Ordinance 20-2025 on first reading. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

*\*Note: A short break was taken at 3:17 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 3:29 p.m.*

**41.2 28-2025** 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 Repealing Sec. 74-263. – Reserved And Replacing It With Sec. 74-263. – Definitions; By Amending and Replacing Sec. 74.267 To Establish an Overnight Anchoring Limitation Area; and by Amending Sec. 74-268. To Regulate Mooring and Live-Aboard Vessels in Lake Worth; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; and Providing an Effective Date.

Lieutenant Paul Alber, Special Standards, stated that the Police Department had met with the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance that would replace and update existing ordinances, including language from the Florida Statutes.

Attorney Joanne O'Connor did not have any additional information.

Council President Lindsay thought it was important to know how to contact the owners of moored boats. She stated that a bill is being changed to add a mandatory registration clause, but in the meantime, she thought the Police Department should receive contact information from boat owners who are mooring their vessels.

Lt. Alber stated that the state has implemented a new law requiring a long-term anchoring permit. The state will require all contact information, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be the entity to issue those permits. He felt it would be tough to expect out-of-town boaters to be familiar with local ordinances. However, he stated there are state and federal guidelines that, if properly followed, allow for the identification of boat owners. He stated that the Town can aggressively start enforcing some of the statutory requirements relating to derelict vessels.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Cary St Onge of Manalapan stated that he hopes to work with the Town in a positive way. He expressed concern that collectively, some of the proposed actions will eliminate yachting on Lake Worth. He acknowledged the importance of addressing environmental problems and removing mooring buoys from illegal moorings.

Elie Edmonson, 411 52nd St., West Palm Beach, and a member of the Palm Beach Sailing Club, shared what the impact of this ordinance would be on the Palm Beach Sailing Club. He believed the ordinance would destroy the club, although they shared concerns about derelict vessels.

Don Smith, 161 Yale Drive, Lake Worth Beach, discussed the harmful effects associated with good intentions. He urged the Town Council to consider establishing a task force to help address the concerns without causing unintended harm from well-intentioned individuals.

Cal Landau, 145 Ocean Avenue, Palm Beach Shores, discussed his thoughts about enforcing provisions to remove derelict boats.

Edward Singer, 1491 Goodwood Terrace, Wellington, spoke about the ordinance and requested a legal mooring in Lake Worth Lagoon. He stated that the ordinance does not contain any information regarding the validity of a private mooring. He also spoke about other concerns he had with the proposed ordinance.

Susan St Onge of Manalapan stated that sailing is her family's passion. She said Lake Worth Lagoon and Palm Beach Inlet are the focal points for keeping their boat. She felt the proposed policies would undermine responsible boat owners.

Matthew Wood, 2210 Collier Avenue, Lake Worth, noted he felt the general population on the island was unaware of the initiative to address derelict boats.

Craig Pollock, a member of the Lake Park community and the Palm Beach Sailing Club, spoke about some of the same topics previously discussed. He said the derelict vessels are a concern for all local boaters.

Council Member Araskog stated that while derelict boats are an issue, another concern is the pollution that is pumped into the lake and the red tape that the town must navigate to remove a derelict boat. She recommended moving forward with the ordinance.

Council Member Moran agreed with Council Member Araskog. She thought there would be a problem with selective enforcement. She liked the ordinance and supported it.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thought that the council had a responsibility to its residents to protect them. He thought they should move forward with the ordinance.

Council President Lindsay expressed environmental concerns related to the problem with derelict vessels. She said there are very serious issues in the Lake Worth Lagoon, and she was supportive of the ordinance.

Council Member Cooney felt conflicts, as he acknowledged the toolkit provided to municipalities. However, he was concerned about the business owners who had expressed concern and wondered if time should be allowed for them to figure out how to move forward.

Mayor Moore agreed with Council Member Cooney. However, since the Florida legislature has finally given municipalities the tool, she believed it would be foolish not to use it.

**A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Ordinance 28-2025 on first reading. The motion was carried 4-1, with Council Member Cooney dissenting.**

## **42. SECOND READING**

**42.1 21-2025 An Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending The Town Code Of Ordinances At Chapter 42 -**

Environment, Article V – Noise, By Amending Section 42-198(a) And Sections 42-199 (b) And (c) To Revise The Duration Of The Construction Seasons; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing An Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor read Ordinance 21-2025 by title only.

**A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to adopt Ordinance 21-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**42.2 16-2025** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending the Town Code of Ordinances At Chapter 118 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article I - In General, By Amending Sec.118-11. To Prohibit Micromobility Devices on the Lake Trail; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; Providing an Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor read Ordinance 16-2025 by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to adopt Ordinance 16-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**42.3 17-2025** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending the Town Code of Ordinances at Chapter 106 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, by Amending Sec. 106-158. to Prohibit Use of Micromobility Devices Upon All Town Sidewalks in the Commercial Zoning Districts; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; Providing an Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor read Ordinance 17-2025 by title only.

**A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to adopt Ordinance 17-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**42.4 18-2025** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending the Town Code of Ordinances at Chapter 118 – Traffic and Vehicles to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices by Establishing a Minimum Age Requirement, Identification Requirement, and Safety Training Programs; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal Of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; Providing an Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor read Ordinance 18-2025 by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to adopt Ordinance 18-2025. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.**

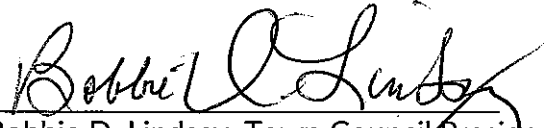
#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

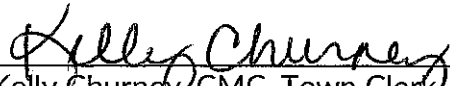
## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVED:

  
Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President

APPROVED:

  
Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk  
Date: 11/12/25

