

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Held on March 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 09:30 AM in the Town Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Kirk Blouin, Carolyn Stone, Bob Miracle, Paul Brazil, and Kelly Churney

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

1. Minutes of the February 25, 2026, Architectural Meeting
2. **25-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the renewal of the subscription with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc, in the amount of \$105,327.67 for a period of forty-two months based on a satisfactory performance and annual budget authorization.
3. Request to Hear Proposed Ordinance Nos. 006-2026; 007-2026; 008-2026; 009-2026; 010-2026, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, March 4, 2026, Town Council Development Review Meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS

4. MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moore announced the following March milestones: 5 years of service for Joshua Spangler (PD) and Brooke Salguero (FR); 20 years of service for Mark Loree (PW) and Gary Walley (PD); and 30 years of service for Douglas McCalla (PW). She also noted that Tim Campbell of Recreation would be retiring after 20 years of service.

Mayor Moore reminded everyone of an upcoming shredding event on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at St. Edward's parking lot. She announced that the next "Bring Your Own Device" Open House session will be held on March 11 at 10:00 a.m. to assist residents with navigating the Town's website and subscribing to Town communications. She reminded everyone that the upcoming Election for the Group 1 Seat would be on March 10, 2026. She also noted that 2025 parking permits are no longer valid and residents must apply online for 2026 permits. A new virtual attendant has been added to enhance the Town's digital front desk, offering automated, multilingual assistance by phone. Mayor Moore also recognized March as National Procurement Month and thanked Procurement Director Dean Mealy and the Procurement team for their excellent work. She announced that she and some staff would be organizing a celebration for America's 250th birthday, to be held in November. Lastly, she reminded everyone that the dedication of the medians in Royal Poinciana Way would be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and thanked the Palm Beach Garden Club for their generous contribution.

Council Member Cooney highlighted two community events held the previous day: the Garden Club's House and Garden Day, which was successful with smooth transportation, and Palm Beach Day's Field Day. He expressed appreciation for the work of those involved.

Council Member Araskog addressed resident concerns about providing insurance information for parking permits, explaining that the requirement was added to verify residency following past misuse. She noted that insurance cards are not considered public record and will remain private. She also asked the community to keep members of the Armed Services in their thoughts and prayers, acknowledging the risks they currently face and expressing gratitude for their service.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton reported that a major redevelopment study is underway for the Lake Worth Beach municipal project near the Lake Worth Bridge and asked Town staff to monitor its progress and potential traffic impacts. He also noted progress on airport noise issues, stating that the airport accepted the Town's recommendation for an additional noise monitor on Jungle Road, with a backup location at the central fire station. He said the airport, working with the Town and the Quiet Skies Coalition, is developing a noise-tracking dashboard that may support the Town's legal efforts. Council President Pro Tem Crampton added that airport management has been cooperative and transparent, unlike the FAA, and expressed optimism about continued local collaboration.

Council Member Moran announced that the upcoming shred event at St. Edward's will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will accept computers, paper, and other items. She noted significant traffic congestion on the previous Friday, after several events were held in Town. She suggested that the Town issue alerts in the future to inform residents of major events that

affect traffic. She added that next year's event may be moved, which could help. Council Member Moran also thanked the Police Department for its work during an especially busy week, including incidents involving a firearm and road closures, and expressed appreciation for their efforts to keep the community safe.

Council President Lindsay noted that this was her final meeting and reflected on the Town's Green Initiative, adopted in 2018, which has successfully increased awareness of using more native plants and reducing the use of pesticides and chemicals in Town. She commended our Public Works department for eliminating synthetic chemical use on almost all Town properties and parks and described its past efforts to encourage residents to replace *Ficus benjamina* hedges, which are prone to whitefly infestations that often require treatment with synthetic pesticides. Instead, the town recommended replacing these non-native hedges with native alternatives. As part of that program, the Town, through its Public Works department, offered free Saturday pickups and disposal of removed *Ficus benjamina* hedges that homeowners agreed to replace with a native hedge of the homeowner's choice, which she said was both valuable and cost-effective. She requested the Council's consensus to repeat the free *Ficus benjamina* hedge disposal incentive program, with the homeowner's commitment to replace it with a native hedge of their choice, again in the upcoming spring. Mr. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, again offered his department's support of the incentive program. The Town Council provided consensus to continue supporting the incentive removal program and the Green Initiative.

Council Member Araskog acknowledged Council President Lindsay's work during her tenure on the dais, including work on the marina, the green initiative, and land leases. She stated she would miss having her on the Town Council.

5. PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Diane Buehler, Friends of Palm Beach, noted that leatherback turtles began nesting early in February, and turtle season officially started on March 1. She reported that the volunteer "Blue Initiative" continues to collect trash washing onto the beach. She expressed her appreciation to Council President Lindsay for years of support and wished her well in retirement.

Fred Wright, 44 Cocoanut Row, expressed concern about worsening drought conditions reported in the Palm Beach Daily News, noting that West Palm Beach, Palm Beach's water supply, is experiencing one of its driest periods on record while continuing significant development. He warned that increased demand could strain an already limited water supply and recalled prior restrictions during past shortages. Mr. Wright urged the Town to take strong action, including considering legal steps to halt new construction approvals until water conditions improve.

Dragana Connaughton, 267 Merrain Road, agreed with Council Member Araskog's comments regarding recent negative press coverage of PACs. She also shared her broader concerns about changes affecting Palm Beach's character, including the branding of police vehicles. She then addressed a significant shoreline issue, criticizing the exclusion of an eroded section of the beach from the upcoming nourishment project because some property owners declined to sign perpetual easements. She argued that residents should not be penalized for protecting their property rights, noting that the Town has historically managed the shoreline without requiring permanent easements. She urged the Town to consider alternatives, emphasizing the importance of consistent coastal protection for all affected properties.

Gary Woodfield, 150 Seaspray Avenue, addressed the Council regarding beach erosion near Clarke Avenue and Sea Streets, stating that conditions have significantly worsened since two breakwaters were installed off the Lauder property in August 2023. He explained that the structures appear to be trapping sand to the north, preventing the natural southward movement of sand and leaving the Clarke Street beach severely depleted. He urged Council members to visit the site and emphasized the urgency of protecting this stretch, which lacks a seawall. While the upcoming renourishment will provide temporary relief, he noted that sand often washes away within a year. Mr. Woodfield asked the Town to form a task force to review the Lauder/Breakers monitoring and renourishment agreement required by FDEP and to determine the parties' obligations, stating that the current situation requires immediate attention.

David Williams, 145 Seaspray Avenue, echoed concerns about severe beach erosion south of the recently installed breakwaters, noting that significant sand loss began immediately after construction and continues to worsen. He emphasized that dunes and vegetation now appear unstable and that the impact extends beyond Clarke Beach to the Sea Streets and the public beach. He urged the Town to acknowledge the seriousness of the situation and supported forming a task force, as suggested by Mr. Woodfield, to review obligations under the permitting and monitoring agreements, obtain independent engineering input, and refocus on the original goal of enhancing Clarke Beach.

Ellen Howe, 2295 S. Ocean Blvd., agreed with the comments raised regarding the PACs. She referenced a news report about a lawsuit involving the Paramount project, stating that the suit claims the Town Council must follow the code without granting variances. She asked whether, if the lawsuit were successful, all variances approved by the Town could be invalidated. Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor stated that an appeal has been filed and will proceed if the Circuit Court Appellate Division issues an order to show cause. She spoke about the loss of beach sand at the south end of the island.

GENERAL BUSINESS

6. Recognition of Jacqueline Albarran for her Service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission from March 2014 to March 2026

Mayor Moore recognized Jacqueline Albarran for her long and effective service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

7. Recognition of Alexander Hufty Griswold for his Service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission from March 2023 to March 2026

Mayor Moore recognized Alexander Griswold for his service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

8. Authorization of Assignment of Easement Deed to FDOT Located at 2870 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Julie Parham, Deputy Town Engineer, explained that a private property owner at 2870 S. Ocean Boulevard reported a sinkhole in the northwest corner of the parking lot, where a 10-foot easement exists between the Town and the owner. Investigation revealed a storm sewer within

the easement, owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and to be maintained by FDOT. The Town worked with the property owner, FDOT, and legal staff, and all parties agreed to reassign the easement to FDOT, so the agency can properly maintain its stormwater system.

Council Member Cooney asked for confirmation that the entire stretch of roadway in question is a state road, meaning stormwater drainage in that area is handled by FDOT rather than the Town. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, replied in the affirmative.

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

8.1 24-2026 A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, For Assignment Of Easement Deed Within The Property At 2870 S Ocean Blvd, In The Town Of Palm Beach, Florida To The Florida Department Of Transportation.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 024-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

9. Modification of Waivers to Town Code for Construction Dates and Noise for Construction of the Blossom Way Groin Rehabilitation Project

Sara Westfall, Coastal Coordinator, reported that construction on the Blossom Way groin rehabilitation project is underway, following a previously approved seasonal work waiver. Due to encountering a hard rock layer, the contractor has adjusted its methods and is now pre-drilling to reduce impact hammer use, which is only needed for the final few inches of each pile. Progress has improved, and one groin is nearly complete, with three remaining. She requested an additional waiver to allow limited pile-driving activities on Saturdays to help maintain the construction schedule.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked what the Town was doing to track the impacts of the projects. Ms. Westfall reported that turbidity monitoring required by the project permits is ongoing, with no issues observed. A cofferdam is in place to contain the work area, and both Town staff and the Town's consultant are conducting site visits and weekly inspections, which are posted on the coastal website. She confirmed that post-construction monitoring will evaluate whether the project affects natural north-to-south sand movement, consistent with the Town's established monitoring protocols.

Council Member Moran asked about turbidity, but was glad to hear conditions were good. She asked that this project be completed before turtle season. She stated she could support the project as long as there were no complaints received from the neighbors. Ms. Westfall stated that a condition of the original waiver required the Town to return to the Council if any neighbor concerns arose. She confirmed that no complaints have been received.

Council Member Araskog asked how the work was being completed in turtle season. Ms. Westfall noted that under the Town's BMA and state permits, construction work is allowed between March and May, provided all sea turtle monitoring requirements are followed. She added that barriers were being installed to protect the site. Council Member Araskog was also concerned about work on Saturdays, especially until April. Ms. Westfall stated that the original

waiver allowed for Saturday work, but no pile driving, and the Town Council could change the waiver if complaints were received. Council Member Araskog thought that more monitoring was needed within the first two years. Ms. Westfall explained that annual shoreline monitoring is conducted in the summer to ensure consistent year-to-year comparisons, as fall and winter bring increased wave activity that can distort results. She noted that certain project-specific monitoring plans, such as the one for Clarke Beach, include triggers for additional monitoring if conditions continue to change, allowing the Town to assess erosion at shorter intervals when needed.

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 grant the modified waiver for construction dates and noise limits for the Blossom Way groin rehabilitation project, with the condition that the Council will revisit the waiver if any complaints are received. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

10. Appointment to the Architectural Commission

The following residents presented their application and qualifications for the Architectural Commission openings and answered all questions: Elizabeth Connaughton and Sue Patterson.

The Town Council voted, and the results were announced.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to appoint Elizabeth Connaughton and Sue Patterson as regular members to the Architectural Commission. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

Council Member Cooney asked about filling the vacant alternate member seat. Town Clerk Churney indicated it was the Town Council's discretion to fill that seat and clarified that Town Attorney O'Connor stated an additional architect could serve as an alternate.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to appoint Greg Tankersley as an alternate member to the Architectural Commission. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

11. Appointment to the Retirement Board of Trustees

The following residents presented their application and qualifications for the Retirement Board of Trustees openings and answered all questions: Edward Carter, Henry Hammock, and David McDonald.

The Town Council voted, and the results were announced.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to appoint Edward Carter and David McDonald as regular members to the Retirement Board of Trustees. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

Council Member Moran requested that the Landmarks Preservation Commission Annual Report be heard out of order prior to the Unfinished Business on the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council Member Araskog to move the Landmarks Preservation Annual Report to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

12. MATTERS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

15. Annual Report of the Landmarks Preservation Commission

Brittain Damgard, Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, presented the commission's annual report.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Moran to accept the Landmarks Preservation Commission as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

**Note: A short break was taken at 11:02 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 11:08 a.m.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. Vessel Enforcement Update - Lake Worth Lagoon

Police Chief Nicholas Caristo reported significant progress in addressing overstaying, derelict, and at-risk vessels, noting that the number has been reduced from 168 to about 40, with roughly 15 of those being transient. He described recent challenges, including removing a large steel vessel containing diesel fuel that had broken loose and damaged private property. The Police Department continues to coordinate with towing companies and follow state procedures for declaring vessels derelict. He also noted concerns about the upcoming boat show and has warned towing companies to prevent vessels from being offloaded into Town waters. Additional enforcement actions are underway against individuals renting illegal moorings.

Council Member Araskog inquired about the boat that was operating as an Airbnb and asked about obtaining a warrant. Chief Caristo explained that the individual responsible for renting illegal moorings may face criminal charges. The Police Department is coordinating with the State Attorney's Office and has probable cause. The individual may come in voluntarily, but if not, the Town will seek a warrant and proceed through the courts. Council Member Araskog thanked the Police Department for their efforts in the short time since the new ordinance was passed, and enforcement and cleanup began.

Council Member Moran agreed and said she had not expected such a remarkable outcome. She wondered if the laws about transit stays were posted; she suggested putting them on the Town's website. Chief Caristo agreed to put the laws on the website.

Council Member Cooney thanked the Police Department for its substantial progress in reducing derelict vessels and noted that clear boating guidelines could also be posted online for visiting boaters. He added that property owners on both sides of the Intracoastal, including in West Palm Beach, have expressed appreciation for the improvements and feel safer with fewer problematic vessels in the area.

Mayor Moore thought the waterways looked great, especially in front of the Palm Beach Country Club. She inquired about a sailboat that had been in the water for years. Chief Caristo stated that the staff would be making a plan for that sailboat, particularly because the mast was very large. Mayor Moore thanked the Police and Fire Foundation for the extra resources, which allowed the town to move forward with the improvements. Mayor Moore stated that she had received calls from people in West Palm Beach asking if the town could clean up boats closer to their borders. Chief Caristo agreed and stated he had received similar calls.

Council President Lindsay commended the Police Department for its rapid progress in reducing derelict and other illegal vessels, noting that the improvement has been far greater and faster than expected. She emphasized the positive ecological impact this will have on the Lake Worth Lagoon, including healthier seagrass and marine life, and said the effort will make the area more enjoyable and environmentally resilient.

Council Member Araskog wanted to thank the senator who raised the issue in the legislature. Council President Lindsay recognized State Senator Vicki Lopez from Miami Beach and Sylvester Stallone for raising the issue, getting other municipalities like Palm Beach and North Palm Beach involved early, and working diligently with our state Governor and President to get the legislation passed. Council Member Araskog also thanked the Police and Fire Foundation for their contribution to the effort.

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

14. Police Department Traffic Report Update

Police Chief Nicholas Caristo reported significant increases in traffic volume compared to the previous year. From December 2024 to February 2025, the island saw an average of about 44,000 vehicle movements per day; for the same period in 2025–2026, that number rose to more than 52,000 incoming and nearly 49,000 outgoing vehicles, representing increases of approximately 19% and 28%, respectively. Despite higher volumes, traffic complaints have decreased due to coordinated mitigation efforts, additional traffic mitigation and control staffing, and improved communication with West Palm Beach regarding signal timing. He noted that fewer derelict boats are now causing bridge openings, which previously contributed to congestion, and that construction barges have also been modified and managed to minimize peak-hour and overall bridge lifts.

Council Member Moran asked about coordination efforts with the City of West Palm Beach. Chief Caristo explained that while Palm Beach officers occasionally assist with traffic on the West Palm Beach side of the bridge when conditions require it, they usually remain on the Palm Beach side. He noted that overall traffic flow is managed by Palm Beach County Traffic Management, with whom the department stays in close communication to keep traffic moving. The most significant delays occur during long train crossings, which cause backups, but otherwise, Palm Beach County Traffic Management provides excellent support.

Mr. Blouin clarified that although one might assume everything west of the bridge falls under West Palm Beach, the traffic signals on Okeechobee Boulevard are controlled by Palm Beach County. He noted that the County's traffic management center can remotely adjust signals and works to balance east/west and north/south traffic based on data-driven patterns. He

emphasized that the County has been an excellent and responsive partner.

Council Member Cooney noted that the Town's recent efforts to staff key intersections have significantly improved traffic flow and reduced unsafe driver behavior. With March's usual challenges from Boat Show setup and new security-related closures, Council Member Cooney anticipates increased congestion. Council Member Cooney suggested that the mayor consider reaching out to Mayor James to explore whether West Palm Beach could assist with traffic management, emphasizing that effective "block-the-box" enforcement benefits residents on both sides of the bridge. Council Member Cooney added that partnering on these efforts could help address issues affecting both communities.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton emphasized that the traffic signals in the area are controlled by Palm Beach County, not the City of West Palm Beach, and noted the importance of clarifying this for the public. Council President Pro Tem Crampton also noted that the Police Department has seen a roughly 30% reduction in traffic-related complaints, suggesting that the Town's various traffic management measures are having a positive impact despite increased traffic volumes. Council President Pro Tem Crampton then asked whether the Town Manager's Office has experienced a similar decrease in complaints, given that many concerns are also directed there.

Town Manager Blouin noted that traffic has long been a challenge in the community, but in recent years, it has become especially difficult, leading to frequent complaints. He explained that while some isolated concerns still arise, the number of traffic-related complaints to his office has dropped dramatically this year, reflecting the strong coordination led by the Police Department and supported by other Town departments. Mr. Blouin added that, compared to last year, both Town Hall and the Police Department are receiving far fewer complaints, even though residents understandably still express frustration when traffic becomes immovable.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton observed that traffic conditions tend to worsen significantly when the President is in town, noting this has a compounding effect on congestion. Despite that, he emphasized that the Town is experiencing more traffic overall yet receiving fewer complaints, a strong indicator that the Town's traffic management measures are working effectively. Mr. Blouin stated that the road closure during the busiest months was unfortunate, and traffic will be bad. Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that it was important for residents to know that the Town would continue to seek ways to address the ill effects.

Council Member Araskog thought the reduction of bridge openings from the barges had helped immensely.

Town Manager Blouin added that, in addition to managing heavy bridge traffic, the Town has benefited from two improvements related to bridge openings. He noted that the changes secured through the Mayor and Town Council's direction, along with the Coast Guard's agreement to limit certain bridge openings during rush hours, have made a meaningful difference. These schedule adjustments, combined with other traffic management efforts, have helped improve overall conditions.

Council Member Araskog asked Mr. Brazil to ask Palm Beach County to revisit the light at Flagler Drive at the Royal Poinciana Bridge. She stated that only a few cars are allowed to turn

left onto the bridge. Council President Lindsay agreed, especially during post-bridge openings. Mr. Brazil agreed to communicate the issue.

14.1 FDOT Construction Update

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, provided an update noting that FDOT plans to brief the Town on the status of the South project, and that the North project is also preparing to restart. With the upcoming road closure expected to create additional impacts, Ms. Strayer said FDOT will provide a presentation before work begins in April.

Mel Pollock of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented an update covering both the South and North projects. He reported that the South project from Lake Avenue to Phipps is on schedule for completion this summer, with major components already finished, including sidewalks, shoulder widening, structural asphalt, and recent nighttime work at the Lake Avenue intersection. Final paving is expected to begin within 2–3 weeks and will occur at night as a continuous moving operation. FDOT is also activating new signals, installing remaining signage, and completing sod and sidewalk corrections. Mr. Pollock noted that the North project, though paused, remains on track for completion before Thanksgiving 2026, with paving and sidewalk work already completed in key areas. Work will resume after March 23, following outreach to corridor businesses, with significant lane closures not anticipated until after Easter. He also acknowledged the Mayor's correspondence regarding final striping and affirmed continued coordination with the Town. Mr. Pollock added that while requests have been made to extend sidewalk work south of Lake Avenue, the current project limits prevent changes, but FDOT will review future options. He emphasized ongoing collaboration with Town staff and noted upcoming coordination with side-street paving planned for this summer before opening the floor for questions.

Council Member Araskog recommended asking some FDOT officials to drive the roads when bicycles are present. She also recommended that the Chief of Police use a drone to film some roads when bicycles are on them. She said traffic conditions were difficult when bicycles shared the roadway. Mr. Pollock added that FDOT's planning meetings with the Town have been highly productive, noting that the Police Department's involvement and feedback have been especially valuable. He emphasized that the information gathered during these discussions has been beneficial and strongly supports the Town's position, and he expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked when the asphalt and striping project would end. Mr. Pollock responded, confirming that there would not be any road closures on election day. He thought the project would be completed within 2 to 3 weeks. Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the functionality of the Par3 traffic light. Mr. Pollock stated it would turn red when activated. Council President Pro Tem Crampton urged FDOT to delay the start of any major work in the second phase until later in the summer. While acknowledging that preliminary outreach and preparation must occur earlier, he emphasized that actual traffic impacting operations should begin as late as possible to avoid significant disruption for residents. Mr. Pollock agreed that the work would need to be planned very carefully.

Council Member Cooney noted that the Town previously managed a large-scale project on Worth Avenue involving similar sidewalk reconstruction and business access challenges. Council Member Cooney suggested that any lessons learned from that effort could be valuable and

offered the Town staff's expertise to assist FDOT as the current project moves forward.

ORDINANCES

16. FIRST READING

16.1 11-2026 An Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Amending The Town Code Of Ordinances At Chapter 2 "Administration" To Add The Appointment Of Special Magistrates To Preside Over Certain Code Enforcement Violation Hearings By Amending Division 1 "Generally," Sec. 2-367; Amending Division 2 "Code Enforcement Board," Sections 2-401-2-405; Amending Division 3 "Procedure," Sections 2-426-2-427, 2-429-2-430, 2-432-2-437; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing An Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor explained that the proposed ordinance would allow the Town to appoint a special magistrate specifically for matters related to Chapter 74 of the Town Code, which governs vessels and vessel enforcement. She noted that this initiative has been developed in collaboration with the Chief and the Police Department to help streamline and expedite vessel-related enforcement efforts.

Council Member Cooney expressed support for the proposal and asked for clarification on how cases would be divided between the special magistrate and the existing Code Enforcement Board. Attorney O'Connor explained that Chapter 162 of state law permits a town to use both a Code Enforcement Board and one or more special magistrates. She noted that other communities use this structure by sending typical residential cases to their code board while directing more complex commercial matters to a special magistrate, illustrating that the Town has flexibility in assigning cases.

Attorney O'Connor read Ordinance 11-2026 on first reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Ordinance 11-2026 on first reading.

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

The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

Chief Caristo asked for a special meeting for the second reading of Ordinance 11-2026 at the end of March. It was decided that the meeting would be held on March 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

17. SECOND READING

17.1 5-2026 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 IV, Police Officers, By Amending Section 82-119, Deferred Retirement Option Program For Police Officers To Extend The

Participation Of Any Member Appointed Town Manager While Participating In The Drop; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing An Effective Date.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor read Ordinance 005-2026 by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to adopt Ordinance 5-2026 on second reading.

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

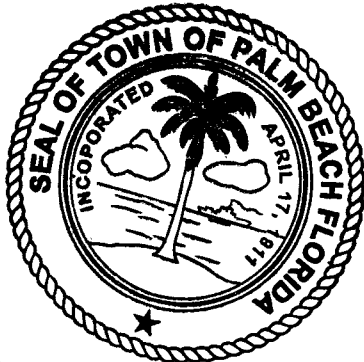
The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

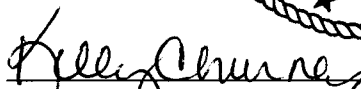
No other business was discussed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 AM. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

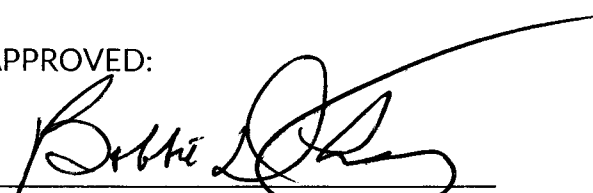


APPROVED:



Kelly Churley, CMC, Town Clerk
Date: 4/14/26

APPROVED:



Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President