



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Held on April 14, 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, Danielle Moore, Julie Araskog, Bobbie Lindsay

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. **29-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Declaring the Results of the Election Held on the 10th day of March 2026.

Council President Lindsay called upon Town Clerk Churney to read the results of the March 10, 2026, Town of Palm Beach Municipal Election. Town Clerk Churney read the results of the election and asked the Town Council to pass Resolution 029-2026.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution 029-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

2. Recognition of Bobbie Lindsay for her 10 years of service on the Town Council from 2016 to 2026, including service as Town Council President Pro Tem from 2020 to 2024, and as Town Council President from 2024 to 2026.

Mayor Moore recognized Council President Lindsay as an exceptional leader, noting that her retirement from the dais would not diminish her continued presence and influence in the

community. She highlighted Ms. Lindsay's accomplishments, including improvements to the marina, fiscal responsibility regarding the pension fund, and contributions to community initiatives, as part of her broader service. Mayor Moore further noted that over the past decade, Ms. Lindsay had been a valued colleague who offered thoughtful and differing perspectives, as well as a friend. She expressed sincere gratitude to Ms. Lindsay for her service, friendship, and lasting impact on the Town of Palm Beach and those who served alongside her.

Members of the Council expressed appreciation for Ms. Lindsay's decade of service and her lasting impact on the Town of Palm Beach. Council Member Moran recognized Ms. Lindsay's legacy, mentorship, and support, and extended best wishes for her next chapter. Council President Pro Tem Crampton highlighted her extensive service beyond the Council, including her work on the Planning and Zoning Board and Shore Protection Board, and credited her leadership with advancing key initiatives such as the "one-town" beach nourishment concept, the Marina and Marina Park, and environmental efforts. Council Member Araskog emphasized Ms. Lindsay's impartial leadership, mentorship, and thoughtful, fact-based decision-making, as well as her contributions to major initiatives and cost management efforts. Council Member Cooney noted her steady leadership, local perspective, and willingness to share her knowledge, particularly on shore protection issues. Collectively, the Council expressed gratitude for Ms. Lindsay's service, mentorship, and friendship and wished her well in the future.

Skip Aldridge and Rick Salvatore of the Palm Beach Citizens Association presented Council President Lindsay with a certificate of appreciation. The certificate highlighted her integrity, commitment to community engagement, and support of the Citizens Association's mission. They expressed their gratitude for her contributions and lasting impact on the community.

Ms. Lindsay reflected on her service as a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the community, emphasizing the importance of supporting core municipal services throughout her tenure. She noted that the Town's accomplishments, including pension reform and organizational improvements, were achieved through collaboration, shared values, and teamwork among Council Members and staff. Ms. Lindsay expressed appreciation for the professionalism of Town staff and legal counsel, and for the engaged community, and highlighted the value of respectful discourse in effective governance. She also expressed confidence in her successor, gratitude for the Town Manager's leadership, and concluded by thanking all who contributed to the Town's progress, stating she was honored to serve and would remain active in the community.

Maggie Zeidman, 229 Barton Avenue, reflected on shared experiences with Ms. Lindsay, noting their early collaboration on shore protection and other key initiatives, including pension reform and stabilizing police and fire services. She highlighted Ms. Lindsay's leadership on the Marina project, emphasizing her vision, courage, and ability to build consensus among both Council Members and the community, resulting in lasting financial and community benefits for the Town. Ms. Zeidman also acknowledged the strong relationships developed with staff and colleagues, noting that Ms. Lindsay's departure would be deeply felt. She concluded by expressing appreciation for her service, encouraging her to enjoy the next chapter, and thanking her for her lasting contributions to Palm Beach.

Mr. Blouin presented several gifts and recognitions from the Town to Ms. Lindsay. He noted that, while much had already been said, Ms. Lindsay had been a true friend to the Town, highlighting her tenacity, energy, and consistent professionalism with both staff and the community. He

emphasized that her decisions were always made for the betterment of the Town and contributed to meaningful work and a committed staff. He concluded by expressing his appreciation for her service before proceeding with the presentation.

3. Administration of the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials

1. Lewis "Lew" S.W. Crampton
2. Nicki McDonald
3. Bridget Moran

Mayor Moore introduced Judge Lisa Small.

Judge Small swore in Council Members Lewis "Lew" S.W. Crampton, Nicki McDonald, and Bridget Moran.

**Note: Following the swearing-in, Council Member McDonald took her seat on the dais.*

4. Election of Town Council President

After the ballots were tallied, Council Member Cooney was elected Town Council President.

5. Election of Town Council President Pro Tem

After the ballots were tallied, Council Member Crampton was elected Town Council President Pro Tem.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion: Resolution 031-2026, Resolution 039-2026, Resolution 028-2026, Resolution 033-2026, Resolution 040-2026, Resolution 051-2026, and the item entitled Historic/Specimen Trees on Town-Owned and on Private Properties in Poor Condition. These items are not included in the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Minutes of the February 10, 2026, Town Council Meeting
7. Minutes of the February 11, 2026, Town Council Development Review Meeting
8. Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Town Council Meeting
9. Minutes of the March 4, 2026, Local Planning Agency Meeting
10. Minutes of the March 4, 2026, Town Council Development Review Meeting

11. Minutes of the March 25, 2026, Architectural Commission Meeting
12. Minutes of the March 30, 2026, Special Town Council Meeting
13. **26-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a retroactive purchase order to Fisher Scientific in the amount of \$418,176, approving a contingency in the amount of \$20,908 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$439,084 for Scott Air-Pak equipment.
14. **27-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order to Vortex Services for manhole rehabilitation in the amount of \$110,150, establishing a contingency in the amount of \$16,522 and establishing a project budget in the amount of \$126,672
19. **30-2026** 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, Inc. for Construction Phase Services for N. County Drainage Project – Phase 2 in the amount of \$252,025, establishing a contingency in the amount of \$37,803 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$289,828.
20. **38-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to the award authorization Resolution No. 113-2024, which awarded ITB No. 2024-21 for Landscape Maintenance Services in the amount of \$125,000.
21. **37-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the award of ITB No. 2026-012 to East Coast Construction Group for Pinewalk Transfer Station Repairs in the amount of \$196,276.19, approving a contingency in the amount of \$30,000 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$226,276.19
23. **50-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order to Geosyntec Consultants for the 2026 Town-Wide Annual Beach Physical Monitoring in the amount of \$248,681, approving a contingency in the amount of \$37,302 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$285,983.
25. Donation from the Palm Beach Police and Fire Foundation
27. Authorization for Town Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of West Palm Beach for Use of the Pump Station Roof at Slope Trail and Country Club Road for Installation of Law Enforcement UAS (Drone) Equipment.
28. Request to Hear Proposed Ordinance Nos. 006-2026; 007-2026; 008-2026; 009-2026; 010-2026; 012-2026; 013-2026; and 014-2026, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Town Council Development Review Meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

COMMENTS

29. MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moore congratulated newly seated members and expressed appreciation for continued collaboration with the Council. She thanked the Palm Beach Civic Association for hosting a successful annual meeting and for its efforts to keep residents informed. She also thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Doug Evans for hosting the Flower (Flagler) Forum, noting the opportunity to engage with international leaders and participate in discussions. Mayor Moore reported positive developments regarding the Midtown Beach Renourishment project, stating that updated federal guidance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will reduce financial obligations and eliminate the requirement for perpetual easements, allowing the Town to maintain a federal partnership. She emphasized that this represents considerable progress and potential cost savings for the Town. She expressed appreciation to staff, Council Member Ted Cooney, and federal partners for their efforts, and noted improved communication with federal officials.

Mayor Moore announced the following April milestones: 5 years of service for Tsahaye Delgado (P&C), Lee Hudson (PW), Walter Jedrzej (PD); 10 years of service for Martin Deloach, 25 years of service for Jill Bassford (FR) and Damon Patrick (FR); and 30 years of service for Kevin Thompson (PW). Mayor Moore reported that the Town received a Service First Award for its use of AI technology to enhance resident services and a second consecutive Gold Level Cigna Healthy Workforce designation, recognizing staff leadership and commitment to employee well-being. She announced upcoming "Bring Your Own Device" assistance sessions. She reminded residents of key updates, including commercial vehicle restrictions, a recent fraud alert, and the expiration of 2025 parking permits, and noted positive feedback on staff assistance. She also discussed efforts to improve compliance with charitable solicitation permit requirements, addressed the recent influx of non-residents during prom events and the need for better coordination, and reminded residents to prepare for hurricane season by ensuring proper reentry documentation.

Council Member McDonald expressed gratitude to the Town Council and residents for the opportunity to serve and for their support throughout the process. She commended the Town's staff for their professionalism and dedication, acknowledged the learning curve ahead, and stated she looked forward to contributing and beginning her service.

Council Member Araskog welcomed Ms. McDonald and congratulated Mr. Crampton and Ms. Moran. She noted that the Civic Association meeting was available online for anyone interested in watching. She also cautioned residents about scams and raised safety concerns regarding electric bikes on sidewalks. Council Member Araskog highlighted hurricane preparedness resources that may be found on the Town's website. Finally, she expressed concern about the negative tone of the recent election cycle and suggested the Council consider addressing the issue moving forward.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thanked everyone who supported him, including the PAC that supported him. He pointed out that governance is a collective effort involving the Council,

Mayor, appointed boards and commissions, and Town staff, each playing a distinct role in serving the community. He noted that the recent election reflected public support for continuity and the Town's current direction. Acknowledging the challenges of governance, he emphasized the importance of collaboration and maintaining stability, highlighting the Town's progress in recent years. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the team's efforts and his commitment to working together moving forward.

Council Member Moran expressed appreciation to residents for their trust and congratulated newly elected members, noting optimism for the Town's future. She highlighted positive developments, including the progress on shoreline easements, recognition of staff achievements, and support from the Police and Fire Foundation. In addition, Council Member Moran commended the preparation of detailed meeting minutes and suggested a future discussion on potentially transitioning to action minutes, given the availability of recorded, time-stamped video. She concluded by stating that discussion of political action committees did not belong at the dais.

Council President Cooney thanked his colleagues for their support, acknowledged the responsibilities of his new role, and requested patience as he transitions. He emphasized the importance of teamwork among the Council and staff, noting that the Town's success is driven by coordination, preparation, and dedication. He highlighted recent accomplishments, particularly efforts related to beach improvements, and expressed appreciation to Public Works and the Town Manager's Office. He concluded by affirming the team's strength and his commitment to continued collaboration.

Mayor Moore thanked Carolyn Stone and staff for the rededication of the Marjorie Merriweather Post Causeway. She noted it was an honor to welcome Ms. Post's granddaughter, Nina Rumbough, along with other family members and attendees. She highlighted the event as a meaningful reminder of the Town's history and the significance of the Post family's legacy. Mayor Moore added that residents appreciated the Council's commitment to honoring the Town's heritage and noted the participation of the Garden Club and preservation groups in the event, despite the less-than-desirable weather.

30. PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Diane Buhler, Friends of Palm Beach, provided a beach update, noting improved maintenance of the Marjorie Merriweather Post Causeway. She reported ongoing challenges with marine debris and sargassum, stating that over 2,100 pounds of debris—primarily plastics—were collected in the past month. She highlighted concerns about increasing plastic pollution, including microplastics, and referenced broader monitoring and research efforts. Ms. Buhler also noted advocacy efforts to reduce plastic waste through legislation. On a positive note, she shared updates on sea turtle nesting activity and recent environmental funding for Everglades protection. She concluded by inviting the public to participate in the Great American Cleanup event on April 25.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the sargassum and its origin. Ms. Buhler responded.

GENERAL BUSINESS

31. Recognition of Betsy Shiverick for her Service on the Architectural Commission from March 2016 to March 2026

Mayor Moore recognized Ms. Shiverick for her 10 years of service on the Architectural Commission.

32. Annual Report of the Architectural Commission (ARCOM)

Friederike Mittner, Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Manager, presented the Architectural Commission Annual Report to the Town Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to accept the report as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

33. Appointment to the Code Enforcement Board

Council President Cooney announced that Michelle Cohen was on the ballot as an alternate member of the Code Enforcement Board. Ms. Cohen presented her application and qualifications and answered all questions. Since there were no other applicants, the Town Council voted by ballot, and the results were announced.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to appoint Michelle Cohen as an alternate member of the Code Enforcement Board. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

34. Quarterly Litigation Report by Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor provided a litigation update, highlighting recent and ongoing cases. She reported that the *Daniels v. Town of Palm Beach* federal trial had concluded, with a ruling expected shortly, and thanked Town staff and witnesses for their participation. She noted that the related *Tiffany* matter would conclude later that week in Circuit Court.

She also provided updates on appellate and federal cases, including the Paramount petition, FAA litigation timelines, and two newly filed lawsuits involving anchoring regulations and parking enforcement systems.

Lastly, she discussed litigation filed on behalf of local gardeners, noting a proposed 90-day stay to allow review of the Town's ordinances. She recommended referring the ordinance to ORS. She stated she would work with them to further review and improve the clarity and organization of regulations related to lawn maintenance and construction.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton provided an update on airport noise, reporting that more than 3,500 complaints had been filed with the FAA since October under the new TFR, and that data are being compiled for use by outside counsel. He noted that additional noise monitoring capabilities would be implemented soon and emphasized the importance of developing a comprehensive record to support future advocacy efforts. Discussion followed regarding aircraft noise and monitoring, including a planned monitor for Jungle Road, though an update was not yet

available. Concerns were raised regarding the operational status of existing monitors, and residents were encouraged to submit detailed complaints through the Town's website, with additional outreach suggested. Staff clarified that noise monitoring equipment is managed by the County, with ongoing coordination to improve functionality, and emphasized the importance of public input. Mr. Blouin noted the Town's participation in coordination efforts and committees, highlighted available reporting tools, acknowledged ongoing aircraft noise impacts, and outlined continued efforts to work with the FAA and pursue appropriate responses.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the Quarterly Litigation Report by Town Attorney O'Connor as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

35. MATTERS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- 15. 31-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding a contract and purchase order to East Coast Construction Group for ITB No. 2026-010, Police Station Improvements in the amount of \$1,171,379, approving a contingency in the amount of \$234,275 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$1,405,654.

Director of Public Works Paul Brazil stated that the Police Department had been working in substandard conditions for 40 years, and the requested work is much overdue. He indicated that the facility does not meet current needs, including those arising from a more diverse workforce. He added that, following recent upgrades to the North Fire Station, it is appropriate to invest in a modern facility for police personnel that meets the Town of Palm Beach's standards.

Council Member Araskog questioned the funding earmarked for temporary lockers. Deputy Town Engineer Julie Parham explained that an allowance was included for temporary locker facilities during renovations, since the existing bathrooms and locker rooms would be completely unusable. The temporary setup, similar to but smaller than the trailer used at the North Fire Station, will allow staff to remain on-site and maintain essential functions. Mr. Blouin noted that while such temporary facilities could be costly, the Town had previously explored cost-saving options, which included purchasing rather than leasing whenever feasible.

Mr. Blouin stated that an assessment report has been prepared for all town buildings and that it is part of the planning process. He stated that when the assessment is done, town facilities are placed on a list and prioritized. This project has been on the list and is planned.

Council Member Moran thought the \$100,000 amount should be considered for an increase, since most items of this nature exceed that amount. She suggested that \$300,000 would be more reasonable. Mr. Blouin was asked to work with the Finance Department on a potential change to the \$100,000 threshold. Mr. Blouin responded to Council Member Moran's suggestion.

Council President Cooney 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 Resolution No. 031-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

16. **39-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a contract and purchase order for Construction Phase Services for the Police Station Improvements to CPZ Architects Inc. in the amount of \$235,660, establishing a contingency in the amount of \$47,132 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$282,792.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution No. 039-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

17. **28-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$140,100, establishing a contingency in the amount of \$30,000 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$170,100 to conduct a Hydraulic Analysis for Flow Addition from South Palm Beach and Manalapan.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton wondered why the Town of Palm Beach was paying \$140,000 to \$170,000 to allow Manalapan to send wastewater through the Town's system for evaluation purposes, specifically to assist in determining a potential transition from septic to sewer. He expressed concern about using Town funds to support this effort and about the rationale for undertaking the project.

Mr. Brazil explained that the Town of Manalapan and the Town of South Palm Beach inquired whether the Town could serve as a transmission provider to ECR, rather than continuing through the City of Lake Worth. It was noted that the Town had previously separated from Lake Worth for similar reasons now being considered by those municipalities. Mr. Brazil indicated that a feasibility analysis was necessary to determine whether such service could be provided, and that if the Town ultimately entered into an agreement, the associated costs could be recovered. In this event, the Town would become a utility, and with talk of eliminating property taxes, this would more than likely take the Town off the ad valorem, which would be a distinct benefit to the Town.

Council President Cooney noted that much of Manalapan remains on septic systems, with long-term plans to transition to sewer service. The potential conversion was recognized as providing regional environmental benefits, particularly for coastal waterways impacted by septic discharge. Support was expressed for pursuing the initiative, and the item was subsequently approved.

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

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Resolution No. 028-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

18. **33-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving ITB No. 2026-11, North County Road Drainage Improvements, Phase 2 to Johnson Davis, Inc. in the amount of \$2,448,600, approving a contingency in the amount of \$367,290, and approving a project budget in the amount of \$2,815,890.

Council Member Araskog pulled the item due to the amount.

Town Engineer Patricia Strayer reported that the North County Road drainage project, previously

bid at approximately \$4 million, had been divided into phases, with initial work completed the prior summer. The current phase, estimated at over \$2 million, will complete drainage improvements, sidewalk work, median enhancements, restriping, and sight-line improvements at Canterbury Drive. The project will coincide with nearby improvements, including undergrounding nearing completion and a park at Wells Road. Construction was anticipated to commence in May or June.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton expressed concern about limited visibility and safety issues in the area near the tree canopy, particularly for vehicles entering and exiting nearby driveways and attempting left turns. He asked whether any roadway modifications were being considered to improve sight lines and address such safety concerns. Ms. Strayer said that those intersections are included in this design. Mr. Brazil said that part of the solution will involve some self-help, such as improving their sight triangles and sight distance based on their landscaping. Ms. Strayer stated that staff would continue to work with those residents, but there is no opportunity to change the roadway geometry. Mr. Brazil further stated that because of the right-of-way, the road has been pushed as far west as possible. However, if an opportunity is identified, staff will implement any possible improvement.

Council Member Moran asked if Mr. Blue's concerns were being addressed, and Ms. Strayer said yes.

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

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution No. 033-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

22. **40-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a change order to purchase order to Bridges, Marsh & Associates, Inc. for Midtown Beach Bathroom Building Reconstruction in the amount of \$62,000, approving a contingency in the amount of \$30,000 and approving a new project budget in the amount \$282,000.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated that his concern was that all the projects were being completed simultaneously. Ms. Strayer explained how the projects would be coordinated. She said the seawall would be the priority. Mr. Blouin said there had also been concerns expressed about the traffic. He said that Mr. Brazil had assured him that the staff would keep one lane open on both the North and South sides throughout the project.

Ms. Strayer also noted that the County will be completely done and open at that time. Mr. Brazil added that the project would be disruptive.

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

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution No. 040-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

24. **51-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a purchase order to Advanced Security Technologies for the

MVB3X Modular Vehicle Barrier System in the amount of \$132,605, approving a contingency in the amount of \$7,395 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$140,000 to support Public Safety Operations.

Chief Caristo explained the need for enhanced safety measures at large public events, noting increasing concerns nationwide regarding vehicles being used to harm crowds. He explained that modular barrier systems, similar to those used at events such as the West Palm Beach Green Market, could effectively stop vehicles and provide greater protection than traditional methods. He stated that staff had identified a grant funding opportunity to purchase six lanes of the system, capable of stopping large vehicles, and proceeded with the acquisition. Support was expressed for the initiative, particularly given the availability of grant funding.

Mayor Moore was seeking clarification and was supportive of the request.

Council Member Moran expressed support for the request.

Chief Caristo noted that one item not pulled from the consent agenda was a donation from the Police and Fire Foundation, which purchased mobile surveillance systems. He stated that they have already been used throughout the island, and the addition of modular vehicle barriers would further enhance safety in the Town.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution No. 051-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

26. Historic/Specimen Trees on Town-Owned, and on Private Properties in Poor Condition

Council Member Araskog asked about the recommendation for a horticulturist, in addition to relying on an arborist's opinion. She also said she had spoken to Mr. Brazil about the condition of the trees on private property.

Mr. Brazil explained that the report was to relay two pieces of information: the condition of all the specimen trees on town property, and to point out which trees on private property were in poor condition. Mr. Brazil noted that several trees require attention under the voluntary program, with property owners actively engaged and maintaining their trees, often in consultation with arborists. It was explained that, as trees age, some may no longer meet specimen quality standards and may need to be removed from designation, with a few anticipated to be de-designated within the next year.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked whether staff were willing to include citizen groups in the master tree-planting process. He asked if Mr. Brazil would be the appropriate person to entertain any community interest in the program.

Council Member Cooney noted that historic tree designations are often considered during real estate due diligence, and support was expressed for expanding the inventory of designated trees on private property. Mr. Brazil explained that the program is voluntary and led by the Garden Club, with support from Public Works, and that new trees are regularly identified in coordination with arborists. It was also noted that, while some trees are de-designated over time due to aging,

the overall inventory has grown from approximately 50 to over 100 trees, reflecting ongoing efforts to maintain and expand the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to accept the Historic/Specimen Tree report as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36. Town-Wide Undergrounding Project - Review of Project and Dashboard, Summary of Project Status

Town Engineer Patricia Strayer requested to provide a brief update on undergrounding, followed by a discussion of the Coconut Row water main project, noting that the paving discussion could be deferred until after reconvening due to time constraints.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog to take 36.4 immediately after 36 and seconded by Council Member Moran. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

Ms. Strayer provided an update for Phase 6 South of the undergrounding project, all AT&T work would be completed by May 1, after which FPL would begin removing equipment and poles. It was noted that FPL would be the final utility remaining on the poles and that removal activities were scheduled to begin May 1 and continue for approximately two months. She noted there would also be paving.

Ms. Strayer reported that Phase 7 North would be the next area for pole removal, with anticipated work beginning in August or September due to delays in AT&T's work. It was noted that paving in Phase 7 North would proceed in May to allow the asphalt to cure before crane activity, minimizing damage to the roadway. Ms. Strayer added that project scheduling continues to be coordinated to manage overlapping activities effectively.

36.1 34-2026 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the award of ITB No. 2026-016, Phase 4S, 6S and 7N Milling and Paving Improvements to Janice M Riley DBA The Paving Lady in the amount of \$3,495,398, approving a contingency in the amount of \$699,079 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$4,194,477.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution 034-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

36.2 35-2026 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a contract and purchase order to Chen Moore and Associates for Construction Management Services related to Phase 4S, 6S and 7N Milling and Paving Improvements in the amount of \$206,060, approving a contingency in the amount of \$30,909 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$236,969.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Resolution 035-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

36.3 52-2026 A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Accepting The Donation For Beautification Of The 100 Block Of Seaview Avenue Project. The Donation Amount Is \$292,000.48.

TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM

Julie Parham, Deputy Town Engineer, explained that the Seaview Avenue beautification project, initiated at the request of residents, was combined with related paving and streetscape improvements to achieve cost efficiency and streamline construction under a single contractor. The project included installing palm trees and enhancing sidewalks and curbs for traffic calming and safety. It was bundled with underground paving work in Phase 4 South, 6 South, and 7 North, as well as milling and resurfacing of Bradley Place. Six bids were received, with the lowest responsive bidder coming in under budget; the selected contractor previously completed successful work for the Town. Approval was requested, including waivers to allow potential night and Saturday work to minimize disruption, particularly along Worth Avenue.

Mr. Blouin pointed out that, in addition to paving associated with the underground work, several areas were included based on prior Council direction, specifically the segment north of Poinciana along Bradley to Dunbar, as well as the Seaview parking lot, Recreation Center parking lot, and the 100 block of Seaview Avenue.

Annie Iorio, 131 Seaview Avenue, thanked everyone for assisting with this project, which has been a 2 ½ year initiative. She thanked Council Member Araskog for personally assisting her and the neighboring property owners and answering their questions.

Council Member Moran extended her thanks to Ms. Iorio for her work on this project, which will benefit the whole town.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Resolution 052-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

36.4 Coconut Row Water Main Construction Presentation

Senior Project Engineer Jake Hurley from Public Works gave a presentation on the Coconut Row Water Main and discussed the expected impacts on the community. He also explained the project schedule, stating it is anticipated to be completed before next season, noting that the end of May and June would be the most disruptive parts of the project. Mr. Hurley said that the best way for the public to stay informed would be through Burkhardt Construction. They will be providing staff with a weekly MOT update.

Mayor Moore inquired about the traffic impacts associated with the water main project, particularly for residents on Pendleton Lane. Mr. Hurley explained that during Phase 1 and into Phase 2, northbound turns from Pendleton Lane would be restricted, while southbound turns would remain possible under flagging operations; however, delays should be expected. Flaggers would also manage access to nearby streets. Mayor Moore noted that while circulation may be

temporarily limited, the work is necessary, and she encouraged residents to be patient during construction. Mr. Brazil noted that West Palm is funding the project, and the Town of Palm Beach is overseeing construction.

Council Member Moran complimented Mr. Hurley on the community meetings he had conducted.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton shared some experience from the south end and recommended that careful consideration be given to planning of the traffic flagging operation. Mr. Blouin assured the council that the Town's expectations would be clearly communicated to the contractor and that staff would be monitoring the process. He noted the human element and said that some flag personnel do better than others, and recommended that any issues be reported to the Police Department.

Reverting to the discussion about aircraft noise, Council Member Araskog suggested that, in addition to the previous FAA-related noise alert discussions, outreach be made to the Worth Avenue Association, as outdoor dining establishments along Worth Avenue may be impacted by aircraft noise. It was noted that coordination with affected stakeholders could help ensure broader awareness and input.

37. Phipps Ocean Park Construction Update

TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM

Patricia Strayer stated this would be a two-part item, noting that Adam Rosmell from Burkhardt Construction would provide a presentation.

Adam Rosmell, Project Manager with Burkhardt Construction, presented an overview and project update for Phipps Ocean Park. He noted that construction began in May 2025 and has progressed significantly over the past year. He discussed the work done on the site, including the relocation of trees and buildings. He stated that overall, the project remained active with multiple structures nearing completion and ongoing progress across the site.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton drew attention to the landscaping going on the West side of A1A. He stated there is a lot of good work going on, which he thought people in the south end had not yet noticed. He noted it would be a huge improvement to the area.

Ms. Strayer acknowledged Susan Lerner and the Preservation Foundation Team for their thoughtful selection of plantings for the site.

Council Member Moran inquired about the project timeline and potential budget overages. Ms. Strayer indicated that, due to requested changes, a completion timeline was not currently available, but noted the budget had remained well balanced to date. She stated that any potential overages would likely result from requests made by the Preservation Foundation, which has been actively involved in project discussions.

37.1 36-2026 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a retroactive change order for Phipps Ocean Park Construction Phase Services to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 for an approved purchase order in the amount of \$2,170,195

and establishing a new project budget in the amount of \$2,170,195 for additional work that was requested and for future modifications that may be presented.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 036-2026.

Council Member Araskog asked whether a resolution was needed, stating that the Preservation Foundation would pay for the work. Mr. Brazil said there is a separate agreement with the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach. This agreement is between the Town and Kimley Horn and Associates. He said there was no way to connect the two.

The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

38. South Fire Station Meeting Room Policy

Mr. Blouin introduced a discussion of the South Fire Station meeting room policy, noting concerns raised about political campaign activities occurring in the facility, which had previously been used for limited public and informational purposes. He explained that existing policy and state statute did not address such use, prompting the development of a revised policy in coordination with the Town Attorney. The proposed policy would allow continued use of the space for civic and Town-serving activities, subject to an approval process requiring events to be town-sponsored or co-sponsored. Mr. Blouin emphasized the intent to prevent operational impacts on Fire Rescue and to avoid any perceived endorsement of political activities by the Town. He indicated that the proposal aligned with prior Council discussions and invited further input.

Mayor Moore stated that during the fall months, she will have a couple of coffee events for residents at the South Fire Station, due to road closures. One is scheduled in October and one in November. She thanked Mr. Blouin for bringing this item forward, which reminded her of the opportunity. She also encouraged her fellow council members to complete the paperwork and hold a listening session with residents of the South End. This type of session would be a town-sponsored event.

Attorney O'Connor advised the town council members to be cautious, noting that these sessions could be cosponsored only to the extent that the discussion remains about current town business, rather than running a campaign.

Council Member Araskog thought this should be limited for safety reasons. She inquired about closed doors between the meeting room and offices. Chief Sean Baker discussed the firefighters' quarters, which have controlled access.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton expressed concern that the proposed policy should avoid creating unnecessary bureaucracy for legitimate civic or informational meetings. Questions were raised regarding how the policy would apply to situations such as a candidate hosting a listening session, and he asked who would determine whether such use is permissible and how those decisions would be made.

Attorney O'Connor clarified that the policy intends to limit the use of the South Fire Station meeting space to substantively Town-sponsored or co-sponsored events in which the Town

maintains meaningful control over messaging, promotion, and logistics. It was noted that this approach would apply uniformly, excluding not only political campaign activities but also private meetings, such as condominium association board meetings, to ensure consistency in application.

Council Members discussed refining the policy to clearly limit use of the South Fire Station meeting space to educational, Town-sponsored, or co-sponsored events, excluding campaign-related and private meetings. It was noted that candidate "listening sessions" would be considered campaign activities and, therefore, not permitted. Discussion emphasized aligning the policy with practices at the Recreation Center, preserving the space for Town training and operations, and proactively addressing emerging use patterns. It was acknowledged that any gray areas would be reviewed in consultation with legal counsel, though formal inclusion in the policy was not deemed necessary. Direction was given to proceed with the policy, with the understanding that it could be revisited if issues arise.

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

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to adopt the South Fire Station Meeting Room policy. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

**Note: A lunch break was taken at 12:36 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 1:28 p.m.*

39. Coastal Update

39.1 Shoreline Conditions

Coastal Coordinator Sara Westphal provided an update on shoreline conditions, noting increased inquiries regarding erosion. She introduced a coastal engineering consultant to present baseline conditions and indicated she would follow with examples of specific areas experiencing impacts.

Tom Pierro, Engineer of Coastal Protection Engineering, provided an overview of shoreline conditions, comparing recent conditions to those following prior erosion events.

Ms. Westphal noted that while several areas of the beach remain stable or have gained sand due to successful bypassing and nourishment efforts, significant erosion has occurred in the Midtown area, resulting in temporary beach access closures and exposed coastal structures. Active nourishment and construction efforts are ongoing but have been slowed by weather conditions, with sand expected to return to impacted areas as work progresses. Additional updates were provided on groin rehabilitation, dune scarping, and ongoing monitoring and maintenance efforts in accordance with permit requirements, with staff continuing to coordinate improvements and address safety concerns.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the progress being made on smoothing out and breaking down the escarpments in reaches 7 and 8. He asked whether there were access issues with the equipment, and if so, to smooth out and break down those areas. Ms. Westphal responded that remediation efforts had been complicated by the sea turtle nesting season, which required coordination and regulatory agency approval. Approval has been obtained, and staff are evaluating the most effective method for accessing the beach with equipment, including the potential use of an existing beach-cleaning contractor, while also considering alternative options.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked that the Town Council be kept informed as to progress so they could respond to town resident inquiries. Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about the project's timing. Ms. Westphal stated they were waiting for the weather to subside due to potential swells that would undo any work completed. She said that a plan forward is anticipated to be completed this week. Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked for summary data regarding what had been accomplished in the past 10-20 years, with respect to the amount of sand that has been retained on the shoreline and other important information. He said people want to find out what the town is getting in return for the dollars being expended. Ms. Westphal said that data is available in the annual physical monitoring plan, and Dr. Mike Jenkins presented a State of the Shoreline at the beginning of the year. She stated that an additional summary could be provided to the town. Mr. Brazil followed up that the annual presentation could be obtained for the town council.

Council Member McDonald asked for further clarification with regard to the times of the year since the sand moves. She asked if the data is being viewed four months apart and if it is accurate. Ms. Westphal responded, explaining how the data is collected and evaluated. Mr. Blouin said that during seasonal changes, the beaches will historically look different. However, year-to-date data is available.

Mayor Moore thought it was encouraging that Col. Bowman got to see the actual condition of the beaches. She noted how important the program is to the Town of Palm Beach. She also asked that photos be presented next month.

Council Member Araskog asked how the turtle nests were being protected. Mr. Brazil said sea turtle monitors are contacted to assist.

Council Member Moran noted that sand levels at Dunbar had decreased by approximately eight feet and asked whether the permanently lost beach area could be included in the restoration project. Ms. Strayer stated the section would not be part of the federal project but could be addressed separately, similar to prior work from Wells to Casa Bendito, and recommended that approach. Mr. Brazil added that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would need to include the work as a bid alternate and manage it, noting no guarantee due to required processes. Mr. Blouin stated that the new Corps guidelines remain in effect, and easements are still needed. He added that significant erosion had occurred this year due to wave activity, and that completion of the Midtown beach project is expected to improve conditions at Clarke Beach and areas to the south.

Mr. Blouin asked if there is potential that, because of the changes in season, the escarpment could be taken down naturally. Ms. Westphal said potentially, but larger ones are generally more persistent. Mr. Blouin said staff would look to gather additional information and bring back options for the Town Council to consider.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton stated an acute degree of concern with the escarpments in reaches 7 and 8. He suggested that these areas be addressed urgently. Mr. Brazil stated it is also urgent for staff, and it is continually being addressed with ongoing conversations.

Council Member Araskog asked about Clarke Beach, and Mr. Brazil said Midtown stabilizes Clarke, and the presentation that Mr. Crampton asked for will demonstrate this.

39.2 Clarke Beach

Coastal Coordinator Sara Westphal presented the long-term monitoring of Clarke Beach, and she discussed the current conditions. Ms. Westphal explained that Clark Beach has historically experienced significant natural variability and erosion, particularly due to its Midtown location and lack of a seawall between adjacent armored properties, with shoreline conditions fluctuating over time despite ongoing beach renourishment efforts. Historical and recent data showed both erosion and recovery cycles, with current conditions reflecting typical pre-renourishment impacts. Concerns regarding the nearby Breakers breakwater project were addressed, noting it was a privately permitted project with Town input and regulatory oversight, and that a federal and state-required mitigation and monitoring plan is in place to distinguish natural shoreline changes from potential structural impacts. This plan includes defined thresholds, ongoing data collection, and corrective actions such as enhanced monitoring or sand placement if needed, funded by the permittee. The Town continues independent monitoring and coordination with agencies, with recent data indicating a net gain in sand since 1990 despite short-term fluctuations. Overall, staff emphasized that shoreline changes are expected between renourishment cycles and expressed confidence that the ongoing Midtown Beach Renourishment Project will improve conditions.

Council President Cooney noted there is a plan underway, and Mr. Brazil said the plan is underway and initial data will be available in approximately one year, with updates every six months thereafter.

Mayor Moore asked if, when the point is reached where there is a negative impact on Clarke Beach, and mitigation is required from the property owners, the town collects some money from them. She asked the staff if there was confidence that some of the expenses could be recouped. Mr. Brazil noted that enforcement would be from DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thanked Mr. Brazil and staff for transparency and willingness to share data with concerned residents, noting that initial public skepticism, particularly regarding negotiations involving the Breakers, had improved following direct engagement with staff. Mr. Brazil noted that a baseline would be established from current Midtown conditions and monitored for deviations, with responsibility for any necessary remediation placed on the permit holder. Mr. Blouin stated the process was conducted in good faith, with appropriate consideration for protecting Town finances, and expressed appreciation for the update.

39.3 Sloan's Curve

Mr. Brazil explained that, during initial permitting for Reach 7, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection supported full beach nourishment, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers limited the project due to nearshore resources, resulting in a truncated design that excluded Sloan's Curve. Although the Town accepted the permit and completed the project, residents at Sloan's Curve later requested reconsideration. The Town Council is being asked to grant authorization for staff to approach the Corps to determine whether it would consider reevaluating its prior Record of Decision, noting that this initial inquiry would involve no cost, while any further action could require time, effort, and funding.

Council President Cooney felt the request to reevaluate conditions was reasonable and noted that prior interactions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had been contentious, though

relationships have since improved. He also noted that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was willing to permit full beach nourishment. He asked how far north of Sloan's curve was originally contemplated before they truncated. Mr. Brazil did not recall.

Council Member McDonald noted that, given the apparent recovery of nearshore hard bottom, it may be worthwhile to revisit the Record of Decision (ROD). She cited a similar reversal in Brevard County. She referenced a study done by Ericson Coastal Engineering that indicated that, although mitigation costs could be \$1 million, extending the nourishment cycle from four to five years to six to seven years could result in significant savings over the next 20 years. Mr. Brazil noted that Ericson Coastal Engineering Study works director for the Sloan's Curve residents, and he noted that city staff had not evaluated those assumptions. Mr. Blouin said the staff recommendation would be to authorize staff to communicate with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton supported the request. He congratulated Yanni Margheritas for the steps he had taken in spearheading this initiative. He also thanked Mr. Brazil for his flexibility and willingness to move forward.

There was a consensus to allow staff to meet with the US Army Corps of Engineers to request a reconsideration of their record of decision for the Reach 7 / Phipps Ocean Park Renourishment Project.

39.4 Mid-Town Beach Renourishment Project Update

Coastal Coordinator Sara Westphal provided an update on the Mid-Town Beach Renourishment Project, sharing the progress that had been made. She noted the project is being done by the Army Corps of Engineers. She reported that beach nourishment operations involved dredging sand from the inlet and northern borrow areas and pumping it to Midtown Beach through multiple pipeline landings. As of the update, approximately 212,000 cubic yards (about 44%) of the estimated 480,000 cubic yards had been completed. She noted that work had begun in early March but experienced delays due to weather, prompting a requested extension into May with coordination from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Construction included stockpiling and trucking sand to constrained areas, periodic beach closures, and ongoing coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with whom the Town reported a positive partnership.

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

NEW BUSINESS

40. Request from the City of West Palm Beach for Continued Sponsorship for the 4th Flagler Celebration

Mr. Blouin explained that a request from the City of West Palm Beach, where the town offers a donation in the amount of \$12,000 to the City of West Palm Beach for the 4th of July festivities.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve the request from the City of West Palm Beach for sponsorship for the 4th on Flagler Celebration. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

- 41. 32-2026** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town Of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving the selection committee recommendation to award RFQ No. 2026-013, Owner's Representative Services for Mid-Town Seawall Replacement Construction Project to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$918,257, approving a contingency in the amount of \$45,912 and approving a project budget in the amount of \$964,169.

Jason Debrincat, Deputy Director of Public Works, explained the resolution, which is part of the complex Midtown Seawall replacement project. He specifically said this would be for the owner's portion of the project. The town issued a solicitation RFQ, which was competitively bid, and the firms have been ranked.

Mayor Moore supported the request.

Council Member Araskog asked Mr. Brazil to break down the amount of money being paid to a consultant. Mr. Debrincat responded, and a brief discussion ensued regarding the details of the project. Mr. Brazil noted that the project would not change the look of the clock tower.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton felt that the construction costs of the firehouse project got out of sight, and he asked that the town council be provided with a schedule of briefings on the costs and on the progress of the seawall. He felt it was important for the town commission to be able to keep a close eye on the project to prevent costs from getting out of control. He also asked for an explanation of the progressive design-build methodology. Mr. Debrincat explained the progressive design-build versus a CMAR project. Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if the town decided to change contractors mid-project, if that was possible under the progressive design-build methodology. Mr. Debrincat said yes.

Ms. Strayer clarified that, under the CCNA process, proposals—not bids—would be received and evaluated to select the most qualified firm, which would then be brought to Council for ratification. The progressive design-build approach would begin with a negotiated value engineering phase, followed by collaboration to establish a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) within approximately six months. If a GMP could not be agreed upon, negotiations would terminate and proceed to the next-ranked firm.

Council Member Moran was concerned about the cost. Mr. Blouin said not only would this be built to the town standards, but there would also be some cost savings.

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

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 032-2026 with the condition that an owner's representative is hired to assist with the seawall project. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

42. Construction and Landscaping Work Hours

Director of Planning, Zoning, and Building Wayne Bergman presented an optional resolution to extend or modify temporary construction hour allowances previously adopted to address traffic concerns. The current resolution, set to expire May 15, allowed earlier start times (7:00 a.m. arrival

with quiet work from 7:30–8:30 a.m.) and a 10-hour workday ending at 5:30 p.m. Without extension, hours would shift 30 minutes later, though staff noted most contractors prefer earlier start times rather than working later into the evening.

Mr. Bergman answered questions regarding what the Town Council did last year. He said that contractors prefer to start earlier. He noted that City Attorney O'Connor and he thought this was a suitable time to consider extending the resolution or modifying it to meet the needs of the Town.

Council Member Araskog was concerned about noise and thought residents should be given a break during the summer, when traffic is less congested.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thought the current system worked well and thought it should continue, although he respected Ms. Araskog's point of view.

Council Member Moran felt it was important to give contractors more workable hours so they could complete the projects more quickly.

Mayor Moore wanted the work completed as soon as possible. She thought flexibility was good for the traffic and supported extending the work hours until November, and reassess at that time.

Council Member Araskog further explained the justification for her view and stated she was not in favor.

Council President Cooney saw merit in extending the resolution.

Mr. Bergman stated that the weekend hours would not change with the proposed resolution. Mr. Blouin further noted that there are regularly approved summer hours for contractors. This resolution extends the current hours under the existing rules, allowing them to arrive at 7:00 a.m. They can't begin work until 7:30 a.m. Mr. Blouin stated he was not aware of any complaints.

42.1 41-2026 A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Palm Beach, Florida, Temporarily Amending The Hours For Construction Work Set Forth In Section 42-199 Of The Town's Code Of Ordinances For The Benefit Of The Health, Safety, And Welfare Of The Residents; And Providing An Effective Date.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Crampton and seconded by Council Member Moran to approve Resolution 041-2026, with the hours to expire on October 31, 2026. The motion was carried 4-1, with Council Member Araskog dissenting.

**Note: A short break was taken at 3:55 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 4:03 p.m.*

43. Discussion on Mar-a-Lago Club Helipad

Mr. Blouin explained the request, noting that Attorney Harvey Oyer submitted a request for continued use of the previously approved helipad, proposing that it remain in place while a United States Secretary is residing at Mar-a-Lago. This differed from prior conditions requiring removal after the presidency, and the Council was asked to consider both the duration of approval and

potential usage conditions, particularly regarding noise and impacts to nearby residents.

Town Attorney O'Connor clarified that the Town previously addressed the helipad by designating Mar-a-Lago as an approved takeoff and landing location under Section 14-34 of the Code, which otherwise prohibits aircraft operations within Town limits unless specifically designated. This designation, approved in 2017, was limited to use for official Presidential business. It was further clarified that the action taken at that time was a designation, not a waiver of multiple code sections, as had been initially referenced.

Attorney Harvey Oyer, on behalf of Mar-a-Lago, and at the request of the United States Secret Service, explained that the helipad previously approved in 2017 had been installed and removed in compliance with prior conditions tied to the presidential term. He requested modification of those conditions to allow the helipad to remain in place beyond the presidency for as long as a Secret Service protectee resides at the property, citing ongoing and elevated security threats and the need for emergency evacuation capability. He emphasized that the helipad would be limited to official governmental use and expressed willingness to accept conditions to mitigate impacts on the public, while noting that usage has historically been minimal.

Mr. Blouin advised that security threats to the President are significant and ongoing, supporting the need for a helipad as a legitimate tactical and emergency evacuation option. However, he emphasized that the Council should consider restricting its use to official or emergency purposes only, noting that prior limited instances of non-essential use generated community concern, while overall use has been minimal, and that the helipad itself is not visually impactful. Mr. Oyer pointed out that the helipad is a circular concrete pad embedded in the ground, located in the middle of a 20-acre parcel, and presents no adverse visual impacts.

Mayor Moore expressed concern that the helipad would be used for guests rather than for the President. She felt that restrictions would need to be solid.

Council Member Araskog wondered why the decision needed to be made at this point, rather than 3 months before his presidency ends. She thought the current decision was applicable and appropriate.

Council Member Cooney stated that residents had contacted him, surprised by the request.

Council Member Moran agreed and asked who the protectees would be after Mr. Trump left office. Mr. Oyer responded.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton understood the need and thought it had been properly documented. He thought the landing zone design was appropriate. He thought it was important to condition the approval on use for governmental purposes only. He thought this was part of a planning process and should not be overanalyzed. He appreciated the Secret Service putting their request through the local process.

Council Member McDonald asked if a recommendation was made by the Town Council, whether it would be considered and put in writing. She felt the request letter was very general. Mr. Oyer responded.

Mr. Blouin further clarified the request and explained two things. One was whether the Town Council was willing to consider a helipad at Mar-a-Lago for whatever the terms are, stating that staff could work with Attorney O'Connor and Mr. Oyer to develop specific language to govern its use. He said the club currently has vested approval for the construction and use of a helipad through the duration of the President's term in office.

Mr. Oyer thought it was reasonable to place conditions on the approval at this time. However, he thought it was necessary to plan for the future since this is one piece in a larger package that is not discussed in public.

Town Council President Cooney asked about the long-term implications of maintaining the helipad, specifically whether its continued presence after the presidency could impact or extend existing Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs).

Council Member Moran wanted to see a meaningful monetary penalty if a private aircraft lands at Mar-a-Lago for recreation or another unofficial purpose.

Council Member Araskog felt this item should be deferred.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to defer the item to the May 12, 2026, Town Council meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

ORDINANCES

44. FIRST READING

44.1 16-2026 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, Article IV – Boards And Commissions, Division 2 – Planning And Zoning Commission By Amending Section 2-328; Article V – Code Enforcement, Division 2.- Code Enforcement Board, By Amending Section 2-402; At Chapter 2 – Administration, Article VI.-- Finance, Division 6 – Investment Advisory Committee By Amending Section 2-567; At Chapter 2 – Administration, Article X – Shore Protection Board By Amending Section 2-636; At Chapter 18- Buildings And Building Regulation, Article III – Architectural Review, Division 2. – Architectural Commission By Amending Section 18-169; At Chapter 54 – Historical Preservation, Article II – Landmarks Preservation By Amending Section 54 - 38; At Chapter 74 – Parks And Recreation, Article I – In General By Amending Section 74-1; And At Chapter 82 – Personnel, Article II – Employee Benefits, Division 2 – Retirement System By Amending Section 82-57 To Make A Family Emergency An Excused Absence For Meetings Of The Planning And Zoning Commission, Code Enforcement Board, Investment Advisory Committee, Shore Protection Board, Architectural Commission, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission And The Board Of Trustees Of The

Retirement System; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing An Effective Date.

Town Clerk Churney indicated that the proposed Ordinance modified the code to allow family emergencies, rather than death in the family, for an excused absence on all boards and commissions.

Council Member McDonald indicated that when reading the Ordinance, she had observed inconsistencies in reappointment timelines across boards and commissions and suggested a broader review of all advisory bodies. She suggested developing an evaluation framework for membership and effectiveness, as well as clear descriptions of each commission's role, expectations, and code of conduct, to ensure consistency and improve overall functioning.

Mayor Moore thought that this was a good idea, but it would be a longer-term project. She suggested it be placed on next month's agenda and referred it to ORS for further evaluation.

Ms. Churney noted that this is being looked at, and when the summer interns start, more time will be dedicated to writing up information about the commissions. Mr. Blouin further discussed anticipated improvements to the process.

Council President Cooney stated he would work with the Town Manager and City Clerk to bring this item back to the Town Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to approve Ordinance 016-2026. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

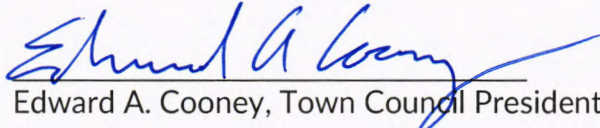
Town Attorney O'Connor discussed the status of litigation involving Scott Lewis, noting a 90-day stay and the potential to revise the lawn maintenance ordinance to separate it from construction regulations. It was agreed to place the item on a future Council agenda, with staff evaluating options and returning recommendations.

Council President Cooney said that lawn maintenance could be placed on the agenda for discussion next month.

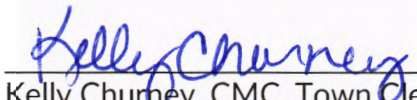
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Araskog and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to adjourn the meeting at 04:45 PM. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVED:


Edward A. Cooney, Town Council President

APPROVED:


Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk
Date: 5/11/26

