



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Town Council Meeting of January 14, 2025, was called to order at 9:31 a.m. On roll call, all council members were present.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Clerk Churney gave the Invocation, and President Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (2:20)

The following modifications were made to the agenda:

- Addition of e. Discussion of Construction Hours to Item No. XII.B.1.
- Deferral of Item No. XII.B.3. Discussion on Residency Requirements for Elected Officials to February 11, 2025.
- Deferral of Item No. XII.C.1. Discussion Regarding Beautification of 200 and 300 Blocks of Peruvian Avenue to February 11, 2025.
- Removal of Item No. XII.C.2. Request by Josh Pertnoy, CGC, Shapiro Pertnoy Construction Group, on behalf of 415 Hibiscus Avenue For Permission to Work at Night

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (03:49)

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

V. RECOGNITIONS (05:15)

- A. Recognition of Warren Belmar for his service on the Shore Protection Board from January 2022 to January 2025
Danielle H. Moore, Mayor

Mayor Moore recognized Mr. Belmar for his service on the Shore Protection Board.

VI. **BOARD AND COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (06:34)**

A. Presentations by the Applicants and Appointment to the Shore Protection Board

Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk

The following applicants presented their applications to the Town Council:

Timothy P. Cohan

Lawrence Kaplan

Both applicants responded to questions from the Town Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Crampton to appoint Lawrence Kaplan to the Shore Protection Board. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

VII. **COMMENTS OF MAYOR DANIELLE H. MOORE (20:40)**

Mayor Moore congratulated Procurement Manager Dean Mealy for being selected as the employee of the year.

The Mayor thanked the following employees for their service to the Town:

Stephen Montoya (FR), Melissa Ladd (FIN), Antony Mazza (PD) for 10 years, Jennifer Bell (PW) for 25 years, and Stefan Thompson (PW) for 30 years. She announced that Stefan Thompson (PW) and William Lewis (PW) are retiring after 30 years of service to the Town.

She reminded the residents that the pink parking stickers had expired; please remember to register for new white stickers. She also asked residents to sign up for Town Alerts.

Mayor Moore announced that she and Town Manager Blouin had been actively working on traffic solutions for the Town. She reviewed the many meetings she had attended, seeking resolutions for the traffic issues.

Mayor Moore asked everyone to pray for the California residents affected by the fires. She said Palm Beach United Way had started a fire relief fund and indicated that a few families would match donations.

VIII. **COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS (29:37)**

Council Member Moran thanked the residents for their comments on agenda items and the mayor for her work on traffic issues.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton advised the Town Council that a resident would be requesting a resolution to add a sign on Ibis Isle to restrict fishing and noted a petition with several signatures would accompany the request. He asked that an item be placed on the agenda in February to discuss this issue. He also raised the issue of the relationship between Code

Enforcement, construction site management, and right-of-way management. He asked Town Manager Blouin to discuss this issue at the February meeting.

Council Member Moran asked to recap the addition of landscapers' holiday hours and asked if there were any issues. She heard complaints that debris had been left on the street for many weeks.

Council Member Araskog discussed the fires in California. She asked everyone to pray for California's residents and first responders affected by the fires. She mentioned the traffic and her opinion that the hours should be 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. She also thought a separate meeting should be held to allow input from business owners and residents. She mentioned that she has had residents tell her they were confused about the parking sticker program. She thought it would be helpful if the Civic Association, the Citizens Association, and the local newspaper ran a story. She stated that she had spoken to business owners, one of whom had been in town for 87 years, and indicated that his store would be closing because of the traffic situation and sales had decreased significantly. She hoped things would change when the road reopened, and President-Elect Trump went to the White House. She also asked about the three to six bridge openings for the barge traffic. Town Manager Blouin discussed the project requiring the barges and stated that the goal was six trips south and six north. Because of equipment failures, that goal had not been achieved. The average trips were 3.4 trips down and 3.4 trips back. Most recently, even that has not been achieved. The goal is to increase the number of trips.

Council Member Cooney thanked Mayor Moore and Town Manager Blouin for working on the traffic issues. He congratulated Kelly Churney on becoming the Town Clerk.

Council President Lindsay said she had nothing further to add except that the mayor, senior staff, and every council member on the desk were working to find solutions to the traffic and congestion issues.

IX. [COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT PLEASE \(42:05\)](#)

Resident Jasmine Kordbacheh and her neighbor Jackson Payne of 244 Sunset Avenue requested that residents of the building be allowed to take advantage of RPP parking. She expressed concerns regarding the lack of resident parking and thought that residents should be able to purchase adjacent residential parking passes. Ms. Kordbacheh referenced Section 134-2327 of the Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances regarding parking permits.

Carla Herwitz, 2275 S Ocean Blvd., expressed concern about the Secret Service checkpoint near the entrance of her building and the impacts on traffic in the surrounding area. Mr. Blouin stated that staff would outline the problem and communicate with the Secret Service to suggest relocating the checkpoint. The roadblocks were expected to be removed soon. Police Chief Caristo also responded.

Sherry Chris, 2275 S Ocean Blvd., confirmed the traffic issues referred to by Ms. Herwitz and discussed the traffic confusion around The Reef. She stated that trucks lined up on the road instead of pulling into the parking lot.

Bob Stevenson, 2195 Ibis Isle Road, presented a petition to the Town Council to write an ordinance prohibiting fishing from the bridge leading to Ibis Isle from Ibis Way. He discussed the many issues and hazards caused by fishing activities, including trespassing, blocking the right-of-way, and poaching of regulated fish. He said that while the police have been called, they have not been able to witness these issues, so the police reports did not accurately reflect the situation. These issues recently turned criminal of trespass and burglary in his unit, which is adjacent to the bridge.

Lawrence Kaplan, 2299 Ibis Isle Road, confirmed and supported Mr. Stevenson's statements and acknowledged that he had called the Police Department many times on this issue.

Rick Smith, 130 Sunrise Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Town Manager Blouin for working on the traffic issues. He brought a handout for the Town Council regarding a blast wall, which could be placed on the road near Mar-a-Lago to protect the President-Elect and allow vehicles to travel past the estate. He recommended placing an employee at Sunset Avenue and County Road for six months to evaluate and control the traffic flow. He asked if three residents from the north, south, and mid-town could be added to the traffic discussions.

Council President Lindsay asked if some research could be done concerning the issue of RPP on Sunset. Deputy Town Manager Bob Miracle stated that the block did not qualify for RPP; however, the residents could purchase a placard for County Road. He further explained the issue with RPP on Sunset. Council Member Cooney recognized the cost difference between the placard and the RPP and referenced parking arrangements in another commercial area. Council Member Moran asked about the waiting list for parking placards. Mr. Miracle said residents could purchase a placard now to park on N. County Road. He said the waiting list was more than 250 looking for placards townwide. He also stated that eligibility requirements could be used for townwide stickers. He said he would gather information and return to the Town Council.

Ms. Kordbacheh stated that the placard near her was fully committed, and the one available was a half-mile away. She stated that her building was in the C-TS district, the same as other buildings with RPP parking.

X. [APPROVAL OF CONSENTAGENDA \(1:17:42\)](#)

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

A. MINUTES

1. Town Council Meeting Minutes
Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk
 - a. December 6, 2024, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. December 10, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - c. December 11, 2024, Town Council Development Review Meeting Minutes
 - d. December 19, 2024, Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Major Matters Considered by the Architectural Review Commission during its meeting on December 20, 2024.
Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 009-2025 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a Purchase Order to Coastal Protection Engineering LLC for Conducting Surveys for Queen Conch within Borrow Areas NBA1, NBA2, and NBA3, in the amount of \$189,299.10 and approving a contingency in the amount of \$18,930.90 for a total approved project budget of \$208,230.00 contingent upon satisfactory performance, mutual agreement and budget authorization.
Dean Mealy, II Procurement and Contract Manager

C. OTHER

1. Town-Wide Undergrounding Project - Review of Project and Dashboard, Summary of Project Status
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
2. Authorization for Florida Power and Light (FPL) - Use of Right-of-Way During Season for 1247 South Ocean Boulevard
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
Clerk's note: This item was pulled from the consent agenda and was not included in the approval.

XI. BOARD/COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT (1:20:51)

- A. Annual Report of the Recreation Advisory Commission
Grier Pressly, Chair

Director of Recreation Mark Bresnahan presented a video summarization of the Recreation Advisory Commission Annual Report.

Council Member Moran liked the tennis center's trend but noted the increased expenses. She wanted an assurance that the costs were associated with the improvements to the courts. Mr. Bresnahan said improvements and the hiring of a tennis manager had increased the budget.

Council Member Araskog noted that Recreation expenses had also increased. Mr. Bresnahan responded that they did add a staff member but were still above the 50% cost recovery goal. She also asked about the summer camp offered to island employees and if events at the recreation center were being monitored. Mr. Bresnahan confirmed that seasonal memberships were only available to town employees and not to others who were not residents. Mr. Bresnahan noted that every program was structured to ensure residents were taking advantage of the programs. Mr. Bresnahan said most events need 50% resident participation, except the after-school program.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton inquired about the recreation center's cost recovery. Mr. Bresnahan stated that it was 69%.

Council Member Araskog suggested that the town increase the percentage of resident participation. Mr. Bresnahan assured her that a program is not considered unless there is 50% resident participation. However, many youth teams would not be viable without some off-island participation.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Araskog to accept the Recreation Advisory Commission Annual Report as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

XII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Matters Pulled From Consent Agenda: If needed

1. [Authorization for Florida Power and Light \(FPL\) - Use of Right-of-Way During Season for 1247 South Ocean Boulevard \(1:19:26\)](#)

H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Council Member Araskog wanted to ensure residents had a method to convey their complaints to town officials. Director Paul Brazil stated that he could rescind the right-of-way use if he received complaints.

A motion was made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Crampton to authorize Florida Power and Light (FPL) to use the right-of-way of 1247 South Ocean Boulevard. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

This discussion lasted approximately 1 minute. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

Clerk's note: A short break was taken at 11:10 a.m. and resumed at 11:15 a.m.

B. Old Business

1. [Discussion on Traffic Mitigation \(1:40:10\)](#)
Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

TIME CERTAIN: 11:00AM

- a. Proposed Scheduling Modifications of Capital Improvements to Mitigate Traffic Impacts from Capital Projects and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Projects
- b. Bradley Place Corridor-Royal Poinciana Way to Sunrise Avenue
- c. Real-time Traffic Data and Regional Conditions
- d. Draft Construction Management Agreement with Shuttle Requirement
- e. Discussion of Construction Hours

Julie Parham, Public Works, presented the schedule of upcoming capital improvements in the Town.

Council Member Cooney asked about the impact of the sewer lining project. He asked if there would be any digging, and Ms. Parham said it would be minimally disruptive. Council Member Cooney also asked about communications with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the levels of disruption on those projects. Ms. Parham said the FDOT projects were large and long-term. She said they would set Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) up to minimize disruptions as much as possible. Mr. Brazil said they will likely move in one direction because the project is a reconstruction of the existing. There will be disruption where they are working. Ms. Strayer noted that the mast arms in Midtown would be done first to create the least impact possible.

Mr. Blouin said staff coordinates and requests that the partners do their work off-season. He noted that FDOT has shown collaboration and cooperation on many projects.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked the residents to understand and respect the effort put into this project. He suggested that the presentation be placed on the town's website and thought local organizations and the newspaper should run stories about the upcoming construction.

Council Member Moran asked that an announcement be sent to the public for the next public meeting with FDOT. She asked when the stretch of county in front of Midtown Beach would be paved. Mr. Brazil responded that it would be done upon completion of the seawall.

Mayor Moore discussed her participation in the meeting with FDOT. She indicated that she had communicated residents' major concerns about the south-end paving project.

Council Member Araskog wondered how having the President on the island would impact the project. Mr. Brazil said that would be up to FDOT. He said the timing approach for this project fits with

undergrounding. Council Member Araskog asked about the bike lane, wondering if it was removed from the middle of the road. Mr. Blouin stated that they requested that it be removed from the middle.

Clerk's note: Mayor Moore left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Mr. Blouin stated that all the underground work would be bid out for overnight or off-peak hours, and the work on main arterial roadways would be pushed to off-season. He said work was limited in the right-of-way and would be memorialized in the right-of-way manual. He stated that the staff strived to coordinate better with the partners, FDOT and Florida Power & Light (FPL) while expressing the town's desires for the projects.

Assistant Director of Public Works Jason Debrincat provided an update on the Bradley Place Corridor, Royal Poinciana Way to Sunset Avenue. He reviewed the proposed options for the area and the impacts associated with each option.

Council Member Cooney asked how many parking spaces would be lost, and Mr. Debrincat responded eleven. Council Member Cooney also suggested considering where ride-share loading may be relocated if this project is pursued.

Council President Lindsay wondered when the traffic signalization would be installed, and Mr. Brazil responded in the summer of 2025. He stated that none of the options could be done without signalization, which allowed for options that would increase storage and improve traffic flow in the area.

Council Member Araskog asked what would happen to northbound traffic. Mr. Brazil responded that it would improve northbound traffic and southbound traffic capacity. Council Member Araskog wondered if the project should move forward at this time since South Ocean would soon be opening.

Mr. Blouin said there are still problems because of the demand on the roadways.

Sherry Frankel, a business owner at 256 Worth Avenue, stated that the tourists were objecting to implementing ParkMobile, particularly the app, the different zones, and the inconvenience.

Council Member Moran wondered if staff had a preference for which option would be best. Mr. Debrincat stated option 2C, although parking spaces would be lost. She wondered if Code Enforcement staff could be cross-trained to assist with traffic rather than police officers.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton acknowledged that the costs of the recommendations were high. He also requested clear information about each option's benefits and wondered if the change would be great enough to warrant the cost. Mr. Brazil stated that the staff would study the options and return with the costs and possible improvements.

Council Member Moran provided a recommendation for the eastern, most southbound lane.

Council Member Araskog thought the staff should obtain the cost estimates before spending additional time on the options. Mr. Brazil said that he would return next month with the costs. He requested that the council move forward, or the work would not be completed on time.

Council Member Cooney recognized that the use of slip lanes was effective. He wondered if the cones could be stored somewhere other than on the side of the road. He did not favor Option 2C due to the loss of parking on Bradley Place.

Council President Lindsay read a statement from a resident who is a retired planner. The resident was against any loss of parking or sidewalks. The resident wanted to know how the option improved pedestrian traffic and did not believe wider roads were appropriate. Mr. Brazil said no sidewalks would be lost.

Clerk's note: At this time, the Town Council stopped the discussion and allowed Lake Worth Beach Mayor Betty Resch to speak on the VII.B.2. Beach Renourishment. Once finished, the discussion resumed on this topic.

Mr. Debrincat suggested asking Kimley Horn to develop a cross-section study to show what is happening at Bradley. He said everything was inclusive, including pedestrians, traffic, and volume. There would be an additional two feet of pavement.

Adam Kerr of Kimley Horn presented an option to provide a dedicated turn lane on Royal Poinciana. This lane would merge into the existing two lanes that cross the bridge, allowing for continuous southbound right turn movement of the island and off the bridge.

Council Member Araskog asked about the functionality of the proposed slip lane.

Mr. Kerr discussed the growth rates affecting traffic in the Town and West Palm Beach, which indicated strong growth. He said reducing or spreading the demand is one way to mitigate traffic.

Council Member Cooney asked about the high growth rate. Mr. Kerr

said the overall town growth was 6.31% during the past year.

Director of Planning, Zoning, and Building Wayne Bergman discussed the potential for a mandatory construction management agreement. He posed the possibility to the Town Council to determine their interest. Town Manager Blouin stated that if the Council were interested, they would need to weigh in on the thresholds.

Council Member Cooney considered the cost to residents if the agreement was implemented and the thresholds suggested by the staff. He thought this solution was worth exploring.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton agreed that construction management agreements work well if the threshold is appropriate.

Council Member Cooney wondered about the enforcement of the agreement.

Council Member Araskog wondered if construction deliveries should be limited to certain hours during the day. Mr. Brazil stated that these deliveries were already coordinated with the right-of-way permits. She also wondered about deliveries to restaurants. Further, she thought the job should determine a construction management agreement. Mr. Brazil stated that restaurant deliveries were not regulated.

Council Member Moran favored the suggestion but thought the \$500,000 cost threshold was too low. She thought it should be focused on the amount of space being constructed.

Mr. Bergman stated that if the Town Council favored the suggestion, he could work with Town Attorney O'Connor and return to them with a solution.

Council Member Araskog expressed concern about rescheduling staff to miss peak traffic times.

Rick Smith, 130 Sunrise Avenue, wondered if the bridge openings should be reduced once every two hours.

Town Manager Blouin restated that the United States Coast Guard oversees the bridge openings and the current schedules to coordinate with the President's schedule. He discussed his conversations with them and outlined how they have modified the openings. Mr. Blouin noted the traffic problems throughout Palm Beach County and added that he had conversations with his counterparts in other municipalities. Mr. Blouin discussed the movement of the barges and his attempt to obtain a compromise with the Army Corps of Engineers. He also noted that Congresswoman Lois Frankel had been assisting with the barges.

Council Member Araskog discussed the potential safety issues of moving the barges during off hours.

Council Member Moran asked about the time it would take to complete the project and whether they could work on weekends. Mr. Blouin stated that it would be completed in late summer, and the council allowed them to operate on Sundays to reduce weekday openings.

Rick Smith, 130 Sunrise Avenue, thanked Mr. Blouin for his detailed explanations about the bridge openings.

Town Manager Blouin discussed the pilot program for landscapers, which began early to ensure they were off the island by 3 p.m. He recommended keeping the construction hours from 8 am to 5 pm, with the first hour reserved for quiet work.

Council Member Araskog recommended temporarily changing the construction hours to 9:30-5:30 or 10-6. The Town Council discussed and considered this suggestion. Mr. Blouin stated that the suggestion would have to be voluntary, as they did with the landscapers.

Town Attorney O'Connor noted that the Town Council could temporarily change the hours by resolution.

Mr. Blouin stated he would bring a resolution to the February meeting, amending the construction hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Council Member Moran did not believe a change in hours would make a measurable impact.

Council Member Cooney was glad to wait before making the change. He recommended spreading the demand by allowing the contractor to select the hours for the job. Mr. Blouin stated that it was a suggestion that the staff could explore, noting that the only industries regulated by the Code were landscapers and construction workers.

Council Member Araskog thought that if Council Member Cooney's suggestion were implemented, the construction workers would continue to work the same hours. She suggested changing construction hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Council President Lindsay stated there was a geography issue in addition to the other issues causing traffic congestion. She thought the council could be more flexible if the job site was large. She added that they learned that the industry does not want a longer than 8-hour day and does not want to work past 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Moran supported the flexible hours suggested by Council Member Cooney.

Town Attorney O'Connor advised that the Town Code, in Section 42-199 (C) (5), provided for the Town Council to limit construction hours by resolution. She also noted that the council had discretion. If, in their opinion, any of the machinery or appliances were offensive to residents in the town who were near the operation, an exception to those hours could be granted.

Mr. Blouin confirmed that the Town Council was interested in a resolution allowing for a flexible 7:30 a.m. arrival with quiet work until 8:30 a.m., possibly later hours, too, such as 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton cautioned that the town needed a workable plan that could be enforced.

KT Catlin, 265 Fairview Road, thought the allowance of flexible construction hours was smart. She suggested that noise monitors be placed on-site to read decibels from noisy construction.

Mr. Blouin raised the possibility of a zoning moratorium.

Town Attorney O'Connor discussed the items the Town Council needed to consider when implementing a moratorium. These included identifying a legitimate public safety, health, or welfare purpose and considering certain equal protection concerns. The Town Council supported limiting the amount of construction.

Council Member Araskog thought Attorney O'Connor and staff should consider limiting the number of items the Architectural Review Commission reviews over time.

Attorney O'Connor advised that the areas of town where construction was causing traffic problems would need to be identified. She also advised that the Town Council might not have the right to limit the number of projects that go to the Architectural Review Commission. Mr. Blouin stated he would investigate the issue and return with legally defensible recommendations at the next meeting.

The Town Council discussed how to limit construction in certain areas of town, and the result was that more studies would be necessary.

Mr. Blouin discussed the town-serving concept update. He said the Town Council sent the item to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and make a recommendation.

Mr. Blouin stated that operational adjustments were being made in the

field to help with traffic flow optimization. He noted that the Palm Beach Academy pick-up point had been moved, and the change seemed effective. Staff also worked with the school to stagger pick-up times.

Council Member Araskog stated that the light next to The Breakers, adjacent to the former post office, turns green even without cars present, which causes unnecessary delays north and southbound.

Council President Lindsay asked if the staff could speak to The Breakers to see if the intersection and golf cart crossing timing could be modified. Mr. Brazil said he would review the entire corridor on County Road with The Breakers.

Council Member Araskog asked Mr. Blouin if he and the mayor had engaged in conversations with the City of West Palm Beach. He responded that they speak frequently and have been very accommodating.

Mr. Blouin responded to Council Member Moran's suggestion to train personnel other than police officers to help with traffic management. Mr. Blouin stated that the staff was discussing the pickup locations and times next year with the Palm Beach Day Academy.

This discussion lasted approximately 118 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

2. [Beach Renourishment Projects Update \(5:38:42\)](#)

H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

During the discussion regarding traffic mitigation, Council President Lindsay invited Mayor Resch from Lake Worth Beach to speak about the Beach Renourishment Project, as it is related to the City of Lake Worth Beach, allowing access to the project. Mayor Resch stated that the Town of Palm Beach staff report indicated that Lake Worth Beach had rescinded the permission granted to the Town for the beach renourishment project. She explained what happened, stating that in 2009, a referendum forbade any type of vehicle on the beach. She discussed the impact that would occur if Lake Worth allowed Palm Beach to use its beach for access.

Council Member Cooney and others on the desk thanked Mayor Resch for speaking to the Town Council.

Town Attorney Joanne O'Connor addressed the town's position on whether Lake Worth was as broadly limited as its mayor indicated. She said the 2009 referendum indicated that Lake Worth Beach was prohibited as a means of ingress/egress for beach dredge or artificial

renourishment projects. The Town of Palm Beach submits that was not what was planned. Instead, the Town was doing a Dune Restoration project, which would be programmatically managed differently than the latter, managed through the Coastal Control Line Program. Dune Restoration does not require a federal permit.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked if it would be possible to make the access happen if the problem could be solved amicably.

Town Manager Blouin stated that the staff had every reason to believe that the City of Lake Worth had been working in cooperation with the Town of Palm Beach for the past several months at the staff level. Therefore, the staff did not explore any other options. He stated that, at present, other options had been explored but were not viable. Mr. Blouin said some meetings were set up to reach a viable solution that would serve the Town and the City of Lake Worth well.

Council Member Araskog asked about the legality of the referendum. She also inquired about the ownership of the pier.

Clerk's note: A short break was taken at 3:15 p.m. and resumed at 3:22 p.m.

Town Engineer Patricia Strayer stated that several developments had occurred since the November Shore Protection Board update. She presented a high-level update and noted that a more in-depth discussion would occur in February.

Director Paul Brazil noted that things change daily on the projects and updates would be presented accordingly.

Ms. Strayer announced that the next Shore Protection Meeting would be on January 30, 2025, and full updates would be presented.

Council Member Araskog asked about easement issues and what would happen if they were not resolved. Ms. Strayer said that the project would not move forward if the easements were not resolved.

Council Member Moran complimented Ms. Strayer on her participation in the meeting with Lake Worth Beach.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton asked about The Breakers' participation in the Midtown Project, how they impacted the project, and what was being done about it. Mr. Brazil stated that someone from The Breakers would like to speak to the Town Council to express their concern about the perpetual easement and make it publicly accessible.

Council President Lindsay called for public comment.

Council Member Araskog acknowledged that The Breakers needed an easement from the Town to finish their project.

Janet Serrano, 413 L Street, Lake Worth, added to Mayor Resch's comments about the Town of Palm Beach using the Lake Worth Beach access.

This discussion lasted approximately 21 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

3. [Discussion on Residency Requirements for Elected Officials](#)
Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President
Clerk's note: This item was deferred to the February 11, 2025, Town Council Meeting at Item IV. Approval of the Agenda.

4. [Phipps Ocean Park Improvements Project Update \(5:59:52\)](#)
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

Director Brazil stated that the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach asked them to pause the forward movement on the guaranteed maximum price (GMP).

This discussion lasted approximately 3 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

5. [Discussion of Parking Zones and Hours \(4:39:29\)](#)
Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President

Council President Lindsay provided feedback from some recent Worth Avenue Association events.

Lieutenant Paul Alber provided an update on Worth Avenue parking. He did not recommend changing the system; the town only had six weeks of data. He thought the data showed that the system was working well. He suggested extending the allowable parking time if the Town Council wanted a change.

Council President Lindsay wondered why Peruvian Avenue was allowed to extend the time to four hours. Lt. Alber responded.

Council Member Cooney acknowledged that while considering the feedback, he understood the staff's suggestion not to make any changes at this time.

Council Member Araskog wondered if there was a way for residents to extend their time without paying for the extra time. Mr. Miracle responded. Council Member Araskog stated that she had received

complaints when ParkMobile was down. She also acknowledged the age of the town's residents and that they could not walk the distance to the extended parking locations.

Council Member Moran wondered if the staff was tracking residents. Mr. Miracle stated that they were unable to do so. She suggested that the staff figure out a way to track them. Council Member Moran asked if there were any unintended consequences to offering a third hour, possibly at double the rate of the first two hours. Lt. Alber did not see a downside.

Lt. Alber stated that Worth Avenue had historically been two hours. Mr. Miracle noted that the changes on Worth Avenue should be mirrored in South County; he added that they should also consider the paid parking coming to Royal Poinciana Way.

Council Member Araskog thought any changes to Royal Poinciana Way should be addressed at the February meeting.

Council President Pro Tem Crampton thought all the data should be collected before making any changes.

Stephanie Hill, a retailer on Worth Avenue, discussed the problems facing retailers and restaurants. She said many businesses were trying to figure out how to improve their situation.

John Strasswimmer, 17 Chilean Avenue, recommended keeping some spaces open for turnover.

Sherry Frankel, 256 Worth Avenue, thought "zone parking" was part of the problem. She also pointed out that the data from the recent holidays showed people parking but not shopping.

Council Member Araskog agreed that the data should be analyzed; she argued that a resident could be parked for two hours and paying for an additional hour, which would skew the data.

Lt. Alber said the current data was detailed. He said if residents were parking for two hours and extending for another hour, this would not change the data.

Council Member Cooney acknowledged that by moving to Park Mobile, it was known that resident parking data would be deficient.

Marlie Herring, 256 Worth Avenue, commented about adding an hour, and she did not think it skewed the data. She suggested making the extra hour available to Worth Avenue patrons.

Council Member Moran did not see the harm in adding an hour for Worth

Avenue parking but acknowledged that the program had only been in place for six weeks, therefore not providing much history.

Council President Lindsay agreed with Council Member Moran and did not see the harm in adding a third hour for parking on Worth Avenue.

Council Member Cooney stated he would support a motion to extend a third hour after the expiration of the first two hours.

Council Member Moran stated she would support adding a third hour at a premium.

Council Member Araskog thought residents should be allowed to park for three hours.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Lindsay to extend the parking option to include a third hour on Park Mobile for Worth Avenue. The motion carried 3-2, with Council Members Araskog and Cooney dissenting.

There was a brief discussion concerning the addition of S. County Road. Lt. Alber was asked to return next month to report on how the third hour was working.

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Linday to include S. County Road for increasing parking to include a third hour on Park Mobile. The motion carried 3-2, with Council Members Araskog and Cooney dissenting.

This discussion lasted approximately 58 minutes. To listen, please click the link on the agenda topic above.

C. New Business

1. Discussion Regarding the Beautification of 200 and 300 Blocks of Peruvian Avenue
H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
Clerk's note: This item was deferred to the February 11, 2025, Town Council Meeting at Item IV. Approval of the Agenda.

2. Request by Josh Pertnoy, CGC, Shapiro Pertnoy Construction Group, on behalf of 415 Hibiscus Avenue, For Permission to Work at Night
Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police
Clerk's note: This item was withdrawn from the agenda at Item IV. Approval of the Agenda.

XIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Moran and seconded by Council President Lindsay to adjourn the January 14, 2025, Town Council Meeting at 3:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVED:

Bobbie D. Lindsay, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Kelly Churney, CMC, Town Clerk

Date