

**SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pugh at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Avery led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

Mayor Pugh	Present
Vice Mayor Coz	Present
Commissioner Aijala Jr.	Present
Commissioner Cassidy	Present
Commissioner Hutchins	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. Motion carried 5-0. (:46)

PUBLIC COMMENT - (3-minute individual limit)

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

The following spoke: Christine de Haseth and Nick Arsali.

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS

1. Draft Budget Packet

Town Manager Ladner presented and reviewed the draft budget as provided in the packet. She explained the changes in the budget since the last budget workshop.

There was a discussion on revising the General Fund expenditures to reduce the amount of cash reserves. More discussion followed regarding eliminating the part-time administration position in the building department and reducing the amount allocated for special legal counsel.

The Commissioners agreed to eliminate the part-time position and reduce special legal counsel.

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no comments, he closed the floor for public comment.

Commissioner Aijala moved to eliminate the part-time position in the building department and reduced the balance of the special legal counsel, reducing the budget for both items to the amount of \$59,999; seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. Motion carried 5-0. (21:55)

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Commissioner Cassidy mentioned that she attended the conference last year regarding our appropriation and was advised about not having a lobbyist. She was introduced to Candice Ericks of TSE Consulting who put together a proposal.

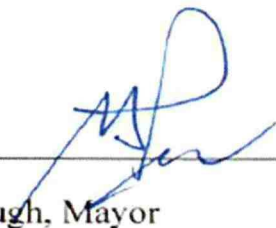
Commissioner Aijala asked a question regarding associated expenses for next year's grant and Town Manager Ladner answered his question.

The Commission discussed setting the Final Budget Hearing. There was a consensus to schedule the Final Budget Hearing on September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

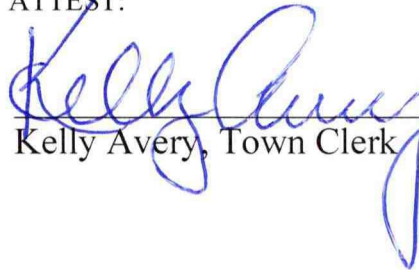
Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Pinder and adopted by the Town Commission on October 7, 2024.



Geoff Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

