

# HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers  
15859 West County Road 108  
Post Office Box 249  
Hilliard, FL 32046

## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Floyd L. Vanzant, Mayor  
John P. Beasley, Council President  
Kenny Sims, Council Pro Tem  
Lee Pickett, Councilman  
Jared Wollitz, Councilman  
Callie Kay Bishop, Councilwoman

## STAFF

Lisa Purvis, Town Clerk  
Richie Rowe, Public Works Director  
Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Rec Director

## TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

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## Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

## PRESENT

Mayor Floyd Vanzant  
Council President John Beasley  
Council Pro Tem Kenny Sims  
Councilwoman Callie Kay Bishop  
Councilman Jared Wollitz  
Councilman Lee Pickett

## PRESENTATION

**Town of Hilliard – 20 Years of Service – Council President John Beasley**

Past Mayor Buchanan presents Council President Beasley with the Florida League of Cities, Mayor John Land Years of Service Award for twenty years of service to the Town of Hilliard. Council President Beasley thanks everyone for being there and states "I Love the Town of Hilliard"!

## REGULAR MEETING

**ITEM-1** Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions/deletions.

## PAYABLES

**ITEM-2** November 2020 \$195,088.35

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.  
Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Pickett, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

**MINUTES**

**ITEM-3** 11-05-2020 Regular Meeting  
11-19-2020 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Council President Beasley, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.  
Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Pickett, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

**PRESENTATION**

**ITEM-4** National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program – Lee Zell

Motion to table this item again to the January 7, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilwoman Bishop.  
Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Pickett, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**ITEM-5** Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department – 2020 Run Reimbursement Approval  
12/03/2020 Accounts Payable

Motion to approve the Hilliard Fire Department 2020 Run Reimbursements as presented.

Motion made by Councilman Wollitz, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.  
Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Pickett, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

**ITEM-6** Ordinance No. 2020-09 Amending Chapter 2 Administration Code  
Article I General, Division 1 - Purchasing and Procurement Procedures  
First Reading & Set Public Hearing  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING SEC. 2-2 AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR; AMENDING SEC. 2-3 DELEGATION OF PURCHASING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SEC. 2-5 PROCESSING OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMODITIES OR SERVICES; AMENDING SEC. 2-7 EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Attorney Waugh reads Ordinance No. 2020-09, by title.

Motion to adoption Ordinance No. 2020-09 on first reading and to set the Public Hearing and final reading for Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Motion made by Council President Beasley, Seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Councilwoman Bishop states that she feels that the citizens of the Town of Hilliard should get to decide if the Mayor is ceremonial or should have administrative duties.

Mayor Vanzant states what good is a Mayor without any duties or authority.

Councilman Sims state that the Mayor has never had authority other than we asked former Mayor McConnell to step in when we did not have a Public Works Director to assist the Town when we were in an emergency situation.

Mayor Vanzant states again that he has no authority other than to run a meeting and that he will just sit back and draw his check and all though he does not agree with the Mayor not having any authority but if that is what the Council wants then that is what they will get and that there may be consequences to follow.

Councilman Wollitz asks Mayor Vanzant what consequences he was referring to and that as a Town we need to know what consequences we may be facing.

Councilman Pickett states that we as a council did not know that we couldn't talk to the Mayor until our current Attorney Christian Waugh told us we couldn't.

Councilman Beasley advised that that the Mayor can speak to the Council and bring items up on the agenda he just can't discuss things individually or outside of a meeting with the Council.

Mayor Vanzant states that the Council was going in one direction and were to have a meeting about the Mayor having duties and authority and then with COVID that meeting got cancelled and now we are going a different direction.

Councilman Wollitz brings up the fact that on June 1, 2020 there was a workshop held to discuss the Mayor's duties and at that time it was discussed at length, and Council President Beasley asked Town Attorney Waugh to draft ordinances to make the Town Code match the Town Charter.

Following the lengthy discussion, the roll is then called for a vote.

Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz and Council President Beasley.

Voting Nay: Councilwoman Bishop.

**ITEM-7** Ordinance No. 2020-12 Amending Chapter 58 Utilities Code  
Eliminating – Section 58-126 Charge for Water Service for Fire Protection  
Purposes  
First Reading & Set Public Hearing  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58 UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV WATER AND  
SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES. BY ELIMINATING SEC. 58-126  
CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Attorney Waugh reads Ordinance No. 2020-12, by title.

Motion to adoption Ordinance No. 2020-12 on first reading and to set the Public Hearing and final reading for Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.

Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**ITEM-8** Monthly Summary Report HPR – November 2020

Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg presents the October monthly summary report for Hilliard Parks & Recreation.

Advises that Basketball is currently up to 192 kids and that the revenues will be in excess of \$14,000.

Explains the October 2020 revenues and advises that this is something that he would like to better provide on a monthly basis.

States that the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida came out to the Oxford Street Park and metal detected “treasure hunted” and found several items but none of any real value. That they left the park in as good if not better condition than before they came. That they are definitely welcomed to come back.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

LeeAnn Wollitz 37024 South Oak Street, Hilliard, FL speaks and states before the Council that she has read the Charter and Codes of the Town of Hilliard and that until there could be a Town wide election, amending the Town Codes to match the Town Charter is the only step that should be taken. That she attended the June 1, 2020 workshop where the Mayor’s duties were discussed and at that time it was made clear that moving forward the Council wished to pursue changing the Town Code not the Town Charter.

President Bob Hunt with the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida thanks the Town for allowing them to explore the Oxford Street Park and that they are looking forward to coming back to explore the North Oxford Park next.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Vanzant**

**January Meetings:**

Thursday, 01-07-2021 @ 7PM	Public Hearings (Ord 2020-09 & 2020-12) & Regular Meeting (Oath & Organization)
Thursday, 01-21-2021 @ 7PM	Regular Meeting (PAYABLES ONLY)

**February Meetings:**

Monday, 02-01-2021 @ 6PM	Workshop (NCSB)
Thursday, 02-04-2021 @ 7PM	Regular Meeting
Thursday, 02-18-2021 @ 7PM	Regular Meeting (PAYABLES ONLY)

**Council Pro Tem Sims**

Congratulates Council President Beasley on his 20 years of service to the Town of Hilliard.

**Councilman Pickett**

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**Councilman Wollitz**

Congratulates Council President Beasley on his 20 years of service to the Town of Hilliard.  
Condolences to Town Attorney Waugh and his family.

**Councilwoman Bishop**

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Condolences to Town Attorney Waugh and his family.

**Council President Beasley**

Hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas is next.  
Thanks the office staff and everyone that came again for the wonderful reception and that he was truly surprised.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Town Clerk Lisa Purvis**

Congratulates Council President Beasley on his 20 years of service to the Town of Hilliard.

**Public Works Director Ritchie Rowe**

Congratulates Council President Beasley on his 20 years of service to the Town of Hilliard.

**Parks & Recreation Director Gabe Whittenburg**

Congratulates Council President Beasley on his 20 years of service to the Town of Hilliard.  
Hilliard Flashes Football finished their season 8-1 which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best record of all time.

**LEGAL COMMENTS:**

**Town Attorney Christian Waugh**

States that December marks his 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with the Town and he regrets to inform.....  
That he plans to stay!

**ADJOURNMENT**

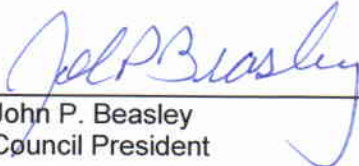
There being no additional business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Sims. Seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Voting Yea: Council Pro Tem Sims, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Pickett, Councilwoman Bishop and Council President Beasley.

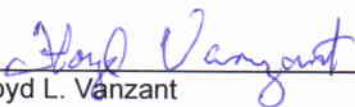
Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.

  
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John P. Beasley  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Purvis  
Town Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Floyd L. Vanzant  
Mayor