

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
AUDIT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Monday, April 14, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Deborah Dutton, Michael Hauser, Barbara Puffer, Bryan Thomas, and Marianne Sheeley.

Excused: Jack Leson and Dave Sandberg.

Staff: Finance Director Joe Onzick

Council Liaison: Scott Safford

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2025

MOTION: Audit Committee Member Dutton moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Audit Committee Member Sheely.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Finance Director's Resignation

Director Onzick's last day is April 30, 2025. A few candidates have applied and one was called back for a second interview. Applications were still being accepted and he noted that the town manager would probably appoint an interim director if the position was not filled before he left. Chair Thomas stated that he was awesome to work with and they appreciated his hard work. Liaison Safford thanked him for his help and they were sad that he was leaving. His dedication was outstanding.

Finance Director's Report

Director Onzick noted this was an excerpt from the town manager's report and there was not a lot that was worth talking about if they read the report. The lost revenue replacement grant of about \$7.5 million was still being tracked and they were expecting to receive it any day. He hoped the insurance company would reimburse the town \$500,000.00 to recoup lost revenue, but he has not yet received a response. A resolution was attached and approved by the town council for \$8 million of cash from the bridge loan fund to the

emergency fund to finance the emergency expenditures incurred as a result of Hurricanes Ian, Helena and Milton while they were still waiting for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and FDEM (Florida Department of Emergency Management) reimbursement. They needed to transfer \$4 million immediately, but this would allow for an additional \$4 million if needed. This temporary cash loan will go back into the bridge loan when they receive the reimbursement funds.

Director Onzick revealed that they received questions from Doge and he included a copy of the formal response and sent it to the governor's office.

He included a presentation he gave to the Anchorage Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding their operating expenses compared to revenues. He reviewed highlights of the report.

Director Onzick was working on a master funding schedule of all projects and funding sources and will email members when it is completed.

Financial Statements for Period Ending February 28, 2025

Director Onzick explained why generating the statements took so long. The new system was slowly underway and they just started the training process. They were having issues converting the data because the current software provider was not being responsive. He reviewed the offset to the receivables they expected from FEMA and FDEM. He explained details regarding the beach access fund from the TDC (Tourist Development Council). He reviewed the water, utility and stormwater balance sheets and noted that the stormwater rate study was in the beginning stages.

The cash flow was on pages 13 and 14 of the report and he described the favorable cash flow in the general fund of \$1.6 million and the state of other funds. Expenditures reflected the beach renourishment project and the turtle-friendly lights. There was still a significant balance in the capital fund because the two projects were prepaid. He reviewed the line item comparison within the general fund, expenses, contracted services and variances by department. Director Onzick will check the \$25.00 figure for code enforcement services. He explained some of the negative variances on page 19 in the expense side for some departments. The information on page 20 gave them an idea of what was spent and what it was for.

MOTION: Audit Committee Member Dutton moved to accept the report, seconded by Audit Committee Member Puffer.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Audit Committee Member Dutton asked about the status of the audit. Director Onzick explained that it was on hold waiting to finish the trial balance and they had until the end of the month. The audit team will do the field work in May and the financial statements are due on June 30. Audit Committee Member Dutton asked about meeting in the summer. They will take July off.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2025

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Audit Committee Member Puffer moved to adjourn, seconded by Audit Committee Member Dutton.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted 10/24/25 with/without changes. Motion by DAVE SAULBERG
(DATE) SECONDED BY
Vote UNANIMOUS Signature: A. Bryan Thomas JACK
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