

Town of Melbourne Beach

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING January 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE

MINUTES

Commission Members:

Mayor Alison Dennington
Vice Mayor Terry Cronin
Commissioner Anna Butler
Commissioner Tim Reed
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie

Staff Members:

Town Attorney Ryan Knight
Town Clerk Amber Brown

1. Call to Order

Mayor Alison Dennington called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Town Clerk Amber Brown conducted roll call.

Commission Members Present

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Vice Mayor Terry Cronin
Commissioner Anna Butler
Commissioner Tim Reed
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie

Staff Members Present

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3. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, and Civility Pledge

Mayor Alison Dennington led the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, and read the Civility Pledge.

4. Public Comments

5. New Business

A. Consideration on the Town Manager employment agreement

Town Attorney Ryan Knight spoke about tonight's document, which is the final agreement. Ms. Smith did request the full 20-week severance for termination without cause.

Vice Mayor Terry Cronin made a motion to accept the new employment agreement as written; Commissioner Tim Reed seconded;

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie spoke about how she compared the previous Town Manager's contract and this contract, and really, the only differences are the starting salary and the yearly increase. The municipalities that were previously provided that have a relocation fee have a much larger budget than ours which reinforces the decision to not provide a relocation fee.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the Town receiving a letter from JLAC, and she spoke with them today. They have requested a conference call, a point person, and contact information for the Town Clerk and Finance Manager. While we are in the process of getting a new Town Manager, the Town Attorney should be the point person.

Commissioner Tim Reed spoke about requesting the auditors start after the new Town Manager starts on February 9th.

Town Attorney Ryan Knight spoke about how, in the meantime, he will get the new Town Manager up to speed on the JLAC audit.

The Commission discussed changing the seating arrangement.

Vice Mayor Terry Cronin made a motion that we return to the previous seating arrangement; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Tim Reed dissenting.

6. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Terry Cronin made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-1 with Vice Mayor Terry Cronin dissenting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.



Alison Dennington
Mayor

ATTEST:



Amber Brown, CMC
Town Clerk

