

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - AUGUST 11, 2009

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 7:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

Also present: Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Chief Williams.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for August 11, 2009.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve Council Agenda for August 11, 2009 as published, subject to adding Agenda Item 1.3A to consider approve of two (2) budgeted replacement computers for the Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

1.2 Consideration of approving "CONSENT AGENDA", as follows:

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MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve "Consent Agenda" Minutes, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES (Resolution 7-2008)

From 7/7/09 thru 7/28/09 (Ref.: Pg. 1)

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve "Consent Agenda" re-occurring expenses, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.3A Consideration of approving budgeted replacement of two (2) computers in the Police Department.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Sutch – to approve budgeted replacement of two (2) computers for the Police Department at a cost of \$788.00. Motion carried 5-0.

1.4 Correspondence:

Mayor Lawrence reported on a letter from Vincent House thanking the Town for donations received in memory of Mark Herndon.

1.5 Town Attorney's Report.

Mayor Lawrence reported Attorney Yacavone was out of town on business, and offered to send his associate, however due to the abbreviated Agenda, he had advised it would not be necessary for this meeting.

1.6 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending July 31, 2009.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the General Fund revenue year-to-date balance of \$2,491,625.00, includes tax revenue of \$1,406,000.00, which equates to 102% of budgeted revenue, noting the Town is in a good position.

The Director of Finance noted the CIP is also in a good position, with the Road & Bridge Fund showing a deficit, however she has not yet transferred the utility tax over, with the Parking Fund being a wash, and noted the Restricted Fund and Beautification Fund balances.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Ireland – to approve accepting the Financial Statement for period ending July 31, 2009, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.7 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering July 2009.

Chief Williams reported a significant increase in criminal reports, with traffic citations, parking tickets and warnings all up, noting it was a very busy month with service calls up.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve Agenda Item 1.7, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

1.8 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items:

- 1) County representative out today and inspected sites for bus stops, and will prepare an Agreement that will coincide with the Town's landscaping plan; 2) Mailboxes, numbers and logos have been ordered; 3) Town received letter from FDOT advising landscape plan approved and can now go out for RFP's, noting the info was forwarded to Bob Brotherton and the Town will start moving forward with the project; 4) Met with Frank Chivas who donated two Palm trees and a Yucca tree to the Town, noting one Palm was re-located to Estelle Harper Park and the other Palm to Salt Aire condo to replace damaged landscaping and the Yucca tree went to the Nature Refuge; 5) Ongoing discussion regarding resolution of wedge of land at 186th Avenue W., advising there is a difference between George F. Young and Lauren Penny relative to the surveys, and information was forwarded to Mike Curley, with George F. Young to contact Lauren Penny for a resolution of the matter; 6) In talking with Mr. Del Monte, County representative, he advised the empty utility facility on 113th Avenue would be available for storm season this year, noting they would draw up a Memorandum of Understanding for the Town to review.*

Mayor Lawrence reported on trying to get PSTA to install a bus stop at The Pub restaurant, however they advised the number of pickups at that location was too low. Mayor Lawrence advised he went to the Board President and they are willing to work with the Town, and will cost share in the project. He noted that PSTA would cover the installation cost, and the material cost of \$4,500.00, half would be paid by PSTA and the other half would be split between the Town and Mr. Westphal.

Mayor Lawrence further reported that 197th Avenue W. is finished, with the exception of some minor identified problems, and it looks great.

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1.9 Citizens' Comments on any subject. NONE.

1.10 Mayor's and Council Members comments on any subject.

Councilor Irelan reported she will be attending the Florida League of Cities Conference this week, stating it is always productive and informative.

Councilor Sutch advised he too was looking forward to attending the Conference, and reported they were digging the trench for the sprinkler system at his condominium, noting they can now re-pave the parking lot which will help with the beautification project.

Councilor Smith reported he also will be attending the Conference, which is always productive, and thanked everyone in the audience for attending. ***Mayor Lawrence*** presented Councilor Smith with a birthday card and all wished him a happy birthday.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported she is seeing the fruits of the work by the Beautification Committee, and can hardly wait to see it all completed.

Mayor Lawrence stated he is happy to hear that FDOT has approved the Town's landscape plan, and will now have \$150,000.00 to begin the work.

Mayor Lawrence reminded all of the Newsletter information due by 8/17/09.

Mayor Lawrence addressed a letter from the Pinellas County Co-Operative Library system advising for the Town to join based on its population of 1,806 it would cost \$60,356.52, noting the Town's Library is run very economically and would not be possible without the volunteers who work in the Library.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Lost in the Fifties Sock Hop has been rescheduled to September 26, 2009, and he will be putting out information on it in the upcoming Newsletter.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Town's 60th Anniversary Ball would be held on November 7, 2009.

Mayor Lawrence addressed the subject of portable canopies on the beach which are many times abandoned, noting he had spoken with Dr. Nicole Elko as Pinellas County Coastal Engineering, and she had stated they should not remain there overnight.

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Mayor Lawrence stated the Town could try and control it by ordinance, and asked Council members how they felt about this matter.

Councilor Sutch reported on a recent incident wherein the top of one had been removed for two weeks and it was thought no one was returning, thus the Town's personnel removed the bottom structure, and the owner showed up looking for the canopy.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported that many are seen on the 4th of July holiday, noting Chief Williams has previously red-tagged the structures to be taken down.

Chief Williams stated he has no real authority in that area, and has contacted DEP who responded and advised they do not feel the K-Mart type canopy is a structure, noting the Town probably needs an ordinance and that could control leaving them up at night.

Councilor Smith stated he thinks it is a problem and the Town should try and do something to resolve the matter.

Mr. Tawil, resident, addressed an issue with open fires allowed on the beach, and ***Chief Williams*** stated he would have to defer to the Fire Department.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

***MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk***

