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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

INDIAN SHORES COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING convened at 2:35 P.M.
Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

MAYOR
James J. Lawrence

ABSENT: Councilor Smith.

VICE MAYOR
Joan G. Herndon

COUNCILORS
Carole Irelan
William F. Smith
Steve Sutch

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of Workshop Agenda for September 15, 2009.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Irelan – to approve Workshop Agenda for September 15, 2009 as published, subject to adding Item 2.1 to consider relocating the recycle drop-site area and paving the Public Services area. Motion carried 4-0.

TOWN CLERK
Marcia Grantham

2.0 Consideration of merit increases for Department Heads.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance and Personnel, reported she had provided a consolidated summary report with ratings at the bottom of the form, and the Administrative and Finance Committee had recommended the Council approve the proposed 3% merit increases.

Councilor Irelan stated if the finances are as gloomy next year, she feels there should be no raises.

Mayor Lawrence advised he would like to work on improving the merit pay system, as he feels it has become gratuitous, and he would like it to be more competitive.

It was a consensus of Council to move this item to Council.

CHIEF OF POLICE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
E. D. Williams

BUILDING CODE
ADMINISTRATOR
Lawrence G. Nayman

2.1 Consideration of relocating the recycle drop site area and paving the Public Services area.

Chief Williams reported that some time ago the Public Services Department had to move a dumpster onto the Second Street extension and there was a property owner on Whispering Pines who owned nearby property and was not happy. He advised this dumpster was not manageable on the Public Services lot.

Chief Williams further reported that he and Bob Brotherton, Engineer, had reviewed the site and advised there is plenty of room to put the trash dumpster on the recycle site and had also asked Mr. Brotherton to look at the West end for relocating the recycle site, with a 10' strip of pavers between the areas for transition from the park.

Chief Williams advised cost proposal for the fence was \$3,529.00, pad cost of 5,071.53 and paving and drainage improvements for a cost of \$19,600.53 for a total cost of \$28,201.06, noting the funds are available for this project and he would like to get it completed by the end of September 2009. He noted this project would get the Town through the Capital Projects for this year.

Chief Williams stated he had reviewed the FRDAP Recreation/Playground Grant to ensure the two footprints do not conflict, and they do not. He advised the Building Official had reviewed these plans, and feels it will make the Town more compliant in all areas.

It was a consensus of the Council members to forward this item to Council for consideration on 9/23/09.

3.0 Consideration of renewal of the Town's health insurance.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, advised the Town did renew the present health insurance at a 16.9% increase with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and will be paying on a monthly basis, until it is anticipated to piggyback with the City of Treasure Island on their group health plan.

Council members concurred with the proposal.

4.0 Discussion of November 7, 2009 60th Anniversary Ball

Mayor Lawrence reported on gold sponsorships received from the Town Attorney and Town Auditor, and a silver sponsorship from Pat Plumlee, with Salt Rock Grill Restaurant catering, and will take off \$500.00 for their name to be in the sponsor section.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would need assistance with decorating plan, entertainment, food, etc. for putting together this event, and all Council members offered their help in any area.

All agreed that they preferred food stations rather than a sit-down dinner, and Mayor Lawrence stated he would like the seating to be a little more formal, and would like to keep the ticket price at \$25.00.

5.0 Discussion of Municipal Center

- Rendering*
- Program Managers*
- Public Meetings*

Mayor Lawrence stated at this time he is referring to the proposed new building as the Municipal Center, and any name change can be discussed at a later time.

Mayor Lawrence advised when the two prior road projects were done the Town named a Staff member and Council member to serve on the committee for daily decisions, and he feels the same should be done with the construction project for the new Municipal Center. Mayor Lawrence stated he had asked Councilor Irelan, due to her construction background and Chief Williams to serve as Project Managers.

Council members concurred with Mayor Lawrence's recommendation.

Chief Williams presented a rendering of the proposed new Municipal Center, noting it was a concept at this time, and had used a Mediterranean style for a start. He noted the bottom wall is a façade, with a small amount of underground parking.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated this would be a multi-purpose building for the Town, serving as a community center and for the Town Hall and Police Department to operate from, together with the library and recreational activities.

Councilor Irelan stated she could not think of a better time with construction costs down.

Mayor Lawrence solicited Council Members opinions relative to holding public meetings, as to one or more meetings, as he believes there is a responsibility to let all know about the project and why the Town is moving forward with the project. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council and Staff to hold a public meeting in January 2010, and then decide on the need for additional meetings based on the input and reaction of attendees.

Discussion followed among the Council members with Chief Williams responding to miscellaneous questions regarding the proposed new building.

Chief Williams stated with any program that goes before the people you have to present the funding side and also consider it as an investment.

Chief Williams further stated the Town does have the money to complete the project, and over time anticipates receiving a good amount of reimbursement funds from Pinellas County from Penny for Pinellas funds set aside for Gulf Boulevard beautification reimbursement.

Chief Williams advised he would like to feel in a comfort zone to move forward with the project, however he did not want to be presumptuous in this regard.

Mayor Lawrence stated that as the responsible elected officials we cannot be like the person at the last meeting who asked the Chief, "when did the last big one hit". The Town has worked hard on pre-disaster planning and disaster execution. It does not however have a post-disaster solution and the new building is the post-disaster solution.

Mayor Lawrence further stated the people 55 years ago meeting in The Pub Restaurant made a decision to build this building, and that was a bold decision, noting it was paid off in 2 years.

Mayor Lawrence also stated there are people sitting in this room when former Mayor Taber announced the FDOT approval of the road construction plan. That Council took the bold step to initiate a multi-million dollar project for the Undergrounding of Utilities, and today that project is done. You have to think bold, even though there will be naysayers, and I say to them "if not us..then who..and if not now...when. The time is ripe again for bold action by this Council.

6.0 *Discussion of proposed new Town stationery.*

Mayor Lawrence reported that Chief Williams was proposing a new format for Town Stationery, which Bonnie Dhonau had developed.

All reviewed and discussed proposed new format, and suggested improvements regarding color and font. Another draft will be prepared and discussed at a future time.

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INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 3:46 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk