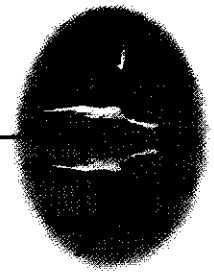


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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES - MAY 12, 2010

INDIAN SHORES PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING convened at 3:00 P.M. Those present were Vice Mayor Herndon, Chairman; Councilor Irelan and Janet McKee, Citizen Member.

Also Present: Mayor Lawrence; Councilor Smith; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Joe Tawil; David Jolly.

1.0 Consideration of approving Committee Agenda for May 12, 2010.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan – seconded by Janet McKee—to approve Committee Agenda for May 12, 2010 as published, subject to adding items for discussion as follows: 7.0) Update on mailboxes; 8.0) Installation of street signs; 9.0) Plaques on benches. Motion carried 3-0.

2.0 Consideration of approving Minutes of Committee meeting held on February 23, 2010.

MOTION by Janet McKee – seconded by Councilor Irelan – to approve Minutes of Committee meeting held on February 23, 2010. Motion carried 3-0.

3.0 Consideration of purchasing six (6) additional trash receptacles as follows: Four (4) receptacles for the new Municipal Center, one (1) for 200th Avenue W. walk-over and one (1) for 195th Avenue W. walk-over.

Chief Williams reported he thought it would be a good idea to order now for the new Municipal Center and the couple of walk-over accesses while the price was still the same.

MOTION by Janet McKee – seconded by Councilor Irelan – to recommend Council approve purchasing six (6) additional trash receptacles for the new building and two walkover accesses. Motion carried 3-0.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan
Councilor

Steve Sutch
Councilor

William F. Smith
Councilor

E.D. Williams
Town Administrator
Chief of Police

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

James Yacavone
Town Attorney

Lawrence G. Nayman
Building Code
Administrator

- 4.0 Consideration of purchasing four (4) new benches for the new Municipal Center, with two (2) in the front and two (2) in the back of the building.**

MOTION by Councilor Irelan – seconded by Janet McKee – to recommend Council approve purchasing four (4) new benches for the new Municipal Center. Motion carried 3-0.

- 5.0 Consideration of approving participating with the City of Indian Rocks Beach for improvements to the landscape area at the North end of Town where both municipal signs are located, and also consider the Town improving the looks of the present sign.**

Chief Williams reported on his conversation some time ago with Dean Scharmen, City of Indian Rocks Beach, advising of plans to improve the landscaping at the North end of Town around the signs and asked if the Town would split the cost, noting the Town's share would be approximately \$616.08.

Chief Williams advised that Mayor Lawrence had expressed a desire to improve the sign.

Mayor Lawrence stated the sign was looking a bit worn and suggested painting it at this time to freshen up the looks of the sign.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan – seconded by Janet McKee – to approve the Town sharing in the cost of improving the landscaping around the Town signs in the North end of Town for approximately \$616.08, and to address freshening up the Town's sign by having it painted. Motion carried 3-0.

- 6.0 Discussion of the status of future parking facilities restriction on the West side of Gulf Boulevard.**

Chairman Herndon expressed concern that property might be purchased on the West side of Gulf Boulevard in the future and a public parking lot be put in such as they have in Indian Rocks Beach.

Councilor Smith stated it is known that the County is looking for the opportunity to provide public property, and sometimes there are liens they can enforce to take the property and do whatever they want, noting parking lots on the West side of Gulf Boulevard is a waste of money.

It was a consensus of the Committee members this item would need further discussion and noted it would be scheduled for an upcoming Workshop meeting.

7.0 Update on new Mailboxes.

Art Newsome presented a status report on the new mailboxes that he and Neil Rode have been working on. He reported there are 244 sites on Gulf Boulevard, and they went to each one, noting that 156 do not apply to the project. He further reported that 11 have already been completed with the new numbers, 4 new boxes need numbers and 73 are candidates for upgrading. He advised they have 8 volunteers who will split up the list of names and go door-to-door and contact them regarding the mailbox upgrade.

Mr. Newsome also advised of a form that was prepared for people to sign indicating if they wish to participate or want to opt out of the program.

8.0 Installation of street signs.

Chairman Herndon reported one (1) of the new "sea gull" street signs has been installed at 197th Avenue E., and questioned when the other signs would be installed.

Chief Williams stated he would discuss the scheduling with Dave Berger, Public Services Supervisor, as there were about 10 intersections.

Mayor Lawrence stated he did not think the sign looked good with the Gulf Boulevard sign on the same sign, advising he felt the new one should stand alone.

Discussion followed and it was a consensus of the Committee to research options for installing the signs more before a final decision is made to install the remaining signs.

9.0 Plaques on new Town Benches.

Chairman Herndon reported the new bench has a memorial plaque on it, however the engraving cannot be clearly seen as it is on stainless steel.

Discussion followed on how it could be improved and the Town Clerk reported all of these things had been discussed with Mr. Daly, who had placed the plaque in memory of his wife, and with the representative from Pieczonka Trophy who did the engraving.

It was a consensus to do some research to determine if a different type plaque or application would improve the looks and have the engraving show up more.

10.0 FDOT Landscape Grant

Chief Williams reported he had been receiving e-mails all day back and forth from Bob Brotherton who was working closely with FDOT to close out the landscape grant.

Chief Williams further reported on a issue with the small median near Gulf Shores Condo at 18650 Gulf Boulevard, where Mr. Simpson from FDOT had advised Mr. Brotherton that a couple more Palm trees could be planted, only to be advised later that they created a "sight-line" issue, which then went down to only one tree and then was advised of a new rule and now there cannot be any tree in the median.

Chief Williams stated that Mr. Brotherton will work to resolve the issue by Friday, and expressed concern with the Town's intent to proceed with Notice for a grant at the North end of Town, with all the changing rules.

11.0 Chief Williams reported the Memorial stone for Jim Jeter had to be removed from the Park until the end of construction, and then a new location will be determined.

12.0 Chief Williams reported Pinellas County's Director of Environmental Protection Agency posted coastline photos and the Coast Guard plan, and he recommended they come up with some action plan and will forward the recommendation from Ashbritt.

Chief Williams further reported the County would submit plans and the names of contractors and a supplemental booming plan, and the County would look to BP for reimbursement.

Mayor Lawrence reported when FDOT painted the yellow lines at 197th Avenue E., the black is coming through and it is now half black and half yellow, and questioned what could be done. **Chief Williams** advised he would inspect it and call it in to FDOT Maintenance.

INDIAN SHORES PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING adjourned at 4:10 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk