

Town of Indian Shores

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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - JUNE 15, 2010

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING convened at 2:00 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, Town Administrator; Lawrence Nayman, Building Official; Art Newsome; Anne Miller; Mary Lois Harrison.

1.0 Discussion of "standing water" on the pervious asphalt on Gulf Boulevard.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had spoken with an FDOT representative and asked if he was confident the City of St. Petersburg was fulfilling their contract with regard to cleaning the Town's pervious asphalt, and he responded he felt certain they were as they had received the billing for the work.

Discussion followed and Councilor Smith stated he felt the effectiveness of the drainage has been lost sooner than anticipated, and questioned whether the Town could approach FDOT as to whether they think it is working properly.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would write a letter to FDOT and asked if there is some way they could measure the effectiveness of the pervious asphalt and determine how it is working.

2.0 Discussion of status of future parking facilities restriction on the West side of Gulf Boulevard.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated that when property changes owners the Town still receives ad valorem taxes, however nothing is received if they are turned into parking lots. She further stated she believes City of Indian Rocks Beach has an ordinance which prohibits parking lots on the East side of Gulf Boulevard, and thinks the Town should consider an ordinance for the West side of Gulf Boulevard.

Mayor Lawrence stated he did not think it was an ordinance, but the Commission would have had to approve a zoning change, which they were not in favor of doing.

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

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Mayor Lawrence further stated he feels the Town needs to think about being too restrictive on one side of Gulf Boulevard and not on the other, in order to obtain the desired result.

Mayor Lawrence pointed out that a couple of years ago the Town was looking at putting additional parking on the East side, with a few on the West side of Gulf Boulevard.

Council members discussed a specific piece of property which they believed might be a viable option for Pinellas County to put in a public parking lot.

Chief Williams stated he believes it is a private matter between the land owner and the County, but understands it may be a park in the future.

Chief Williams further stated he thinks the Town can define what a park has to be and if there are enough components in the park, that parking would be ancillary, noting the Town is in a dual role with beach re-nourishment.

Chief Williams advised he would look into the matter regarding the specific property and determine what the situation is with Pinellas County.

3.0 Discussion of adequate parking spaces in Town for beach re-nourishment purposes.

Mayor Lawrence thanked Councilor Smith for all the homework he had done on this item and the e-mails.

Councilor Smith reported as part of the County taking advantage that the State will pay half of the County's share, the County has to prove it has enough parking, and has three (3) key rules to follow: 1) Parking with a least 100 spaces meets one (1) mile requirement; 2) If any other place with 52.8 ft. frontage, it qualifies as ½ mile area; 3) Receive credit for a "public lodging" establishment which holds a DBPR license.

Councilor Smith stated the County cited the area between 19820 Gulf Boulevard and 20116 Gulf Boulevard as being "starved" for parking spaces.

Chief Williams stated the only difference he knows is "primary", which is on Gulf side and ½ mile each way, and "secondary", which is on East side and ¼ mile each way.

Discussion followed among Council members about various areas which might be able to provide additional parking, which were very slim.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated that she had read somewhere that a municipality had used bicycle racks to provide additional parking for beach access.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Town will do its very best to help identify and secure any additional parking spaces, however it is ultimately Pinellas County's problem, and all concurred with the Mayor.

4.0 Discussion of proposed "Fertilizer Ordinance".

Mayor Lawrence reported speaking with County Commissioner John Morroni and it was his viewpoint that more lawsuits are pending and will be tied up in court for quite some time, and feels the County will suspend initiation of the ordinance pending outcome of the trials.

Mayor Lawrence stated he feels the Town also should wait before passing this ordinance, and Council members concurred with Mayor Lawrence.

Vice Mayor Herndon recommended the Town asked for "voluntary compliance" with the ordinance, and all agreed this could be done.

5.0 Discussion of cost-sharing for Town benches.

Mayor Lawrence and Council members discussed the status of new Town benches, and all were in agreement that anyone ordering a Town bench would pay the full cost of \$300.00.

6.0 Discussion of Town's "Voting Delegate" for the Florida League of Cities Conference, August 19-21, 2010 in Hollywood, FL.

It was a consensus of the Council members that Mayor Lawrence be the "voting delegate", and Vice Mayor Herndon be designated at the "alternate voting delegate".

7.0 Discussion of input from Indian Shores Property Owners' Association.

Mayor Lawrence reported that some time ago Art Newsome, President, Indian Shores Property Owners' Association, had expressed some concern with the need for additional garbage containers on the beach during holidays.

Art Newsome stated the Association believed there was a need during the holidays for more containers as trash was overflowing, and at their last meeting many had expressed concern of high incidents of "passing on the right" violations, especially in front of Town Hall. He also advised that during the last beach clean-up it was noticed that there are no trash containers at the bus stops (not the shelters). He stated the debris was all stacked together as if they tried to keep it neat, however there was no place to dispose of it properly. It was suggested some might be placed on the mile markers.

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Chief Williams stated he would look into whether there are additional locations on the beach to accommodate more trash containers.

Mayor Lawrence stated other than the Police Department being more diligent he did not know what could be done about "passing on the right" violations.

Chief Williams addressed the concern for "passing on the right" violations, stating that by past history there have been no accidents, the fine is very high for a ticket, noting the Town receives none of it, and concurred that it is "aggravating".

Chief Williams stated that in all other municipalities except for Indian Shores and one other community whose name he cannot recall, it is legal to pass on the right on paved surfaces.

8.0 Discussion of schedule of events for the year.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Town did cancel the annual Memorial Day picnic, and he does not envision a lot of activity. He stated the Town would be looking at again doing the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Art Newsome advised the ISPOA were planning a fall BBQ at Sand Glo in late September or early October.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 3:45 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk