

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - JULY 27, 2010

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: Attorney Jay Daigneault; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Chief Williams, Town Administrator.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**** Mayor Lawrence recognized Councilor Carole Irelan and presented her Certification of Completion for the advanced IEMO class.**

Mayor Lawrence stated he would like to entertain Agenda Item 1.11 first, whereby the representative would not have to wait through most of the meeting.

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for July 27, 2010.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve Council Agenda for July 27, 2010, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

Note: See below for discussion of Agenda Item 1.11.

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

A. <u>MINUTES:</u>	Council	-	6/8/2010
	Workshop	-	6/15/2010
	Workshop	-	7/12/2010
	Workshop	-	7/20/2010

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

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

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

From 6/2/2010 thru 6/29/2010.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve Consent Agenda for Re-occurring Expenses, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.4 Correspondence: NONE

1.5 Town Attorney's Report. NONE

1.6 Determine figures to provide the Pinellas County Property Appraiser proposed and rolled-back millage rates, the proposed aggregate millage rate, and the date, time and place of the two (2), required public hearings at which the budget and millage rate for FY 2010/11 will be estimated and adopted.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the DR-420 form reflects the Town's rolled-back rate as 1.9553, with the Town's proposed operating millage rate to be 1.7500, which cannot be exceeded, however it can be reduced.

The Director of Finance further reported the two public hearings to adopt the FY 10/11 Budget would be held on Wednesdays, with the first one scheduled for September 8, 2010 and the second one on September 22, 2010 at 7 P.M.

Mayor Lawrence noted the Town's taxable value last year was \$749,562,914.00, with this year's taxable value being \$671,764,735.00, which represents a loss of \$77,798,179.00. He also noted that 3 years ago the Town's taxable value rose to over \$1 billion dollars.

MOTION by Councilor Smith – seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon – to approve submitting to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser the following information: Rolled-back rate of 1.9553 for FY 10/11; proposed millage rate of 1.7500; proposed aggregate millage rate to be 1.7500; together with public hearings being held on September 8, 2010 and September 22, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.7 Consideration of tentative approval of Sun Trust Banks, Inc., as the banking institution from which to borrow funds amounting to \$2,000,000.00 to construct the Town's new Municipal Center.**

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported on the summary in the packet covering the four (4) banks that provided quotes, and briefly outlined the details and the differences.

The Director of Finance further reported Staff had reviewed the quotes and recommended Sun Trust Banks, Inc., noting they were the most responsive and offered two or three different options.

The Director of Finance advised the Council a Resolution would be prepared outlining the details for Council approval at the next meeting on August 10, 2010.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to tentatively approve Sun Trust Banks, Inc., as the banking institution from which to borrow funds amounting to \$2,000,000.00 to construct the Town's new Municipal Center. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.8 Consideration of approving Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas Planning Council to provide for the continuation of planning and mapping services as may be requested by the Town.**

Mayor Lawrence reported this is an Agreement the Town has had for many years, noting they assist the Town with the Comprehensive Plan, and are always very helpful.

Councilor Smith noted they always perform very well and the Building Official had recommended approval of the Agreement.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas Planning Council to provide for the continuation of planning and mapping services as may be requested by the Town. Motion carried 5-0.

1.9 Consideration of approving the Landscape Maintenance Agreement from FDOT for Sand Castle I Condo right-of-way.

Chief Williams reported when the road work went through their sign and trees were in the way and were removed, and advised they worked closely with Dale Nabors when doing the utilities and he gave them space for an underground vault, and he had promised them back then the Town would work with on restoration.

Chief Williams further reported that Mr. Nabors is a landscaper and asked for support with FDOT, and the Mayor had written a letter to Mr. Simpson, and noted that the Condo Board would enter into an Agreement to do the maintenance, and the Town has to approve the plans.

Chief Williams advised there is nine (9) palm trees covering a 500 ft. stretch, and the net cost to the Town is about \$1,800.00 out of Beautification Funds.

Mayor Lawrence stated this fits into the Town's Beautification Plan and is a payback promise.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve the Landscape Maintenance Agreement from FDOT for Sand Castle I Condo right-of-way. Motion carried 5-0.

1.10 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2010.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, addressed the financial summary stating the Town is in a good financial position. She reported revenue to date of \$2,240,641.00, and of that figure \$1,269,000.00 is ad valorem taxes, with a positive Fund Balance.

The Director of Finance noted some of the fund entities appear to be in deficit, however the end of the year entries have not yet been made. She noted balances in the restricted funds for Police Education and Beautification.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2010, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.11 Consideration of approving request for a walk event through Indian Shores on October 29, 2010.

Mayor Lawrence introduced Heather Rutkowski, Program Coordinator, for the Susan G. Komen, For the Cure, Tampa Bay 3-Day, 60 mile walk event on October 29, 2010.

Heather Rutkowski addressed Council members advising the walks begins at Sand Key Park, goes through Largo and onto Gulf Boulevard at Park Boulevard intersection from between Noon and 6 P.M., noting there will be approximately 1,500 to 1,700 walkers. She thanked the Town for their support of the event.

It was noted that arrangements had been made to pay for off-duty officers for traffic control on and off the Park Boulevard Bridge.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve request for Susan G. Komen, For the Cure, walk event on October 29, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

1.12 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2010.

Chief Williams reported criminal reports and citizen reports were down, with service calls being up, a lot of warnings issued, noting it was unremarkable.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2010, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.13 Update Report on status of proposed construction of a new Municipal Center.

Chief Williams reported on the following items: (1) Drove the 294th piling at Noon on Friday, and now cutting off for pile caps, noting first two deep holes have to do with elevator pits; (2) At construction meeting last week they are anticipating approximately 4 weeks time to form caps; (3) Construction meeting tomorrow with ARC3 and will discuss salvaging vault door if possible; (4) Received proposals from one furniture company, Staff and Building Committee visiting a furniture vendor on Thursday, and will schedule a third company that did work on a Seminole building; (5) Have met 2-3 times on flooring as Hennessy needs an answer, and met with a vendor today and are close to finalizing, noting it is the product that Councilor Irelan viewed in the Winn-Dixie Store;

(6) Looking at Sieman's for phones and Sonitrol for security and fire monitoring and will bring prices forward, appears all on State Contract so there would be no RFP requirement at this point; (7) Anticipated move in date is 12/23/10 and entire completion date for entire project is 2/28/11).

1.14 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items: (1) Trying to finalize the South end landscape work, looks like 19 Palms are not puffing at the top and will be evaluated shortly and replaced if necessary; (2) Blue Plumbago looking bad as a result of using weed killer on the Peanut Grass, noting it will come back; (3) Dave Berger is working on removing foliage around the Palm trees to make it manageable; (4) Ran from the Gulf to John's Pass and saw only four (4) buoys left out of 38, and when they are gone the system will be deactivated; (5) Did not see many cabanas, they tag them, however it will take awhile; (6) Meeting with Progress Energy to co-ordinate the energy service to get the best deal for the Town, and might get them to pay for the transformer based on calculations, as it is still being negotiated.

1.15 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

Larry Shear, Commissioner on Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue Board, at a Workshop session there was discussion that the County was leaning strongly towards removing EMS funding to the District and as a result Station #26 would be closed and Sun Star Ambulance would put an ambulance in its place.

He advised the County had suggested there is alternate coverage from two other stations, however the response time is double what the present response time is.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had a conversation with Mr. La Sala regarding this situation and his response is that fire capability has nothing to do with EMS coverage.

(1) Anne Miller, resident, 19526 Gulf Boulevard, reported another case of vandalism at her condo, and asked about man coverage in the area.

Chief Williams stated there were always two officers on at night and advised he would advise this address needs to be logged for additional coverage.

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

Councilor Irelan stated she had no report to present.

Councilor Sutch expressed concern with the safety of the crosswalks, as he does not believe the signage is correct for drivers to know when to stop, and stated he feels the Council should try and improve this situation with the appropriate agency.

Chief Williams advised the crosswalk at Tiki is considered a mid-crossing, and stated the people making decisions have no idea what they are doing and it is confusing the public.

Councilor Smith reported the beach funding for Indian Shores now has 100% eligibility, noting there had been a problem in the area between 198th and 200th Avenues, however he helped the County figure out that the three Sand Castle Condos were licensed by DBPR, and Chief Williams located six other spaces.

Councilor Smith announced the Florida Shore and Beach Annual Conference is being held 9/22/10 – 9/24/10, locally at the beautiful new Hyatt Resort on Clearwater Beach, noting there are registration funds available for Council members who would like to attend, and encouraged residents to do the same, noting it is a very education experience.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported a Public Services Committee meeting would be held on August 3, 2010, wherein they would discuss the possibility of a "Community Garden", and invited all to attend.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had sent everyone a copy of the e-mail regarding the Penny for Pinellas status, advising they will be at BIG-C tomorrow, noting they are proposing not starting the funding until FY 2013 (October 1, 2012).

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Marcia Grantham
MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk