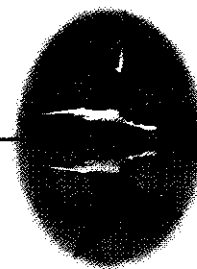


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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - AUGUST 17, 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; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Lawrence Nayman, Building Official; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Jimmy and Margaret Vaughn, Mickey Quinn's; Mike Rognacki, Mahuffer's.

1.0 Discussion of Pinellas County approval to extend hours for businesses to sell alcohol until 3 A.M.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had distributed a survey of the BIG-C cities reflecting their positions on extending the hours to 3 A.M., and stated this item was briefly discussed at Administrative & Finance Committee meeting last week wherein he has asked Council members to review as it would be discussed at today's Workshop.

Mayor Lawrence noted the Chief's handout on related material and reported he had sent a letter to all five establishments in Town inviting them to today's meeting.

Chief Williams stated he is not anti-drinking, however he does enforcement through DUI's and is familiar with patterns after 46 years. He further stated he has served as President of DUI-Counter Attack for over 10 years and Board member for 25 years, and knows the after affects of drinking and knows the patterns of blood alcohol content (BAC).

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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Chief Williams stated regarding his position on extending of the hours comes from two or three perspectives.

One is to enlighten the Council on what the research shows, noting the longer a person drinks the higher the BAC. He advised that some studies look at the economic aspect, pointing out drinking between the hours of 4 – 6 PM is social, but 2 – 3 AM, adjusts hours and the longer people drink the drunker they become.

Chief Williams addressed the research reporting an impact of \$3.1 billion alone, just on underage drinkers, which equates to a cost of \$165.00 per each Florida resident.

Chief Williams cited a Mexico –vs- Canada study which concluded, and from his own personal experience found the later they find people on the highway the higher the BAC.

Chief Williams stated personally he does not see an advantage of the County Commissioners decision to extend the hours, as it made no sense to him.

*Mayor Lawrence reviewed the summary of the survey of the BIG-C cities, as follows: **St. Pete Beach, Treasure Island and Madeira Beach** will extend their hours to 3 A.M. **N. Redington Beach, Redington Shores, and Indian Rocks Beach** plan to remain with the present 2 A.M. closing. **Redington Beach, Belleair Beach and Belleair Shore** do not have any alcohol establishments. **City of Clearwater** advised initially there was no interest among Council members, however following a Workshop meeting a couple of Commissioners have changed their minds and a formal vote will be taken at a meeting on August 18, 2010.*

Mickey Quinn's owners, Jimmy and Margaret Vaughn, spoke in favor of extending the hours to 3 A.M., stating people will by-pass their establishment in favor of one which stays open later.

Mike Rogacki, Mahuffer's, spoke in favor of extending the hours to 3 A.M., citing the need to be able to compete with the establishments that can remain open later.

*Mayor Lawrence polled Council members regarding their positions, as follows: **Councilor Irelan** stated she was in favor of the 3 A.M. closing, **Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith and Councilor Smith** were opposed to the 3 A.M. closing, and **Mayor Lawrence** stated his position did not matter one way or the other, as three Councilors already voiced their desire to keep the closing hours at 2 A.M.*

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Mayor Lawrence asked about the impact of a possible change to the ordinance allowing for 3 A.M. closing on weekend nights of Friday and Saturday.

Chief Williams stated it would be complex should Indian Shores change weekends to 3 A.M., and Redington Shores does not, it makes things more confounding for officers as the Town provides law enforcement services to Redington Shores.

Chief Williams pointed out it has taken almost 40 years to standardize the liquor laws and now the County Commission has made a problem, noting anything is doable, but does create a lot of confusion.

Mayor Lawrence polled the Council members on how they would feel on this proposed compromise, if Redington Shores would consider the change, or do they wish to remain at 2 A.M.

The outcome of the poll was the same as previously expressed.

Mayor Lawrence requested the owners of Mickey Quinn's and Mahuffer's to show any impact to their businesses by November 1, 2010, and if there is an adverse affect, Council will review. He promised the owners he would sit down with them in late October to review their revenue/expense deviations.

2.0 Discussion of revised Evaluation Form for Department Heads.

Mayor Lawrence reported the **Director of Finance and Personnel** had taken the prior input from Council members and revised the form from the last meeting, and asked if everyone had reviewed the revision.

Councilor Smith stated there are too many grading categories, however **Councilor Sutch** disagreed.

Discussion followed among the Council members and the majority wanted only three (3) categories, thus it was agreed to proceed with the revised Evaluation form and delete the category "commendable".

3.0 Discussion of campaign signs.

Mayor Lawrence reported that cleaning up the campaign signs has started with several at The Pointe and other condos removed. He distributed a Right-of-Way Chart for Council members to review and report any areas where the observe campaign signs in the right-of-way.

Mayor Lawrence stated he is still seeing signs on vacant property, and the Building Official has been working on trying to contact the owners of the property.

4.0 Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Conference.

Mayor Lawrence reminded Council members that the first day of this conference the Town has a Council meeting on 9/22/2010, on a Wednesday, to adopt the tentative FY 2010/11 Budget.

5.0 Florida League of Cities Conference.

Mayor Lawrence reported he has the Resolutions package if anyone would like to review, and stated they would like to have a representative from each city on a legislative committee, and for all to review in case any of the committees look interesting.

6.0 Bulletin Board signs at North and South end of Town.

Mayor Lawrence reported on some discussion regarding the status bulletin boards at each end of Town, which are in disrepair.

Mayor Lawrence further reported the Town Clerk had done some research, advising there is no requirement to post notices on these boards at each end of Town, and if there are no objections they will be removed.

Council members had no objections to the bulletin boards being removed.

Mayor Lawrence stated one was in better shape and they might put it in place of the one in front of Town Hall, and dispose of the others.

7.0 Regional Transportation Funding Initiatives.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Resolution in the packet was from Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council requesting cities to adopt a Resolution in support of Regional Transportation Funding Initiatives for Hillsborough County, which is a pre-cursor for Pinellas County to do the same.

Mayor Lawrence asked Council members to read the Resolution, and advise him if they had any objections.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 3:40 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk