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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2, 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; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Wes Westphal; Mary Lois Harrison; Katrina Hale-Claver.

**** Mayor Lawrence stated he would like to add discussion of the following items: BIG-C December meeting, invoice from Florida League of Mayors' and a health grant from Pinellas County.**

1.0 Discussion of the status of the Town's buoy system. (Ref.: To be distributed.)

Mayor Lawrence reported in the spring of 2009 the Council made a decision to decommission the buoys, however it was not processed at the State level due to a change of personnel. Therefore, the item was again re-visited and information from Wes Westphal was received, and Chief Williams has reviewed the matter further.

Chief Williams advised he had Dave Berger, Public Works Supervisor, check the buoy line, and he reported there are only three (3) buoys remaining out of the initial 34 buoys, noting there are two spare buoys in the Public Services garage.

Chief Williams reported initially the buoys were weighted with a concrete anchor and dropped off a boat at a point triangulated off of a seawall, where today all have a GPS system location point, as originally plotted.

Chief Williams referenced his Memo dated November 2, 2010, reporting all the beach cities order from the same company, with the same cost, noting the cost difference is in the deployment variable, and advised this information is in the packet.

Chief Williams reported the Town has used American Underwater Contractors, Inc., and they advised they could not use concrete buoys as there was a change in protocol.

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

Chief Williams advised he downloaded the rule from Wildlife Fish & Game Commission which is 101 pages, and referred to Exhibit A & B as they reflect the correct way to deploy the buoys. **Chief Williams** pointed out the difference is it has to be buried 2 feet from the substrate, and the Town used the drill method, which was 5 feet down and more stable.

Chief Williams stated he does not know how Bluewater Diver & Salvage Company performs the work for \$100.00 an anchor, noting the Town's contract uses the screw in method.

Chief Williams further reported in his research he used City of Indian Rocks Beach as a comparison since the Town's gulf-front distance is comparable, and their Public Works Director maintains good records.

Chief Williams advised at a cost of \$647.00 per buoy the cost for 32 buoys would be \$20,704.00 using the Indian Rocks Beach method, as opposed to \$28,600 to redeploy using our current method. Therefore, the Town is looking at a cost close to \$30,000.00 to re-deploy the buoys and approximately \$9,000.00 a year for annual maintenance.

Discussion followed on the correct number of buoys to install and how far apart, which more information was needed from the State, as the Town wants to ensure they are legal if less than the initial 34 are deployed, together with discussing swim zone, idle speed zone and launching of jet skis.

Chief Williams stated it is an economic issue and if it cannot be done correctly he does not want to jeopardize the Town and any enforcement action by the State.

Wes Westphal, owner of Sun & Fun Motel, stated boats zip in and he feels they are ignoring the Town's safety zone. He advised it is his perception it is more a "voluntary" program, and stated he looked more at what the Town of Redington Shores was doing than City of Indian Rocks Beach. He further stated he thought they should be 400 feet off-shore so they do not get so beat up, and the State wants to ensure they are not in navigational channels. He stated the buoys are better than nothing.

Katrina Hale-Claver, owner of Sand Glo, stated she can see the issue from both sides, but feels when the buoys are gone the boaters do not realize how close to shore they are.

Mary Lois Harrison, owner of Victoria Apartments, stated she feels jet skis are more of a problem, and the Town needs to protect the area, and suggested reducing the number of buoys.

Chief Williams stated the dilemma he is in is whether the Town goes with the previous method still used by some municipalities, contrary to the State ruling.

Chief Williams stated he wanted the Council to keep in mind that in making a decision regarding the buoys, he will not do anything that keeps him from complying with that Rule, noting if it is done right it will cost money, and need to consider the proper timing and whether to request a permit to move the buoys further out.

Mayor Lawrence stated it seemed the first step would be to determine whether the Town can legally reduce the number of buoys, and asked if any of the Council members wanted to proceed with decommissioning the buoys.

It was a consensus of the Council members not to proceed with decommissioning the buoys, and to research the matter further for additional information on reducing the number of buoys.

2.0 Discussion of contracts for vendors to provide support services for the new Municipal Center, i.e., phones, security.

Chief Williams distributed a breakout of vendor costs covering the following: 1) Equipment /Phone system; 2) Wiring; 3) Cable; 4) Security; 5) Elevator monitoring.

Chief Williams reviewed the costs from the proposed vendors, noting many vendors had been contacted and wanted a consensus if Council felt they were moving in the right direction.

Chief Williams reported they were ready with most of them except for Stanley and the audio/video vendor.

Chief Williams reported on receiving a cost estimate of approximately \$13,000.00 for a new dais, noting the Finance Director has kept a sidebar sheet and within what Staff thought it would cost, together with unanticipated change orders from Hennessy Construction.

3.0 Discussion of proceeding with participating in the beach access recycling program with Pinellas County, wherein they will provide containers for the Town.

Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk, reported that proposed program is the same that was discussed approximately one year ago, but was delayed for various reasons.

Council members expressed their support again for the Town to participate in the County's proposed beach access recycling program.

4.0 Opening of sealed Bids received for police vehicle, Car #12, 2001 Ford Crown Victoria.

The Town Clerk reported that no bids were received for the car, so it will be posted again in the future and put in the next Newsletter.

5.0 Discussion of allowing Town Hall to be closed on Thursday, December 23, 2010, with the Town allowing 4 hours and the employees using 4 hours of their leave time.

Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk, requested Council members to consider closing the Town Hall on 12/23/2010, whereby employees would have an extra day to prepare for the holidays.

It was a consensus of Council members for the Town Hall to be closed on 12/23/2010, with the Town allowing 4 hours and the employees using 4 hours of their leave time.

6.0 BIG-C meeting scheduled for December 8, 2010.

It was a consensus of the Council members to accept the offer from City of Belleair Beach to use their city hall to host the BIG-C meeting on 12/8/2010, due to all the construction at the Indian Shores Town Hall.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would confirm the Mayors' Council luncheon tomorrow which he understands is to be held on 12/1/2010 at the Tradewinds Hotel.

7.0 Florida League of Mayors' Invoice.

It was a consensus of the Council members to again pay the invoice of \$250.00 to continue membership in the Florida League of Mayors' Association.

8.0 Vice Mayor Herndon advised that Elliot Steele, with Vincent House, expressed his thanks to everyone. She reported that he was wanting to plant some trees in front of The Pointe Condo.

Mayor Lawrence advised the Town could not give permission to plant the trees as this was FDOT right-of-way.

Vice Mayor Herndon briefly reported on a Pinellas County Grant through the Health Department, which could possibly install exercise stations in Tiki Park, or an alternative location, which she would be obtaining more information on.

Councilor Sutch reported on a large area toward the back of Tiki Park which he felt had potential for improvement to provide a small bridge over a gutter drain and possibly place a picnic table in the area.

- 9.0** *Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported this is the last year under the Town's Contract with Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, CPA's, noting the audit is already underway.*

The Director of Finance further reported she has requested an engagement letter, reflecting a 5 year renewal from 2011 thru 2015, with the first 3 years at the present rate of \$18,700 a year, and years 4 and 5 increasing to \$19,200.00, which reflects a 3% cost of living increase.

It was noted this item would be placed on the Council Agenda for action at the meeting scheduled for November 9, 2010.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Marcia Grantham
MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk