

# Town of Indian Shores

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## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - JULY 19, 2011

**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.**

### **1.0 Discussion/review of proposed Budget for FY 2011/2012.**

*Mayor Lawrence advised Council members at their last Workshop on the proposed Budget there was a consensus to set the millage rate at 1.8500, with a reduction of \$42,469.00 from Fund Balance to off-set the difference.*

*Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the proposed Budget is based on the 1.8500 millage rate discussed at the last Workshop.*

*The Director of Finance further reported there was no merit or COLA increases, all line items had been cut 6% in each Department, with some being added back where cuts could not be made, noting the total reduced expenses amounted to \$46,708.00.*

*The Director of Finance noted revenue from millage of \$1,124,261.00, based on 1.8500 mills, was budgeted at 97%.*

*The Director of Finance explained all Department's budgets were reflected together with the General Fund Summary, Road & Bridge Fund and the CIP Fund, which basically was paying debt service with the only capital items being a new police vehicle and Phase II of FDOT beautification project.*

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

*Mayor Lawrence addressed the loss of two employees in seven days and advised he has discussed looking at other options with Chief Williams.*

*Mayor Lawrence stated that beginning next week Chief Williams will be starting three (3) weeks annual leave, after which the Building Official will be having surgery, advising the Chief will have a plan later to present to Council.*

*It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed with presenting the proposed Budget with a millage rate of 1.8500.*

**2.0 Attendance at the Florida Shore & Beach annual conference September 14 – 16, 2011.**

*Mayor Lawrence reported that Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Ireland do not want to attend this conference, advising that Councilor Smith does want to attend as he is on the Board, and that he might possibly attend.*

*Mayor Lawrence further reported he has reviewed the funds in the Legislative account and determined that there will be sufficient funds for Councilor Smith to attend, and if he should decide to attend it would also be covered.*

*It was a consensus of the Council members for Councilor Smith to attend the FSBPA conference in September 2011, and the Mayor, should he decide to attend.*

**3.0 Discussion of proposed increase for health insurance coverage.**

*Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the Town has been notified the Blue Cross group coverage premiums will be increasing 13.5% over current rates, effective October 1, 2011, noting open enrollment for any changes by employees will be during August 2011. The Director of Finance also reported there are sufficient funds in the budget to cover the increase.*

*It was a consensus of Council to recommend approval and it was noted the item would be on the Council Agenda for July 26, 2011.*

**4.0 Discussion of proposed changes to Town's Flood Ordinance (Chapter 86).**

*Lawrence Nayman, Building Official, advised there was very little change, reporting he had removed all references to "flood proofing", a "table insert" reflecting "Tracking of Substantial improvement, etc." had been moved to Section 86-71(3), and added a definition for COASTAL A-Zone (CAZ).*

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*The Building Official reported he was within 72 points of going to the next level for another 5% off of insurance premiums for Town residents, noting he was challenging some of the areas where they had marked down the Town.*

**5.0 L.R. Penney Surveys.**

*Chief Williams advised he had requested cost proposals for surveys relating to 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue E., 199<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. and 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. from L.R. Penny Surveyors.*

*Chief Williams reported a new survey drawing was needed for 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. at a cost of \$475.00, with locating of four (4) corners on 199<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Avenues E., at a cost of \$350.00 each, for a total cost of \$1,175.00.*

*Chief Williams advised he is hoping to gain 10 combined spaces from these three Avenues, and this is the first step in getting the project moving.*

*It was a consensus of Council members for Chief Williams to proceed with the project, and the item will be placed on the Council Agenda for July 26, 2011.*

**6.0 Chief Williams briefed Council members on the following items:**

- 1) Frank Chivas, Salt Rock Grill, is in process of removing the present Palms on his property and replacing with another specie of Palm, with Crepe Myrtles in between, and he is giving the Town several of the trees, with one being put in the island next to cell tower. It was noted the trees would be placed on a future Council Agenda to accept as a donation.*
- 2) Crown Castle pressing for a response regarding the proposal of \$355,000.00 to buy out the lease, and have requested Attorney Yacavone to contact the expert CPA he knew and formulate this question to him "Is the Town better off to accept the \$355,000.00", knowing that the annual fee of around \$28,000.00 will go away. Chief Williams noted the answer is coming and may receive prior to the Council meeting on 7/26/2011. It was noted the item would be placed on the Council Agenda in case the answer was received and Council could consider if they so wanted to. Chief Williams advised he would recommend investing it as a reserve account, noting there are several options.*
- 3) Town Square area lights will be re-wired.*
- 4) Project to install fence paintings on 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W. around the Progress Energy boxes will be moving forward soon.*

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- \*\* Vice Mayor Herndon requested someone continue placing DUNKS in the water to help kill the mosquitoes in the Town Square area.*
  
- \*\* Art Newsome questioned the status of a mailbox order placed by Perry Keene, and Chief Williams stated he would take care of the matter.*

*INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 2:50 P.M.*

*Marcia Grantham*  
MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC  
Town Clerk