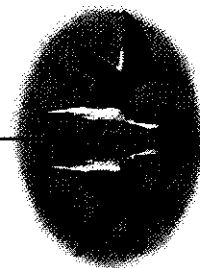


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – JULY 26, 2011

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 7:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Irelan, Councilor Smith and Councilor Sutch.

Also Present: Attorney Daignault; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Major Hughes; Lawrence Nayman, Building Official; and Elaine Jackson, Deputy Clerk.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for July 26, 2011.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch to approve the Agenda for July 26, 2011, as published. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.2 Consideration of approving “CONSENT AGENDA”, as follows:

A. <u>MINUTES:</u>	Council	-	6/14/2011
	Workshop	-	6/28/2011
	Workshop	-	7/19/2011

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan to approve the “Consent Agenda”, subject to correction of Item 1.13 of June 14, 2011 minutes, to clarify that Diantha Schear is president of the Women’s Club. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan to approve “Consent Agenda” covering Re-Occurring Expenses, as published. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: None

1.4 CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Lawrence read a note from the Ferro family expressing appreciation for flowers in the passing of Officer Ferro’s mother.

Mayor Lawrence also read a note of appreciation from Jamie Berger relative to the passing of her husband and former town employee Dave Berger.

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

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 to be held on September 7 and September 21, 2011, at which the budget and millage rate for FY 2011/2012 will be estimated and adopted.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the DR-420 form reflects the Town's rolled-back rate as 1.877, with the Town's proposed operating millage rate to be 1.85, which cannot be exceeded, however it can be reduced.

The Director of Finance further reported the two public hearings to adopt the FY 11/12 Budget would be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7 P.M. and Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Sutch – seconded by Councilor Smith to approve submitting to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser the following information: Rolled back rate of 1.877 for FY 11/12; proposed millage rate of 1.85; proposed aggregate millage rate to be 1.85; together with public hearings being held on September 7, 2011 and September 21, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

1.7 Consideration of retroactive approval of representative for Group B communities on the beach to serve on the Pinellas Planning Council.

Mayor Lawrence proposed Commissioner "Cookie" Kennedy to represent Group B communities on the PPC.

Motion by Councilor Irelan – seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon to approve the appointment of Commissioner Kennedy to represent Group B communities on the Pinellas Planning Council. Motion carried 5-0.

1.8 Consideration of approving two (2) General Utility Easements for Pump Stations No. 72 and 74, located at 197th Avenue and 200th Avenue at Gulf Boulevard.

Lawrence Nayman, Building Official reported Pinellas County was establishing two (2) easements which would grant the county access, to maintain, upgrade and repair lift stations located at those intersections of Gulf Boulevard.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch, to approve two (2) General Utility Easements for Pump Stations No. 72 and 74, located at 197th Avenue and 200th Avenue at Gulf Boulevard. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.9 Consideration of approving increase of Blue Cross group coverage premiums by 13.5%, effective October 1, 2011, increase of 6.9% for dental insurance from Assurant, with no increase in long term disability**

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported there is an increase in cost for the dental plan, but not for long term disability. Notification must be made soon, since August is open enrollment. Sufficient funds are available in the budget to cover the increase.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan, to approve increases in Blue Cross group coverage premiums effective October 1, 2011 and dental insurance from Assurant. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.10 Consideration of approving cost estimate from L. R. Penny & Associates, Inc., covering surveys in the amount of \$1,175.00.**

Mayor Lawrence stated the surveys were necessary to resolve parking issues relative to beach renourishment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Smith to approve cost estimate from L.R. Penny & Associates, Inc., covering survey in the amount of \$1,175.00. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.11 Consideration of approving proposal from Crown Castle to buy out Town's cell tower Lease.**

Council discussed the need to weigh whether it was more prudent to take the buyout, versus renewing the current 5-year lease, since future technology may eliminate the need for cell towers, in which case leasing could terminate. Language in the original contract would need clarification and restructuring.

No action taken. Item to be discussed at future workshop.

- 1.12 Consideration of approving purchase from Earth Box Educational Products in the amount of \$4,363.24, covering 50 earth boxes and 40 garden stands.**

Vice Mayor Herndon stated she would like to get started as soon as possible, as food prices are skyrocketing. Earth Boxes will be sold to those who want to participate in the community garden. It is anticipated that the plot will be ready by September 1st.

Motion by Councilor Sutch – seconded by Councilor Irelan, to approve purchase of 50 earth boxes and 40 garden stands from Earth Box Educational Products in the amount of \$4,363.24. Motion carried 5-0.

1.13 Consideration of approving Financial Statement covering the period ending June 30, 2011.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, addressed the financial summary stating the Town is in a good financial position. She reported revenue to date of \$2,105,504.00 and of that figure is 77.7% of the projected revenue, with a positive Fund Balance.

The Director of Finance noted Road and Bridge accruals are still coming in, and presently running at 51.3%, with 2 months revenues yet to be collected. In the Capital Improvement Fund, 82.9% has been expended on the Municipal Center.

Motion by Councilor Sutch - seconded by Councilor Irelan, to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2011, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.14 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2011.

Major Hughes stated June was very slow month, with reported crimes and citations down. Five injuries occurred in one accident. One death occurred in Indian Shores, whereupon we are waiting for the Medical Examiner's report, and one death occurred in Redington Shores, with the toxicology report pending.

Motion by Councilor Sutch – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2011, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.15 Update Report on status of construction of the new Municipal Center.

Larry Nayman, Building Official, reported on the following items: (1) 98% of all metal on the roof, but some cross bracing still needed. (2) Town's Engineer to inspect on Wednesday. (3) Some plywood is on the roof; however, it is not strapped down and is a wind hazard. (4) After plywood is installed (2 weeks) and roofing materials applied (2 weeks), slurry can be poured inside. Three theories have been proposed relative to the slurry process. (5) Overall, the town is getting what it ordered. Mr. Nayman anticipated another five or six weeks will be needed to finish the roof. Interior cannot be accomplished until roof is completed.

1.16 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

Theo Ruscin, resident, 19918 Gulf Boulevard, reported an old abandoned catamaran, tent and canopy frames, chairs and trash are accumulating on the beach between 198th and 197th and becoming an eyesore.

Major Hughes stated he would investigate the situation and determine if violations have occurred.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Women's Club had some nice activities planned for the Fall.

Councilor Sutch advised Tiki Gardens was still an eyesore, in need of trimming and grass mowing.

Mayor Lawrence stated a County employee drives through every day, but does not clean up the lot and wondered if the County could be cited for a code violation.

Vice Mayor Herndon expressed her interest in a new alternative nuclear power option that should be explored.

Mayor Lawrence announced the Big-C will meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at the Belleair Beach Town Hall.

Mayor Lawrence reported another tour of the new Municipal Center will take place on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

THE INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Deputy Town Clerk