

Town of Indian Shores

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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - AUGUST 16, 2011

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING convened at 2:00 P.M.
Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith and Councilor Sutch.

Absent: Councilor Irelan

Also Present: Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Town Administrator, Chief Williams; Lawrence Nayman, Building Official; Anne Miller; Art Newsome.

Mayor Lawrence reported he was adding Agenda Item 5.0 to discuss an offer from Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department's Fire Chief Polk.

1.0 Discussion of proposed Buyout Contract from Crown Castle for Cell Tower.

Chief Williams reported he believed all were aware of the initial letter and that Attorney Yacavone had a source who had taken the annual lease payment of \$28,000.00 and calculated out for a total sum of \$1.750 million, and then took the \$355,000.00 and amortized for 30 years came to \$1.353 million, which works out close to the same.

Chief Williams pointed out the Town would lose the \$28,000.00 in revenue each year which is folded into the budget and has been used for revenue since about 1992.

Councilor Smith reported in reviewing the analysis he felt in computing the buyout cost receiving 5% interest in the bank, but the fact that the \$28,000.00 inflated by 4%, however it is not going into the bank, is inconsistent.

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

Councilor Smith stated the \$28,000.00 could be put into an interest bearing account, and **Chief Williams** advised if the Town remains with the \$28,000.00 annual payment it is adjusted each year by the CPI.

Mayor Lawrence reported on receiving an e-mail from **Councilor Irelan** regarding this subject, and she stated she feels the Town should take the buyout offer, as the future of cell towers seems dubious.

Mayor Lawrence if you take the \$28,000.00 annually and invest it you would have to make up for that revenue amount from somewhere else.

Chief Williams reported the last co-locate amounted to about \$400.00 a month for the Town, but the tower is maxed out.

Chief Williams reported on receiving a letter from Landmark Dividends, advising of significant changes, such as reduced locates.

Chief Williams advised that based on the Town's current lease this could be reduced in the future.

Chief Williams reported the cell tower companies operate on borrowed money and banks do not want to loan if the lease is not 30 years, or more.

Chief Williams stated the Lease Contract prevails and he wants to work out the Contract first to ensure certain wording remains intact.

It was a consensus of the Council members for the Town to accept the buyout offer from Crown Castle.

2.0 Discussion of proposed Ordinance 2011-4, amending Chapter 86, Floods.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Council held the first reading of the Ordinance at the August 9, 2011 meeting, and placed this item on the Agenda whereby everyone would have more time to review the lengthy ordinance in case they might have questions.

Mayor Lawrence further reported the changes are mostly cosmetic, with the meaningful portion relating to deleting references to "floodproofing".

Mayor Lawrence reported on an e-mail from **Councilor Irelan** regarding this item, and she stated she was in favor of the ordinance.

It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed with the scheduled second reading of proposed Ordinance 2011-4 on September 7, 2011.

3.0 Discussion of plans by Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue Department for a piece of steel which they received from the World Trade Center.

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Board Fire Commissioner, Larry Schear, presented the I-beam piece of steel which the Fire Department was awarded from the World Trade Center.

He advised the I-beam is 4 ½ ft. high and weighs 145 pounds, and shows the stress the beam received.

He further advised that several Mayors from other cities had requested a piece of steel, however they have all been turned down.

Commissioner Schear presented a couple of drawings of a proposed rendering to depict the I-beam in an illustrative memorial to the 911 event.

Commissioner Schear reported they were looking for contributions from organizations to pay for the memorial which he estimated would cost between \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00. He advised they would be contacting their four (4) member cities, and also will be communicating with the area covered in the unincorporated section which they serve.

Councilor Irelan was not in attendance, however had e-mailed a question asking if they were looking for about \$2,500.00 from the Town, what amount was the Fire Department donating. Commissioner Schear stated they did not have the money in their budget, and their Charter did not allow for this type of project, and they were looking to secure all funds from donations.

Mayor Lawrence stated it makes him nervous to take money out of Town taxpayer funds, and suggested using the opening of the new Town Municipal Center to hold some kind of fund raiser for this worthwhile project.

It was a consensus of the Council members to fully support the proposed memorial project, and that specific fund raisers will be determined in the future.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Town was planning on holding a St. Patrick's Day Festival at the new Town Center, and suggested a fund raiser might possibly be held in conjunction with this event.

- 4.0 Discussion of Petition submitted by Larry Schear requesting FDOT provide marked pedestrian crossings across Gulf Boulevard at/near all beach accesses, for the purpose of public safety.**

Mayor Lawrence reported sending Larry Schear an e-mail suggesting he forward the Petitions signature to Mr. Donald Skelton, Secretary, District 7, FDOT, with a copy to Mr. Ping Hsu, regarding his involvement in requesting additional pedestrian crosswalks on Gulf Boulevard.

Larry Schear stated he is still in the process of collecting signatures for the Petition.

Larry Schear asked the Council if it would be inappropriate to leave a Petition at Town Hall in the lobby for interested citizens to sign

Mayor Lawrence and Council members did not see any problems with Mr. Schear leaving a Petition in the Town Hall.

- 5.0 Discussion regarding request from Chief Polk, Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department, requesting to trade a police vehicle the Town has for sale for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine for the new Town Center.**

Chief Williams reported on a visit from Chief Polk who advised they have no extra funds in their budget and asked if the Town would consider trading the police vehicle that is up for sale for an AED machine for the new Town Center, and this would then provide one for each floor of the building.

Chief Williams advised the Town presently has one in the auditorium which the Fire Department maintains, and one in a Police vehicle, which the Police Department maintains, and he is in the process of receiving one from a doctor in Tampa, and with this one if the Council approves the request there will be an AED machine on each floor.

Chief Williams reported he would request the Fire Department to maintain the four (4) AED machines and provide annual training.

It was a consensus of the Council members for Chief Williams to proceed with Chief Polk in making arrangements for the trade.

It was noted the request would be placed on the Council Agenda for September 7, 2011 for retro-active approval.

6.0 Miscellaneous items discussed as follows:

1) Status of driveway at 7-11 Store, which has several potholes.

The Building Official reported he has had several inquiries, mostly from residents at Golden Shores Condo who use the road for egress, advising it is not the Town's property, and has advised the Condo owners they need to review their easement papers to resolve who is responsible for repairing.

The Building Official further reported that he is working up a violation notice to site them for a "nuisance" problem.

2) 198th Avenue Survey.

Chief Williams reported he will soon be receiving the survey for 198th Avenue E., advising it appears he may only be able to capture 1 to 2 spaces at 198th, with 199th Avenue E. looking better, but the south boundary limits space.

Chief Williams further reported he would be looking closer at the surveys and moving ahead, noting he was anticipating the work to be accomplished around the time the old Town Hall would be demolished.

3) Status of buoys.

Chief Williams responded to a question from Art Newsome asking about the status of the Town's buoys.

Chief Williams reported replacing the buoys is a \$39,000.00 project, noting it is too shallow where they are, noting there are only two (2) buoys remaining out of the 34 buoys initially installed. He stated they need to be moved out to deeper water, and that crab trappers cut them loose.

Chief Williams advised re-nourishment is coming which will again possibly change the location, noting there is just not a good solution.

4) Lights on in new Municipal Center.

Anne Miller stated neighbors had requested she ask the Council why lights were burning all night long in the new Municipal Center.

Mayor Lawrence reported on a call from a Mr. Freeman, Bayshore Yacht and Tennis Club on this subject. He also added the Town is not paying the electric bill, Hennessy Construction pays that bill.

Lawrence Nayman, Building Official, responded and advised certain lights are on 24/7 to provide two (2) foot candles of light on the floor in the path of egress. He was asked to raise the subject of building lighting at night with the project manager at the next construction meeting.

5) Info on alternative energy.

Vice Mayor Herndon distributed information on new technologies for alternative energy sources, and stated solar energy is becoming more popular.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 3:30 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk