

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - OCTOBER 25, 2011

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 6:00 P. M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

Also Present: Attorney Jay Daigneault; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**** Mayor Lawrence** opened the Council meeting, recognizing this is the first meeting in the new Municipal Center. He stated he had been out recently with some medical problems, which gave him some time to reflect and think over the last seven years, and it brought a lot of pride and courage of the elected officials to get here today, together with the sweat equity of the staff, which has been a 24/7 type of thing for a long time.

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for October 25, 2011.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve Council Agenda for October 25, 2011, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.2 Consideration of approving "CONSENT AGENDA", as follows:

A. <u>MINUTES:</u>	PZB Com.	-	9/20/2011
	Council	-	9/21/2011

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve Consent Agenda covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

From 9/8/2011 thru 9/26/2011

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- 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 reported on receiving a letter from the Florida League of Cities advising of again this year refunding 25% of membership dues paid.

Mayor Lawrence reported that Officer Leo Yates would be retiring on November 5, 2011, with over 29 years of service to the Town, and the Town will be honoring him at the Council meeting scheduled for November 8, 2011. Mayor Lawrence advised he has spoken with Congressman Young's office to obtain a flag that has flown over the White House.

Mayor Lawrence read an e-mail received from Janet Golden regarding the condition of the Town's playground equipment, and expressed safety concerns.

Chief Williams reported he had requested Ken Nayman in the Public Services Department to conduct an assessment of the equipment to determine if major improvements are needed. Chief Williams advised the equipment is not structurally bad, except for maybe the two (2) riding toys.

Chief Williams further reported he has put up a closed sign as there is still some construction around and it is not a safe area. He noted this subject would be addressed by the Public Services Committee at their next meeting.

1.5 Town Attorney's Report.

Attorney Daigneault stated that Attorney Yacavone conveyed his congratulations and regret that he was not able to be present at this first meeting in the new building.

- 1.6 PROCLAMATION by Mayor Lawrence proclaiming November 4, 2011, as "Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Day".**

Mayor Lawrence reported he would be signing a Proclamation for "Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Day".

- 1.7 Consideration of approving proposed Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for reimbursement from Penny for Pinellas funds covering eligible Improvement Plan projects.**

Mayor Lawrence reported he had been participating in the negotiations saga for about two year with Pinellas County, noting the last six (6) months were intense legal negotiations.

Mayor Lawrence further reported at the last BIG-C meeting negotiations were finished with Commissioner Seel, Mr. LaSala and legal groups, and they worked out acceptable language and the reimbursement schedule. He advised the Agreement was passed at the September BIG-C meeting with the caveat Mayor Mortenson requested for "sums payable to the Town of Belleair Shore shall be paid to the Town of Belleair Beach for Eligible Projects shared by these two cities".

Mayor Lawrence recommended the Town approve the original Agreement with the word "may" instead of "shall", and they can work with the County attorneys to make it acceptable or it will be a Belleair Shore and Belleair Beach problem.

Councilor Smith stated he as at the BIG-C meeting and everyone believed the County was saying "if you want to do it it is alright with us".

Mayor Lawrence reported that Commissioner Karen Seel was very helpful during the negotiations of the Agreement.

Vice Mayor Herndon and Councilor Smith recognized all the effort, time and hard work put in by Mayor Lawrence in working towards an agreeable resolution of this matter.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for reimbursement from Penny for Pinellas funds covering eligible Improvement Plan Projects. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.8 Consideration of approving appointment to Seat #3 and Seat #4 on the Board of Adjustment, with terms expiring 10/28/2011.**

Mayor Lawrence reported that David Jolly and Karl Olander advised they would accept re-appointment.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve re-appointment of David Jolly to Seat #3, and re-appointment of Karl Olander to Seat #4, on the Board of Adjustment, with terms expiring on 10/28/2014. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.9 Consideration of approving appointment to Seat #6 on the Board of Adjustment, with term expiring on 10/28/2013, as a result of the resignation of James Sanderbeck, effective 9/7/2011.**

Mayor Lawrence reported there was not an individual to appoint at this time, and Council members concurred to defer at this time.

- 1.10 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of September 2011.**

Chief Williams reported it was a busy month for calls for service, but a decrease in all activities, noting there were no crashes in either Town.

MOTION by Councilor Smith-- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Police Activity Report covering September 2011, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.11 Update Report on status of construction of the new Municipal Center.**

Chief Williams reported on the following items: 1) Town moved into new Municipal Center on a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, and signed a Certificate of Substantial Completion; 2) Activity in building quiet for 3 weeks, with minor work being done on the punch list; 3) Contractor to be coming in to work on the asphalt parking lot; 4) Working thru documentation received on how to operate the new building, i.e., telephones, security etc. via a computer and are working our problems. Noted A/C problem in IT room which was worked on today; 5) Jimmie contractor met their schedule with demolition of the old building and should have most of debris gone by tomorrow and finish up Thursday; 6) R.E. Beckner scheduled to come in tomorrow and start construction work for parking lot, anticipate area being completed by 11/17/2011.

Mayor Lawrence questioned the status of the Town's electric digital sign, and Chief Williams advised they were trying to go wireless.

Mayor Lawrence suggested digital signage in the lobby for now, and Rebecca Criswell with AVI advised she was putting one in the City Hall at Pinellas Park and invited him to come and view the equipment.

1.12 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams reported everyone is super busy and commended the Staff on a move that went very well, noting they are learning how to operate the building.

Chief Williams further reported items to be addressed are the Community Garden, Playground and Tennis Courts, advising Hennessy has not maintained the park and there is a lot of clean-up work to be done.

Chief Williams advised proposed parking at street ends may be under a change order, if not there will be an RFP, at the end of the parking lot project, and are looking at 197th and 198th Avenues, however there is a possibility that 200th Avenue will not be done until sewer lift station retrofit is completed by the County.

Bob Brotherton, Engineer, reported he had sent a copy of the proposed procedures relating to the Community Garden to the Florida League of Cities and they liked the document and would like to use as a public relations project and share with other cities.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated the duties and responsibilities of the Community Garden Coordinator encompass a great deal of work and the right person is needed for this position.

1.13 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

1) Mary Lois Harrison, resident, stated she thinks the Town needs the buoys in the water, and questioned the status of the buoy project.

Councilor Sutch stated he has not seen one boat that violated in low tide.

Mayor Lawrence stated he has been on Council for 12 years and has seen a good deal of Town funds spent on a solution, and it ends up not being a solution.

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Chief Williams reported there is a 3 to 5 year life expectancy for the buoys, noting all the buoys were replaced in 2006, using GPS on point and they were too shallow. He noted the initial buoys were installed in 1994.

Chief Williams further reported there is a permitting process to obtain a permit, mobilization is costly, and it costs about \$40,000.00 every 5 years, and about \$8,000.00 annually for maintenance. He noted crab traps are one of the big threats, as the crabbers just cut the buoy.

Chief Williams advised that historically it has been problematic. He advised that about three citizens had stated they would each purchase a buoy, however he never received any checks.

Mayor Lawrence advised the items needs to be kept on the radar screen for any technology solutions in the future.

Councilor Irelan stated she was glad everyone was here and that she had family in the audience. **Councilor Irelan** reported the Women's Club would hold their meeting at Salt Rock Grill on 11/9/2011, and ISPOA happy hour was the same date.

Councilor Sutch reported the October Coastal Clean-up went well with 35 volunteers, even though the 22 students from Plant High did not show up. **Councilor Sutch** reported more people are working on cleaning up Tiki Park.

Councilor Smith stated he was down at Town Hall and watched the old building being demolished, and was thinking this is what it would have looked like if we had had a really bad hurricane hit here, noting this was the 90th anniversary of the 1921 hurricane that came through and made John's Pass. He stated the Town is not so vulnerable in the new building.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported the Public Services Committee will hold a meeting on 11/15/2011 to discuss procedures for the Community Garden.

Vice Mayor Herndon introduced her fiancée Charlie Parrott and stated they were planning to be married on January 1, 2012.

Council members and all offered congratulations to the couple.

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Mayor Lawrence reported the Library recently held a book sale which was a kick-off fund raiser for the Fire Department's 911 memorial.

Mayor Lawrence the Property Owners Association was trying to re-invigorate brick paver sales for businesses in Town/

Art Newsosme, President, ISPOA, stated the Association appreciated all the Staff support in making all of this happen, and would like to show their appreciation by having a luncheon for them, and requested Staff to consider what they would like.

Mayor Lawrence advised the BIG-C meeting is tomorrow in Indian Rocks Beach, and noted the Town will host the meeting on December 14, 2011.

Mayor Lawrence advised he would like to have a citizen boat parade party at the new Municipal Center on 12/10/2011. He also advised he would like to consider an official opening the week of 12/12/2011.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Town would be re-inventing the St. Patrick's Day Festival this year at the new Municipal Center, and will be holding the annual Memorial Day picnic again.

Councilor Smith thanked Rebecca Criswell from AVI for attending the meeting tonight.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:20 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk