

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - JANUARY 10, 2012

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; Larry and Diantha Schear; Art Newsome; Anne Miller; Lindsey Noble; Jamie Neuman; Lynn Goldman; Jeannie Carlson, Reporter, Beach Beacon.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for January 10, 2012.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Smith – to approve Council Agenda for January 10, 2012, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

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

A. MINUTES: Council - 12/13/2011

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon seconded by Councilor Irelan – to approve “Consent Agenda” covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

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

From 12/6/2011 thru 12/28/2011.

MOTION by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan – to approve “Consent Agenda” covering Re-Occurring Expenses, 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

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.4 CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

1.5 Town Attorney's Report. NONE

1.6 Discussion/approval of name for the Town's new facility.

Mayor Lawrence reported that during the construction phase the building had been referred to as the "Municipal Center" to differentiate between the new building and the then existing Town Hall, however the name had never been formally addressed and asked Council members if they were happy with "Municipal Center", or happier with "Town Hall".

A brief discussion followed and all Council members favored calling the new building the "Municipal Center".

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve the official name of the Town's new building to be known as the "Indian Shores Municipal Center". Motion carried 5-0.

1.7 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2011.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the General Fund was in a good position, with Road & Bridge and the CIP funds going according to plan, as receivables are on the books.

The Director of Finance reported General Fund revenue of \$969,668.00, with \$726,095 being tax revenue which equals about 63% of budgeted tax revenue, and noted the balances in restricted accounts for Police Education and Beautification.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to accept Financial Statement for period ending December 31, 2011, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.8 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of December 2011.

Chief Williams reported criminal reports were down significantly, minor drop in Police Action Reports, traffic citations and parking tickets down, with traffic warnings up, noted service calls were up 50%, and noted there were no crashes.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of December 2011, as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Chief Williams reported on the following items: 1) Last payment draw made yesterday for \$72,000., of which landscaping came to about \$50,000., with remainder of funds going to finish up the parking lot and pavers, noting about \$4,000. Left to finish and will probably offset with a credit for equipment not used; 2) Trying to work out a continuing problem with the lentils noting a meeting was held about a month ago and all came up with a plan of action, which is not working, and advised he would be speaking with Larry Nayman, Building Official, about bringing in Engineer, Joe Fullone; 3) Spoke with Brad Kunz, Project Manager, to determine the fix for the 2 windows which failed and discussed fixing with anvil iron, and will be finalizing the issue regarding roof trusses, and can then negotiate out all other outstanding issues.

1.10 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items: 1) Electronic sign has been examined by a company and noted it takes different hardwire equipment, with the component being ordered, and have notified them again today for status; 2) Request for Proposal on the Community Garden has been prepared by Bob Brotherton at no cost to the Town, noting he did an excellent job and it has been posted on the government website and sent to one interested party. 3) Do a change order for work on the street ends, which Bob Brotherton has reviewed the work to be done at the street ends; 4) Bob Brotherton wrote an article for the Newsletter being sent out in February on the Community Garden; 4) Howard Kent will be out for approximately a month on a medical issue, and will rely on the other two employees and on a selective basis can use Labor Ready if needed.

**** Larry Schear, Fire Board Commissioner, reported a Workshop was held to discuss the Chief's Employment Contract, and subject still on-going. Advised a Committee has been formed regarding the activity between the County and EMS, for the purpose of determining who will evaluate the plans and the County will then make a decision. He further reported the Contract with Sun Star had been extended 2 ½ years, noting the Department has been pre-cluded from trying fire-based transport.**

**** Mayor Lawrence reported he had asked FDOT Engineer, Mr. Hsu to evaluate two beach access points that could possibly have pedestrian crosswalks, but he determined they did not qualify. He stated that he advised Mr. Hsu that he would like for him to re-evaluate the street ends when the snowbirds returned.**

Mayor Lawrence requested Chief Williams to provide him an estimated time of day when the traffic is heaviest and he will contact Mr. Hsu to run the test again.

1.11 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

- 1. Art Newsome, resident, announced the Property Owners' Association would hold Happy Hour tomorrow at Salt Rock Grill from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**
- 2. Diantha Schear, President of the Indian Shores Women's Club, reported they will hold a meeting on 1/12/2012 at 6 PM at On the Rocks Restaurant, with topic of discussion being issues of financial interest to women.**
- 3. Larry Schear, Fire Board Commissioner, reported attending FDOT meeting regarding Gulf Boulevard pedestrian crosswalks, and the County is soliciting e-mail comments on the Indian Shores section of the plan.**
- 4. Jamie Neuman, resident, asked about the status of the 911 Memorial at the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Station.**

Larry Schear, Fire Board Commissioner, reported the proposed Memorial will cost approximately \$10,000.00, and the volunteer firemen are leading the fund raising efforts.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Town agreed to support the proposed Memorial project, without using taxpayer funds, and to date have raise about \$350.00, and are planning to hold a pancake breakfast and will have a booth at the Town's St. Patrick's Day Festival.

5. **Lynn Goldman, resident**, questioned Council members on what activities there were for children in Town.

Mayor Lawrence advised that Town had a playground in back of the Municipal Center, and were considering some renovation to the area, and that the Town needs to think about future plans for activities involving younger children.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Library would hold a book sale on 1/22/2012 from 9 AM to 1 PM, the Library volunteer recognition dinner will be held at Salt Rock Grill at 5:30 P.M. on 1/25/2012, and another "Read and Feed" will be held on 2/12/2012 featuring the book "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand".

Councilor Irelan wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilor Sutch stated he hoped everyone had a good holiday and he hoped that 2012 will be a better year.

Councilor Sutch reported the County had a crew working at Tiki Park and it was looking much better, and Coastal Clean-up would be held 3/17/2012.

Councilor Irelan reported on a serious problem with rats in the area, advising they are getting into vehicles and eating the wiring. It was noted that information on some traps would be obtained.

Councilor Smith reported he would be attending the forum at St. Pete College on 1/11/2012 relative to utilities collecting for future costs to build nuclear plants and get to keep the money if they are not built. He stated that Susan Glickman would be the moderator.

Councilor Smith also reported the 2012 Legislative session began today, pointing out that funds for beach nourishment will be a challenge. He reported this is a non-issue for the upcoming Sand Key project, which is to start in March – April at the north end of Clearwater Beach as the funding and contracts are in place.

Councilor Smith stated the FSBPA would be battling for funds and advised this is the last year for Senator Dennis Jones, whose term spans the entire life of the beach nourishment program, but noted that Representative Frishe has been very active in recent years. He also reported he would be attending the FSBPA Board meeting in Stuart, FL on 2/9/2012.

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Vice Mayor Herndon reported space is still available in the senior exercise classes, with two excellent instructors. She further reported a new acrylic painting class will be starting and the deadline for registering is 1/26/2012, and hopes there will be a good turnout.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would send out an e-mail update on all the classes.

Mayor Lawrence reported that Wells Fargo has been running an out-reach program here in the lobby, with one scheduled for tomorrow from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM, with another one scheduled for 1/20/2012, and will present information to employees on 1/23/2012.

Mayor Lawrence further reported he visited the newly opening Island Breeze Restaurant in Redington Shores, which has been opened by Matt Loder, who is Crabby Bill's son, advising several Mayors were invited to lunch and the food was great. Their official opening is to be 1/16/ or 1/18/2012.

Mayor Lawrence advised he has sent Congressman Young's office two possible dates of 1/24 and 1/26 to hold the ribbon-cutting ceremony mid to late in the afternoon, and if these dates not good will look at early February.

Mayor Lawrence reported the deadline for the Town's Newsletter was 1/25/2012 as it would be sent out prior to the municipal election.

Mayor Lawrence stated he had a Tourist Development Council meeting tomorrow morning, noted the bed tax money was doing great at 17% over this time last year.

Anne Miller asked about the status of the pavers and Art Newsome responded advising there was an invoicing problem which has been solved, and they are to be shipped by 1/31/2012.

Lynn Goldman asked for assistance with a problem involving persons jumping into the hot tub on her property, without clothes, and was advised to call the police.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:07 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk