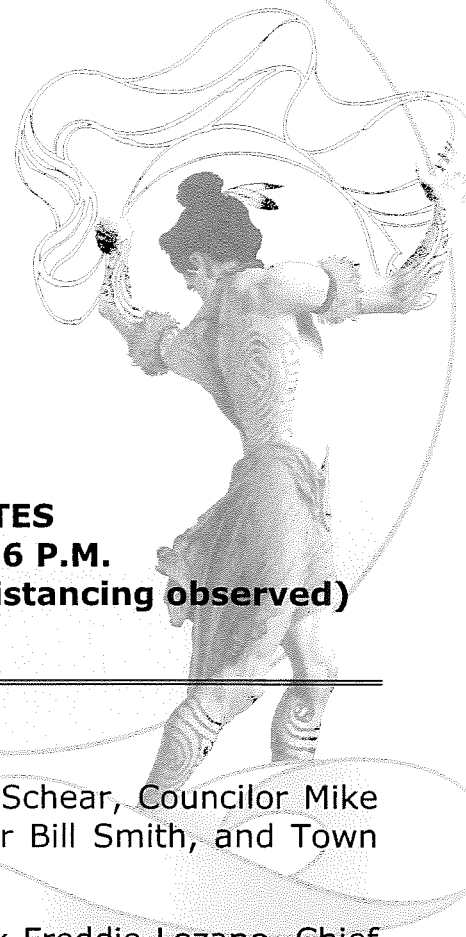


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HYBRID TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021, BEGAN AT 5:06 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER 4th FLOOR (Social distancing observed) AND ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM

The meeting convened at 5:06 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor Diantha Schear, Councilor Mike Hackerson, Councilor Mike Petruccelli, Councilor Bill Smith, and Town Attorney Regina Kardash.

Also present: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Chief Rick Swann, Captain Glen Smith, Building Official Darin Cushing, and Fire Commissioner Larry Schear.

Via ZOOM: Fire Chief Mike Burton, Town Engineer Larry Fluty, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan Scrogam, Cliff Koch of the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach, Rick Walker of Pinellas County, and Newspaper Correspondent Jeannie Carlson.

Those absent: None

VIRTUAL HYBRID MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving the Hybrid Town Council meeting agenda for January 12, 2021.

Agenda amendment:

1.0A Proclamation for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor

Diantha Schear
Vice Mayor

Mike Hackerson
Councilor

Michael (Mike) Petruccelli
Councilor

William F. (Bill) Smith
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Town Administrator

Richard (Rick) Swann
Town Council

Susan L. Scrogam
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Freddie G. Lozano
Town Clerk

Regina Kardash, Esq.
Town Attorney

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Hybrid Town Council Meeting Agenda for January 12, 2021 as amended.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.0A PROCLAMATION:

Proclamation of the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, Declaring January 9, 2021, as National Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation (LEO) Day.

Mayor Soranno read the Proclamation and held a moment of silence for the officer whose life was lost as a result of the riot at the Capitol.

2.0 Comments from the public on any agenda item. None

3.0 Consideration of approving the “CONSENT AGENDA” as follows:

A. MINUTES:

- 1. Hybrid Town Council Meeting, December 8, 2020.**
- 2. Emergency Notice of Litigation Shade Meeting, December 17, 2020**

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: for December 2020.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4.0 Correspondence. None

5.0 Town Attorney’s report.

Attorney Kardash recited the Oath, “I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and government of the United States and of the state of Florida.” She stated that the event that occurred at the Capitol on January 6 was a desecration to our democracy. Survival of our democracy depends on the individuals who have dedicated themselves to protecting the Constitution. She wanted each person who takes the Oath to think about the

words that they say as words can be taken out of context and could be used in a negative manner.

6.0 Report from the Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Burton reported on:

- Staffing level issues related to COVID
- The apparatus truck assigned to Indian Shores has been ordered and has a build time of 12 months before arrival.
- Some of the staff participated in a COVID vaccination in December.
- The fireboat participated in the Indian Rocks Boat Parade.
- COVID has impacted the Fire Department financially. Their application for Pinellas County Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding was tentatively approved for \$338,000.
- Emergency calls were typical and response times were met.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INDIAN SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 86 -FLOODS, SUBPART B LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO CORRECT SCRIVENERS ERRORS, TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The recommendation for the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01 was tabled at a previous Planning, Zoning and Building Committee meeting. No action taken at this time.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 106-76. – VEHICLES PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADD STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS FOR BEACH DRIVING PERMISSIONS; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILTIY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The recommendation for the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02 was tabled at a previous Planning, Zoning and Building Committee meeting. No action taken at this time.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 01-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, DECLARING PATRICK C. SORANNO TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS MAYOR OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, AS A RESULT OF BEING UNOPPOSED FOR THE RESPECTIVE POSITION IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9, 2021.

Mayor Soranno commented that he would like to continue working on getting sidewalks and beach renourishment. He is looking forward to the next three years.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve Resolution 01-2021.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10.0 Consideration of employee status change for Public Services employee Thomas Boullianne from part-time to full-time effective January 11, 2021 at an annual salary of \$29,120.00.

Mr. Lozano corrected the effective date from January 11 to January 18.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to approve the employee status change for Public Services employee Thomas Boullianne from part-time to full-time effective January 18, 2021 at an annual salary of \$29,120.00.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

11.0 Consideration of contract agreement between the Town and Sarah Lynn Westmoreland Mullins, LLC for Gulf Boulevard Art Installation

Concept Design Services. (Copies of the proposed contract agreement was made available at the meeting.)

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the contract agreement between the Town and Sarah Lynn Westmoreland Mullins, LLC for Gulf Boulevard Art Installation Concept Design Services.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

12.0 Consideration of the final design version of the Monument Project.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Hackerson** to approve the final design version of the Monument Project subject to input from the Council on the arch's finish.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

13.0 Consideration of Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

14.0 Consideration to expand the Police Department's maximum vacation accrual cap from 240 to 320 hours, and to authorize the Police Chief to approve buy outs of accrued vacation time as needed through the end of the current fiscal year, or until the State of Emergency is lifted.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve expansion of the Police Department's maximum vacation accrual cap from 240 to 320 hours, and to authorize the Police Chief to approve buyouts of accrued vacation time as needed through the end of the current fiscal year, or until the State of Emergency is lifted.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

15.0 Consideration of upgrading to Tyler Content Manager Enterprise Edition.

Ms. Dhonau asked for approval of the upgrade that will allow flexibility to scan documents that are not related to the personnel, payroll, and accounts payable modules. The upgrade also has search/retrieval capabilities and archiving security. This will help with the goal of digitizing documents for records management.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the upgrade to Tyler Content Manager Enterprise Edition.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

16.0 Consideration of a request from the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach to hold a “Rotary Runs the Beach 5k” on the beach starting from Tiki Gardens on Saturday, March 27, 2021, beginning at 8 a.m.

Mr. Koch and **Mr. Walker** provided information on the event noting that there will be approximately 250 participants running.

Vice Mayor Schear made a motion to approve the request.

Mayor Soranno expressed concern over the event while still in a pandemic and deferred the matter to Chief Swann.

Chief Swann has several questions before approving this event and suggested that Mr. Koch meet with Captain Smith to discuss.

Councilor Hackerson made a motion to approve the request contingent upon approval from Chief Swan.

Conversation ensued on the logistics and safety concerns.

Chief Swann recommended the item be tabled.

Vice Mayor Schear rescinded her motion.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to table the approval of the “Rotary Runs the Beach 5k”.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

17.0 Report from the Building Official for December 2020.

Mr. Cushing reported that the Building Department numbers are consistent with regards to permits, number of inspections, and valuation fees. There are inquiries on several properties in Town for possible development and site plan reviews.

Conversation ensued on a possible memorial or pocket park for an individual involved in a boating accident on Halloween.

18.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Ms. Dhonau reported:

- The Town Hall playground needs repairs and a representative from Playmore Recreational Products will meet with Public Services to discuss.
- Paint preparation begins Saturday. Currently, there is no start date scheduled for the exterior painting.
- Security cameras installation began today and is anticipated to be completed in 2-3 weeks.
- The Library remodel is in its beginning stages.
- Mr. Cushing and Building Clerk Bill Jones have consulted with a Tyler Technologies representative on the Building Department configurations for the software.

19.0 Consideration of approving the Financial Statement for period ending November 2020.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Financial Statement for period ending November 2020.

Mr. Lozano polled the Council. All ayes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

20.0 Police activity and pandemic response report for December 2020.

Chief Swann thanked Mayor Soranno for reading the LEO Proclamation. He reported that the Police Department continues to work around COVID related

issues. He will provide more information on vaccines as soon as he receives any updates.

21.0 Report from the Fire Commissioner.

Fire Commissioner Schear reported that a fire engine with Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and rescue capabilities will be based in Indian Shores. Two response command vehicles will be replaced with Chevy Tahoes for the District Chief and Assistant Chief.

22.0 Citizens' comments on any subject. None

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

Councilor Hackerson mentioned having five good days in 2021 and is now waiting for 2022.

Councilor Petruccelli commented that first responders have not been given the opportunity to be vaccinated. He added that many of the Town's residents who are 65 years of age and older may not be able to sign up for vaccination appointments as quickly by way of computers or cell phones and what the Town can do to bring them to the top of the list.

Councilor Smith congratulated Mayor Soranno on his re-election as Mayor for the Town.

Vice Mayor Schear has been informed by citizens that there have been a decreased number of electric bicycles and dogs on the beach and gave credit of the result from good signage.

Mayor Soranno wished everyone a Happy New Year and to stay safe.

24.0 Meeting adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk