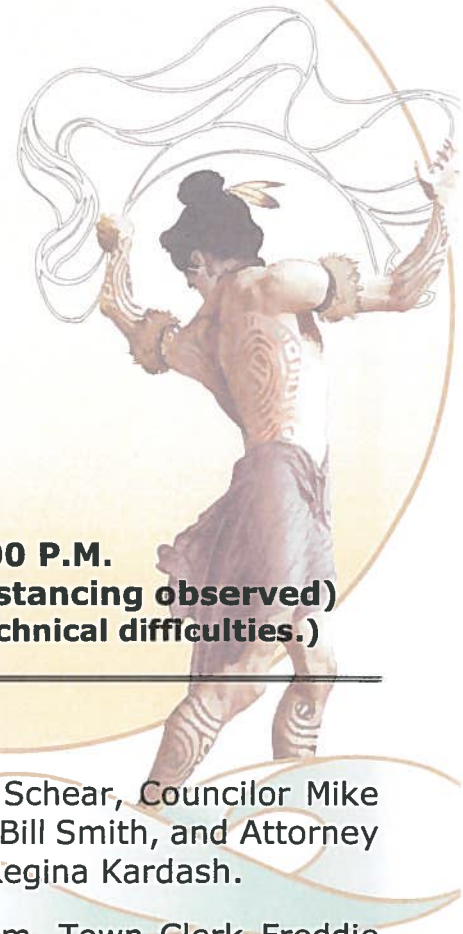


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES*
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, BEGAN AT 5:00 P.M.
INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER 4th FLOOR (Social distancing observed)
(*No audio recording was produced for this meeting due to technical difficulties.)

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Finance and Personnel Director Susan Scrogam, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Police Chief Rick Swann, Police Captain Glen Smith, Police Officers; Shane Tindall, Jason Hicks and Mrs. Hicks, Natasha Hindman, and Kevyn Andrews, Building Official Darin Cushing, Town Engineer Larry Fluty, Fire Chief Mike Burton, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, Sarah Lynn Westmoreland Mullins, LLC, Artist Steve Graff, Indian Shores Property Owners Association President Art Newsome, and Newspaper Correspondent Jeannie Carlson.

By Telephone: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau

Those absent: Attorney Regina Kardash

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving the Town Council meeting agenda for February 9, 2021.

Agenda Amendment:

Mayor Soranno added Mr. Curtis Westphal's public comment email under 4.0 Correspondence.

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
Chief of Police

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 Town Council Meeting Agenda for February 9, 2021 as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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 Workshop, January 12, 2021.**
- 2. Hybrid Town Council Meeting, January 12, 2021.**

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: for January 2020.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4.0 Correspondence.

- Thank you note to Dr. Choe for being the guest speaker at the January BIG C meeting.
- Public comment email correspondence from Mr. Curtis Westphal regarding Police Budget.

5.0 Town Attorney’s report.

Attorney Jackson presented Attorney Kardash’s memo that outlined three recommended options on how to move forward with initiating a charter review.

The conversation concluded with the Council delegating the charter review to the Administration and Finance Committee and bringing their recommendations to Council. Charter reviews are under the purview of the Administration and Finance Committee as defined in Ordinance 2018-03. Attorney Kardash will head the review.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson**– seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to move forward with the charter review and delegate it to the Administration and Finance Committee. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6.0 Report from the Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Burton reported that the Seminole and Largo Fire Departments assisted with a fire at Crabby Bill's that occurred on January 15th. They are looking to fill multiple positions within their department due to upcoming retirements. Average response times were met for emergency calls for the month of January. It was a slow month for fire related calls.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 02-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE RESTRICTED CONFISCATED PROPERTY ACCOUNT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY FENCE SUFFICIENT TO STORE LOST AND ABANDONED PROPERTY AT TOWN HALL.

Attorney Jackson read Resolution 02-2021 by title.

Motion by Vice Mayor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve Resolution 02-2021. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 03-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA STATUTE § 161.58 TO DEFINE "VEHICLE" FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STATED PROHIBITION AND ALLOW FOR THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ACTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Jackson read Resolution 03-2021 by title.

At an earlier workshop, a discussion on electric bicycles and motor vehicles on the beach concluded with needing more research and clarification on the matter before moving forward with the adoption of this resolution.

Motion by Councilor Hackerson – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to table Resolution 03-2021. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

9.0 Consideration of amendment to the flood insurance portion of the License Agreement between the Town of Indian Shores and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, Inc (TBBCOC).

Ms. Scrogam received confirmation from the Town's flood insurance company that the TBBCOC does not have to carry flood insurance to cover the four chairs and one table that they utilize on the 4th floor of Town Hall.

Attorney Jackson will inform Attorney Kardash of the amendment.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Hackerson** to approve the amendment to delete the flood insurance portion of the License Agreement between the Town of Indian Shores and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, Inc. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10.0 Consideration of Council approval to authorize the promotion of Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Shane Tindall to the position of Corporal and moving him to Step #10 Corporal at an annual salary of \$64,241.00 effective March 01, 2021.

Chief Swann was proud to promote Officer Tindall who has been with the Police Department for 10 years. He was promoted to MPO in October 2019 and Acting Corporal in September of 2020. Chief Swann presented Corporal Tindall with his stripes.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Hackerson** to authorize the promotion of Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Shane Tindall to the position of Corporal and moving him to Step #10 Corporal at annual salary of \$64,241.00 effective March 01, 2021. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

11.0 Consideration of Council approval to authorize the promotion Officer Jason Hicks to the position of Master Patrol Officer (MPO) and moving him to Step #3 Master Patrol Officer at an annual salary of \$51,238.00 effective March 01, 2021.

Chief Swann was proud to promote Officer Hicks who has been with the Department Since June of 2019. Chief Swann presented Officer Hicks with his stripes.

Motion by Councilor Hackerson – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to authorize the promotion of Officer Jason Hicks to the position of Master Patrol Officer (MPO) and moving him to Step #3 Master Patrol Officer at annual salary of \$51,238.00 effective March 01, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

12.0 Consideration of transferring Traffic Signal Maintenance to Pinellas County which includes two traffic signals and all pedestrian crosswalk lighting.

Ms. Dhonau summarized that the transfer will relieve the town of the maintenance responsibilities for the signals and crosswalk lighting.

Motion by Councilor Hackerson – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the transfer of Traffic Signal Maintenance to Pinellas County which includes two traffic signals and all pedestrian crosswalk lighting.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

13.0 Consideration of Monument Arch finish.

Mayor Soranno mentioned that at an earlier workshop, Concept 2 was unanimously preferred as the finish for the arch.

Motion by Councilor Hackerson – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to approve the selection of Concept 2 as the finish for the monument arch.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

14.0 Report from the Building Official for January 2021.

Mr. Cushing reported that the Building Department remains busy and that the numbers for January are consistent. He mentioned speaking to an individual who expressed ideas of a possible memorial for the person involved in a boating accident. The Community Rating System (CRS) audit visit is scheduled for March 30, 2021. He also mentioned that Attorney

Kardash recommended having Pinellas County Floodplain Administrator Lisa Foster speak on the flood ordinance.

15.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Ms. Dhonau reported:

- With the exception to the Town Library, interior painting of Town Hall should be completed in 2-3 weeks. Exterior painting is expected to be completed by March 15.
- The playground is still closed for repair and re-mulching with hopes to reopen by March 15.
- Security camera system upgrade nearing completion.
- The permit has been obtained from the County to repair the boardwalk damaged by a boat.

16.0 Consideration of approving the Financial Statement for period ending December 2020.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Financial Statement for period ending December 2020.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

17.0 Police activity and pandemic response report for January 2020.

Chief Swann reported that things are going well and that only one Town staff member is under a Covid-related quarantine. The highwater truck is being outfitted with necessary lighting and he hopes to have it in service before the start of the storm season. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) audit begins tomorrow.

18.0 Report from the Fire Commissioner.

Fire Commissioner Schear reported that the District has been approved for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding through Pinellas County in the amount of \$338,000. Covid related expenses will continue to be tracked in hopes for 2021 reimbursement as part of the 2020 CARES Act extension.

19.0 Citizens' comments on any subject.

Art Newsome, 19810 Gulf Blvd., #8, Indian Shores, FL, hoped for good luck on traffic signal maintenance transfer to the County and hopes that they do a better job with tree trimming on Gulf Blvd.

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

Councilor Hackerson mentioned the great news of no Covid-related issues in the Police and Fire Departments who are staffed at 100%.

Councilor Petruccelli did not think our first responders are not being taken care of with regards to being vaccinated. He believed that this matter should be brought to the state and federal level by the Council and Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG C).

Councilor Smith commented on the great job the Mayor's Message on the Town's website is doing with providing vaccination information.

Mayor Soranno credited Darlyn Stockfisch, PIO for staying on top of the latest information on vaccination information.

Vice Mayor Schear mentioned seeing a Covid vaccine registration table at the Walsingham Publix and recommended people visiting the store to get registered. A Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Mayor Soranno stated that CDC guidelines should still be practiced even though the pandemic numbers are showing signs of improvement.

21.0 Meeting adjournment.

6:01 p.m.



Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk