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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019, BEGINS AT 2:00 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4TH FLOOR

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, Town Engineer Bob Brotherton, Marcie Smith, Betsy Schoepf, Maya Feliciano, Alice Lawrence, and John Caruso.

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

- 1.0 Discussion and review of Ordinance 2018-03, Administrative and Finance Committee, Enacting a New Division.**
- **Ordinance 2018-03**
 - **Resolution 7-86
Setting out Powers and Responsibility of the
Administrative and Finance Committee**
 - **Resolution 15-2014
Change in Title of the Position of Director of
Administration to Town Administrator**

Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor

Diantha Schear
Vice Mayor

Mike Hackerson
Councilor

Michael (Mike) Petrucci
Councilor

William F. (Bill) Smith
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Town Administrator

E.D. Williams
Interim Chief of Police

Susan L. Scrogam
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Freddie G. Lozano
Town Clerk

Steve Tetlak
Building Official

Regina Kardash, Esq.
Town Attorney

Attorney Kardash began with a brief history of Ordinance 2018-03 that was originally proposed in September of 2018 where the Town's Administrative and Finance Committee's (Admin. and Finance) authority was questioned.

The original delegation of responsibilities was from 1986. After further review, most of the powers were redistributed to the Town Administrator when the new position was created in 2014.

She presented a comparison chart of the duties of the Admin. and Finance Committee and the Town Administrator's. The chart shows that the responsibilities of the Admin. and Finance Committee have been redistributed to the Town Administrator. She would like to add a clause to Resolution 15-2014 to add the provision that says any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this resolution are hereby withdrawn.

The options are:

1. Redefine the duties and authority between the two.
2. Do away with the Admin. and Finance Committee.
3. Or create a type of limited authority Admin and Finance that is not as involved in the day-to-day operations.

Things that should be kept within Admin and Finance is the compensation plan review which occurs every five years that also includes making the recommendations for the Chief of Police and Town Administrator positions. Prior to the preparation of the annual budget, they can review the cost of living index and recommend if staff should receive merit increases. She added it would be good to have a committee review these items and make their recommendations to Council.

Within the next year, she plans to bring forward to Council the possibility of a charter review commission. Many communities currently have this written in their charter. It would be in the Town's best interest to include this in its charter and to also make Ms. Dhonau's position a charter position. Charter changes must be done by an ordinance and a referendum put on the general ballot.

The makeup of the Admin and Finance Committee should be comprised of citizens rather than mainly elected officials and a citizen.

Mayor Soranno would like to keep the committee and have it comprised of residents that would meet once or twice per year. Responsibilities would include charter reviews and merit increase recommendations.

Councilor Hackerson suggested discussing the makeup of the committee before proceeding with changes.

Mayor Soranno would prefer people with analytical skills and common sense.

Attorney Kardash added that establishing a background preference can help with the search, but also to recognize that all may not have the preferred background.

Councilor Petruccelli stated his concern with establishing a preference that may turn potential members away.

Mayor Soranno replied that the search preferences can be changed if necessary. He stated that the responsibilities of the Admin. and Finance Committee and Town Administrator are overlapping. If kept, the committee will be more focused on merit increases, charter reviews and special projects.

Ms. Dhonau added that the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) is used to build the budget. It is a preamble to the creation of the budget along with merit increases. Additionally, staff would make the vendor recommendation to the committee and the committee would make the recommendation to council.

Councilor Smith felt at least one council member should be on the committee.

Councilor Petruccelli concurred.

Attorney Kardash stated that Council would be responsible for selecting and appointing the committee members. She prefers having one council member as part of the committee.

Councilor Hackerson pointed that "advisory" needs to be reflected in the wording in Section 2-14 and to delete Section 3 as the committee would not be the immediate supervisor of the Chief of Police and the Town Administrator.

Council reached a consensus to have the Admin. and Finance Committee be comprised of one council member, two citizen members, and two alternates. Responsibilities would include CPI-W and budget review, 5-year salary review, charter review, and special projects.

2.0 Discussion of encumbering the remaining Penny III balance in the amount of \$336,176 for the monument project.

Councilor Smith and the Arts Council is asking to encumber the remaining Penny III funds to be strictly designated for the monument project so they cannot be used to supplement other projects.

Mayor Soranno did not want to start the project until he receives clear direction as to what the available funds were. There is no deadline now due to the Penny IV and undergrounding project. The Town is not under a time constraint. Once the balance is received, then the project can go forward. He does not have a problem encumbering the funds strictly for the monument project.

Vice Mayor Schear concurred.

Mayor Soranno was willing to forgo Agenda Item 3.0, but it can be discussed in terms of what the additional landscaping will do. He will know more after the announcement regarding the Penny IV funds.

Councilor Smith mentioned there are some who would like to see the art and some that do not want the art.

Ms. Feliciano asked if the sculpture could be built with the remaining Penny III funds, as the Penny IV status is currently unknown, and if it could be in a space that the Town owns, perhaps the circle in front of Town Hall.

Mrs. Smith replied that the monument's location was one of the first items decided on. It is a good location and there has been a lot of time put into designing the site.

Council reached a consensus to encumber the \$336,176 for the monument project.

3.0 Discussion of proposals by Jonathan H. Toner, RLA, ISA of Terra Tectonics Design Group, Inc., as submitted for design services at Sand Castles, Original Pizza/Title Company and median plantings along 190th Avenue West and Park Boulevard.

Mayor Soranno the principle complaint is at the gateway coming from the Park Boulevard entrance North and South of 190th. It does not look good and the plants appear to look like weeds. In addition, he hopes to negotiate with the Hunter property for landscaping.

Vice Mayor Schear asked if Mr. Toner is being asked to redesign these same areas that did not meet expectations.

Mayor Soranno mentioned that there is question whether the landscaping created the drainage issue at Sand Castles that needs to be fixed either way.

Mr. Brotherton stated that what was there before was sod. The parking lot was not designed so that the drainage would go underground under the new code. It is draining directly onto Gulf Boulevard. He added that when the landscaping was added, a mulch type material was used that moved when hit by water which created an erosion problem. He will be meeting with Mr. Toner to discuss ways to stop the erosion. The cost to do the erosion repair is additional. He does not believe that the designer should be compensated for the redesign as the erosion control should have been part of the original design.

Councilor Hackerson summarized the proposals:

1. The erosion control feature at Sand Castles.
2. The addition of irrigation at Original Pizza that was not in the original plan.
3. A change to a Town approved plan for median plantings along 190th that residents do not like.

Mayor Soranno stated this will have to be tabled until funds are available.

Ms. Dhonau mentioned there is approximately \$31,000 in the Beautification fund generated from building permits. If the repairs are done now and are paid with these funds, these funds will not be eligible for Penny IV reimbursement due to the date when Penny IV will be available.

She asked Mayor Soranno which Town Hall entrance he wanted to close to allow for additional parking spaces.

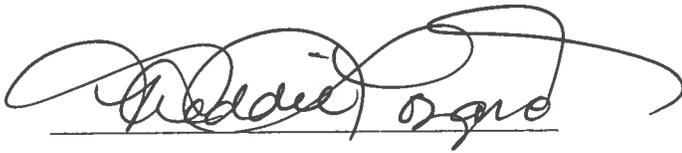
Mayor Soranno replied that it is the second (middle) entrance.

Ms. Dhonau mentioned if the middle entrance is going to be closed, then the northern most entry may need to be modified as it is tight when exiting the parking lot.

Mr. Caruso asked is there will be mention in the ordinance of the Council member being the Chairperson.

Attorney Kardash replied yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Freddie Lozano", written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized with large loops and flourishes.

Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk