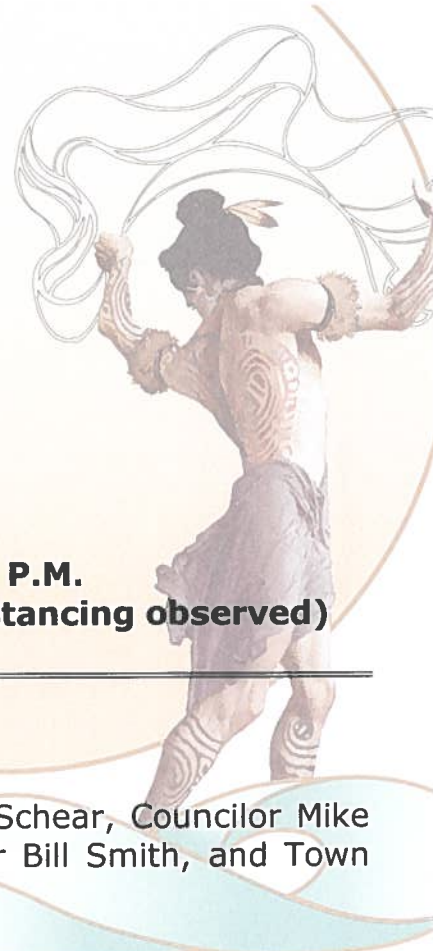


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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, BEGAN AT 3:00 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER 4th FLOOR (Social distancing observed)

The meeting convened at 3:00 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, Town Engineer Larry Fluty, Building Official Darin Cushing, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, and Dr. Candiss Rinker.

Those absent: None

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Soranno added items to the agenda prior to beginning discussions for agenda item 1.0:

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

5.0 Discussion on stimulus money.

6.0 Parking fees.

7.0 Bicycles on the beach.

Motion by Vice Mayor Schear – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli to approve the Town Council Workshop Agenda for March 23, 2021 as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor

Mike Hackerson
Vice Mayor

Diantha Schear
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

1.0 Discussion on Code Enforcement Ordinance 2021-04.

Attorney Kardash indicated that this ordinance provides a mechanism for the Town to distinguish the difference between an in rem violation or an in personam violation and the type of fines associated with each. She outlined the updates she made to the ordinance to include, updating outdated terminology such as code inspector to code enforcement officer and special master to special magistrate, adding the Florida Statutes' statutory definition of a code enforcement officer, and listing the special magistrate qualifications for hire and the role as the magistrate. She prefers to have the special magistrate over the Board of Adjustment and Appeals to make legal determinations on appeals based on facts and evidence.

Attorney Kardash continued her review of the ordinance.

2.0 Discussion on Dogs on the Beach Ordinance.

Attorney Kardash will make revisions to the citation ordinance to change the dogs on the beach ordinance to make it subject to a penalty rather than confiscation of the animal.

Clear and concise signage with graphics was suggested once it is clear what activities are prohibited on the beach.

3.0 Discussion regarding Christmas party.

Discussion ensued on the various Town gatherings previously held prior to Covid. There is a possibility of a 4th of July or Labor Day party if they feel it is safe to do so. Council will revisit in May for further discussion. Council reached a consensus to move forward with beginning the planning for the Christmas Party. Ultimately, the final decision on scheduling these events will be based on where the current state of emergency will be in the near future.

4.0 Comments from the public. None.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

5.0 Discussion on stimulus money.

Mayor Soranno mentioned the \$616,867 of stimulus monies the Town will be receiving for possible use towards capital. He suggested a workshop to discuss how to expend the funds once the qualification criteria on how to spend the monies is clarified.

6.0 Parking fees.

Mayor Soranno has asked Chief Swann and Captain Smith to explore whether it would be feasible to install a parking meter at the Nature Park and possibly at Town Hall for added revenue.

7.0 Bicycles on the beach.

The bicycle ordinance will be formally tabled at the upcoming Council meeting. The neighboring beach Mayors would like to work together along with state representatives to revise the Coastal Zone Protection Act to prohibit the use of electric bikes on the beach.

The workshop adjourned at 4:02 p.m.



Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk