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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019, BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4TH FLOOR

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 R. David Jackson sitting for Town Attorney Regina Kardash.

Also present: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau, Interim Chief of Police E. D. Williams, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Town Engineer Robert H. Brotherton, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, Lt. Mike Bryan, Richard H. Swann, Jr., Judi Swann, Jeannie Carlson from the Beach Beacon, and Citizens Maria Miller, Marcie Smith, Barbara Soranno, and Art Newsome.

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCILOR DIANTHA SCHEAR AND COUNCILOR WILLIAM F. SMITH, unopposed in March 2019.

Mayor Soranno began by providing a brief history about Councilor Smith being unopposed from 2002 through 2019. Mayor Soranno thinks it is due to the great job Councilor Smith provides for the Town. He then proceeded with mentioning all of Councilor Schear's work and involvement with every aspect of the Town.

He added the Town is lucky to have both Councilors who continue to help make the Town one of the best places to live in Pinellas County.

Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor

Diantha Schear
Vice Mayor

Mike Hackerson
Councilor

Michael (Mike) Petruccelli
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

Ms. Dhonau administered the Oath to Councilor Schear and Councilor Smith.

2.0 Consideration of approving the Council Agenda for March 26, 2019.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Council Agenda for March 26, 2019. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda Item. None.

4.0 Consideration of approving the "CONSENT AGENDA" as follows:

A. MINUTES:

- 1. Council Workshop – February 12, 2019**
- 2. Council Meeting – February 12, 2019**
- 3. Council Workshop – February 26, 2019**

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: for February 2019

C. SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS:

- 1. Klimara-Woodman Wedding, Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 19601 Gulf Blvd. beach access, from 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- 2. Ingersoll Wedding, Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Beach Access Across Town Hall, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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

5.0 Approval of Committee expenditures: None

6.0 Correspondence:

- 1. Email to David Gwynn and Whit Blanton regarding pedestrian safety.**

Mayor Soranno mentioned the Town's pedestrian safety issue and is working on having sidewalks installed. There is hope that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin working on drainage enhancements by April 27. There is also a commitment from FDOT to install two crosswalks at 183rd and 199th. The Town is also working with Forward Pinellas who gave a commitment to place the Town on the top of FDOT's priority list for sidewalks. The Town will have a

presentation for Forward Pinellas in May to get a motion and a vote from them to place the Town on FDOT's priority list.

2. Email to Karen Seel, Barry Burton, and Brian Lowack regarding Gulf Boulevard Beautification Penny IV funding.

Mayor Soranno discussed the 2010-2020 Penny III allocation of approximately \$4M for Gulf Boulevard Beautification. Of that, \$1.3M was used for landscaping, the Town logo, Town signs, and the monument project. The 2020-2030 Penny IV funds may not be available due to the County's undergrounding project for all of Gulf Boulevard. The Town has asked for \$500K of the original \$4M. The \$500K has not been secured. Clearwater has asked for \$750K of their \$7M allocation.

3. Email from Andrew Squires regarding the Pinellas County Easement Acquisition Update.

Mayor Soranno had a conversation with Ashley Johnson, Senior Communications Coordinator for Pinellas County Marketing & Communications, regarding the number of easements they need based on the Erosion Control Line (ECL) running through the Town's dunes. The next renourishment will occur in approximately 5-7 years.

7.0 Town Attorney's Report:

Attorney Jackson, presented Attorney Kardash's report mentioning that she is working on the floodplain issues. She also congratulated the unopposed Council Members and the newly sworn in police chief. Lastly, she gave thanks to Chief Williams.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READING OF PROPOSED FIRE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE 2019-01.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SUBPART A – GENERAL ORDINANCES, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 38 – FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION, BY REMOVING PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR CONTAINED FIRES AND GRILLS ON THE BEACH; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Jackson read Ordinance 2019-01 by title.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to approve Ordinance 2019-01.

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

**9.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 04-2019.
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICE
FOR THE POLICE CHIEF OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA.**

Attorney Jackson read Resolution 04-2019 by title.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve Resolution 04-2019.

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

10.0 Mr. Richard H. Swann's swearing in as Police Chief.

Mayor Soranno mentioned Mr. Swann's 27 years of service with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, he has an MBA, is a citizen of Indian Shores, and has served as a reserve officer for 17 years. He feels Mr. Swann will be an excellent chief and is looking forward to working with him.

Mayor Soranno administered the Oath to Mr. Swann.

Chief Williams pinned Chief Swann with a badge that has been in the Town for 25 years.

Chief Swann stated he has known Chief Williams for close to 30 years and that he brought a lot of integrity to the Police Department and to the Town. It is an honor to run the department for Chief Williams. He appreciated the trust and respect Chief Williams has shown him.

11.0 Thank you to Chief E. D. Williams.

Mayor Soranno mentioned Chief Williams started in 1989 and that his intention was to only work for about 3 years. He ended up working 24 years before retiring. He was a key member of the Town's utilities' undergrounding. He has come out of retirement twice to help the Town during the last several months. He wanted to give thanks to Chief Williams

and presented him with a glass decanter etched with an Indian Shores Police badge with the words "E. D. Williams with our Thanks March 24, 2019."

12.0 PROCLAMATION: A proclamation designating April 2019 as "Donate Life Month."

Mayor Soranno read the Proclamation.

13.0 Council Election of Vice Mayor.

Councilor Petruccelli nominated Councilor Hackerson as Vice Mayor.

No motion. **Motion failed.**

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Hackerson** to nominate Councilor Schear as Vice Mayor.

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

14.0 Designation of Elected Officers as Town Representatives for:

- **BIG-C Voting Representative and Alternate**
- **Indian Shores Property Owners Association**
- **Brick Paver Committee Representative**
- **Town Holiday Boat Parade Representative**
- **Coastal Cleanup Director**
- **Recreation Ad Hoc Committee**
- **Arts Council Ad Hoc Committee**
- **Gulf Blvd. Beautification Planting Ad Hoc Committee**
- **Suncoast League of Cities Voting Representative and Alternate**
- **Florida League of Cities Voting Representative and Alternate**

Mayor Soranno would like to utilize the 4th Floor Community Center and the Pavilion more. He asked Recreation Committee Representative Councilor Petruccelli to think of low-cost activities for the Town's residents such as movie night, murder mystery night, dance lessons, etc.

Councilor Petruccelli agreed to the task.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Elected Officers listed on the Committee Assignment document to be the Town Representatives for their respective committees.

Motion carried 5-0.

15.0 "Flag Certificate" presentation by Town Engineer and member of the Clearwater Chapter of the "Sons of the American Revolution" (SAR) Robert H. Brotherton.

Mr. Brotherton made his presentation on the Federal Flag Code that contains the rules of how to display, handle, and maintain the United States flag. He mentioned Public Services Supervisor Michael Scrogam has done an outstanding job of ensuring that the flags at Town Hall are displayed and maintained properly, including the proper disposal of damaged flags.

The Clearwater Chapter of SAR determined that Indian Shores has met all the Federal code requirements for properly displaying the United States flags and presented the Town with the Flag Certificate.

16.0 Consideration of approving the acceptance of a \$100 donation from the Women's Club to the Town of Indian Shores in appreciation of allowing the club to use the 4th Floor Community Center at Town Hall.

Mayor Soranno thanked Women's Club President Maria Miller who attended the meeting.

Mayor Soranno felt that the Women's Club and the Indian Shores Property Owners Association (ISPOA) are two of the finest civic organizations he's ever experienced. Both contribute a great deal to the Town to make it a great place to live.

Motion by Vice Mayor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the acceptance of a \$100 donation from the Women's Club to the Town of Indian Shores. **Motion carried 5-0.**

17.0 Consideration of the Arts Council Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to encumber the balance of Penny III monies in the amount of \$336,176 to be divided among, Town Attorney Regina Kardash, Town Engineer Bob Brotherton, and Artist Mark Aeling for services and work to proceed with the final design and construction of the monument project approved by Council at the January 8, 2019 Council meeting.

Mayor Soranno clarified that the \$336,176 is being encumbered and that the monument project is on hold until the status of the \$500K from Penny IV is known.

Councilor Smith concurred with Mayor Soranno's clarification.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to approve the Arts Council Committee’s recommendation to encumber the Penny III monies in the amount of \$336,176.

Motion carried 4-1 (Opposed by Councilor Petruccelli).

18.0 Discussion of the Town’s 70th Anniversary in September and consideration of soliciting donations from vendor partners for a formal dinner dance.

Mayor Soranno thinks a formal ball in September is a great idea.

Ms. Dhonau would like to see a motion to solicit some of the Town’s vendor partners to sponsor the event.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to have the Town’s 70th Anniversary party in September 2019, and to solicit donations from vendor partners for a formal dinner dance.

Motion carried 5-0.

19.0 Report from the Building Official for February 2019.

Ms. Dhonau let the report stand.

20.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Ms. Dhonau mentioned there was no report for February.

21.0 Consideration of approving the financial statement for period ending January 2019.

Motion by **Councilor Petruccelli** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the financial statement for period ending January 2019.

Motion carried 5-0.

22.0 Police Activity Report.

Chief Williams let the report stand and entertained questions.

Councilor Hackerson asked if there is a common factor with the eight arrests in Indian Shores.

Chief Williams did not have an explanation. He did mention that the events leading up to the arrests may have occurred elsewhere, but due to the nature of the process, the arrests were made in Indian Shores.

Councilor Smith asked if there may have been multiple arrests for a single event.

Chief Williams replied that could be a possibility if Beach week and spring break is taken into consideration.

Councilor Petruccelli commented on the number of pedestrians on Gulf Boulevard. He asked if traffic enforcement can be increased.

Chief Williams replied that the education provided by the utilization of the electronic board is effective. He mentioned that the visual of traffic enforcement also has an impact when seen by others. He added there are officers committed to enforcing traffic.

Councilor Petruccelli personally thanked Chief Williams and his commitment to the Town.

23.0 Report from Fire Commissioner.

Mr. Schear noted three items:

1. He thanked everyone in the Town who voted for the passing of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District (PSFRD) referendum to help the Fire Department maintain the highest level of service and support.
2. He mentioned that many of the Town's Commissioners are long-term Commissioners and are doing a great job.
3. The damaged fire truck is still in Wisconsin. It is on a list below other fire equipment from other locations that have a higher priority.

24.0 Citizens' comments on any subject.

None.

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

Councilor Hackerson emphasized what it took to get easements from certain properties for the renourishment. Some refused to do it resulting in receiving no renourishment. They are working with the County to get easements from all the properties westside of Gulf Boulevard. He added that it is imperative the Town gets all the easements in order to receive the

renourishment. He will be the local point of contact for any questions regarding renourishment.

Councilor Petruccelli thanked and appreciated the Women's Club and the Library volunteers for the great job they did at the St. Patrick's Day Festival. He also thanked everyone who attended the meeting and mentioned visiting the Sunday Morning Market.

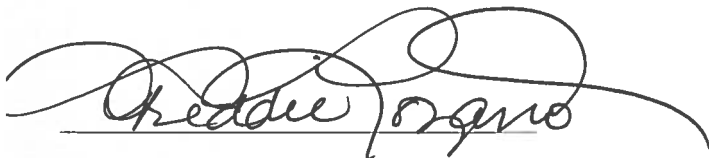
Vice Mayor Schear mentioned the Beach Cleanup on Saturday, March 30.

Councilor Smith echoed Councilor Petruccelli's comment regarding the size of the attendance at the meeting. He thanked all who supported him and Vice Mayor Schear during the election.

Vice-Mayor Schear thanked the Council for re-electing her as Vice Mayor and she is honored to serve again. She also paid tribute to long-time resident Mary Lois Harrison who passed away. She noted the wonderful work Mary Lois did for disadvantaged children.

Mayor Soranno thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments being served in celebration of Councilor Smith's and Vice Mayor Schear's new terms in office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Freddie Lozano", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

FREDDIE LOZANO
Town Clerk