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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, BEGAN AT 3:02 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER 4th FLOOR (Social distancing observed)

The meeting convened at 3:02 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor Mike Hackerson, Councilor Mike Hackerson, Councilor Mike Petruccelli, Councilor Diantha Schear, 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

1.0 Consideration of approving the Town Council Workshop Agenda for April 13, 2021.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to approve the Town Council Workshop agenda for April 13, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

2.0 Comments from the public on any agenda item. None

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

3.0 Discussion on fine schedule.

Attorney Kardash presented a copy of what she wrote for Longboat Key containing a list of their fine amounts and enforceable citations to use as an example. She noted that the Florida Statutes limit the maximum fine at \$250 for a first-time violation and a limit of \$500 per day thereafter. The special magistrate cost can be included in the fine schedule.

Vice Mayor Hackerson would like clarification on what issues could result in a turtle violation and what should or should not be enforced.

Attorney Kardash suggested that the Police Department issue the citations instead of the Building Department as they have a better mechanism in place to track violations. She requested input with regards to enforceable violations that can be included in the resolution to bring to the next meeting.

4.0 Discussion on combining the Town and Indian Shores Property Owners Association (ISPOA) Christmas parties.

A suggestion was made to limit the number of holiday parties by combining the Town and volunteer holiday party with the Indian Shores Property Owners Association (ISPOA) party. Essentially, many of the volunteers, ISPOA, Library, and Women's Club members are the same people.

There was concern over the 4th Floor Community Center's maximum capacity in that there may not be enough room to accommodate all of Council, Town Staff, Police Department, and Town volunteers, including all their guests.

Mayor Soranno commented that these gatherings put a burden on staff and that maybe ISPOA can help with planning and running the party. He asked Councilor Schear to speak with ISPOA to get feedback the possibility of combining their party with the Town's and the possible number of people that may attend.

The holiday party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021.

5.0 Citizen's comments on any subject. None.

6.0 Council members' comments on any subject.

Mayor Soranno provided an update on House Bill HB1113 regarding the rectangular rapidly-flashing pedestrian beacons and the request to have the lights to flash red instead of yellow. Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton has done the research and due to federal uniform guidelines with respect to traffic violations, Mr. Blanton does not think that changing the color to red would be allowed. He and Chief Swann have been communicating with state and local representatives on the matter.

He will be contacting Senator Brandes for an update on the electric bicycles.

Councilor Smith commented on the confusing configuration of how the light at Tiki Gardens is situated in terms of which light, red or green, to follow when coming out of the parking lot.

Vice Mayor Hackerson mentioned moving up the charter review to bring the Town's charter up to date.

7.0 Workshop adjournment.

3:51 p.m.



Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk