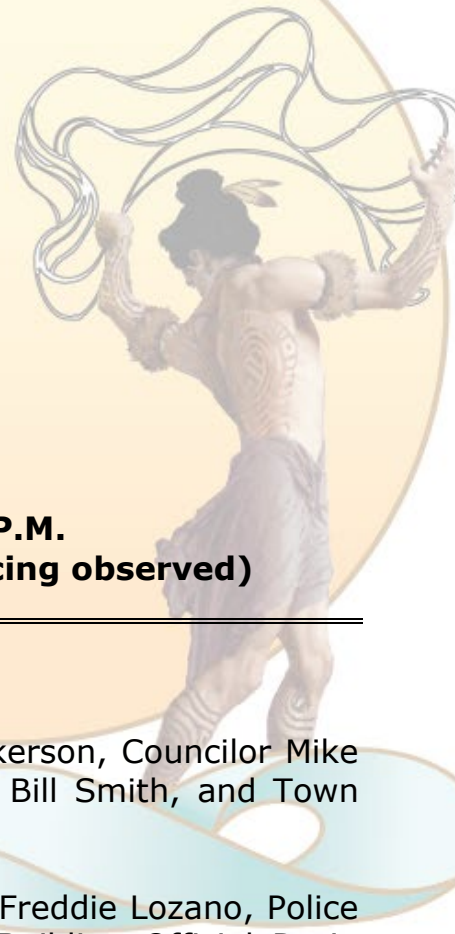


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, BEGAN AT 5:01 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER 4th (Social distancing observed)

The meeting convened at 5:01 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor 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, Police Chief Rick Swann, Police Captain Glen Smith, Building Official Darin Cushing, Town Engineer Larry Fluty, Fire Chief Mike Burton, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, Sergeant Tim Kennedy, Sergeant Scott Martin, Corporal Shane Tindall, Former Reserve Detective Dave Romine and Wife, Officer Mike Hansen, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police Lori Kaess, Former Communications Dispatch Bill Blaine, Dr. Candiss Rinker, Janet and Mark McKee, Lori Kauffman, and Newspaper Correspondent Jeannie Carlson.

Those absent: Finance and Personnel Director Susan Scrogam

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ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving the Town Council meeting agenda for April 13, 2021.

Agenda Amendmends:

- 13.0 reassigned as 3.0B for the recognition of Reserve Detective David Romine's years of service and acknowledgement of his retirement.**

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

- **14.0** reassigned as **3.0A** for the recognition of **Communications Dispatcher Bill Blaine's** years of service and **acknowledgement of his retirement.**

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Town Council Meeting Agenda for April 13, 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. Town Council Workshop, March 9, 2021.**
- 2. Town Council Meeting, March 9, 2021.**

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: for March 2021.

C. Signed release and settlement agreement for the Koziarz case related to the beach incident from May 8, 2020.

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

3.0A **Recognition of Communications Dispatcher Bill Blaine's** years of service and **acknowledgement of his retirement.**

Chief Swann acknowledged and thanked Mr. Blaine who has a 38-year career as a dedicated public servant holding various job positions before finishing his career as the Police Department's Communications Dispatcher. Mr. Blaine was presented his retirement badge.

3.0B **Recognition of Reserve Detective David Romine's** years of service and **acknowledgement of his retirement.**

Chief Swann recognized Mr. Romine's many years of service in law enforcement and his accomplishments. He was one of the selection panel members who helped select the Town's Chief of Police. Chief Swann

thanked Mr. Romine and added that he was there for him whenever he was needed and presented him with his retirement badge.

Mr. Romine commented that Chief Swann is a great chief and referred to Captain Smith as one of the best police trainers he's ever met.

4.0 Correspondence.

- **Email notice from Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton regarding the Forward Pinellas priority list to be presented at the April Forward Pinellas Board meeting.**

Mayor Soranno mentioned the board meeting will be at the Botanical Gardens' Magnolia Room where he and Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Cookie Kennedy will give a joint presentation on the importance of sidewalks on Gulf Boulevard.

5.0 Town Attorney's report.

Attorney Kardash announced that she has started her Tuesday office hours at Town Hall and will be available to meet during those hours. She will not be in the office if no appointments are scheduled.

6.0 Report from the Fire Chief and presentation on "Pinellas Suncoast Stations Optimization Study".

Fire Chief Burton reported:

- No COVID related issues with staff.
- Staff have been assisting at the Pinellas County at their vaccination site.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) activity and call numbers were typical.
- The Fire District has received a matching grant award of \$5,000 from their workers' compensation carrier for the sixth consecutive year.

He gave the Optimization Study presentation noting:

- The considerations to the station's location from a response time perspective.
- Five models were presented for evaluation. Models 3, 4, and 5 were identified for possible location in the vicinity of Town Hall.

- There is a proposed fire station or public safety building in Redington Beach. That location will not benefit Indian Shores.

He will work with Ms. Dhonau on a resolution that shows the Town's support and approval of their new fire station moving forward and applying for funding.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INDIAN SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 86 – FLOODS, SUBPART B LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO REFERENCE TOWN CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITIES AS TOWN OFFICIALS, TO UPDATE AND IMPLEMENT DEFINITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND FEMA REGULATIONS WHILE MAINTAINING THE TOWN'S HIGHER COMMUNITY BUILDING STANDARDS, TO CLARIFY THE BURDEN OF PROOF AND CONDITIONS FOR VARIANCES, REMOVE EXTRANEOUS DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES TO FLOODWAYS REMAINING FROM THE FEMA MODEL ORDINANCE, AND REAFFIRM LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 86-14.- DESIGNATION.; AMENDING SECTION 86-16.- APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS; AMENDING 86-17.- SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE DETERMINATIONS AND CALCULATIONS; AMENDING 86-37.- BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES EXEMPT FROM THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, LOWEST FLOOR INSPECTION; AMENDING SECTION 86-45.- CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF VARIANCES; AMENDING SECTION 86-52.- DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 86-63.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL; AMENDING SECTION 86-64.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, BUILDING; AMENDING SECTION 86-65.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, EXISTING BUILDING; AMENDING SECTION 86-75.- CONCRETE SLABS USED AS PARKING PADS, ENCLOSURE FLOORS, LANDINGS, DECKS, WALKWAYS, PATIOS, AND SIMILAR NONSTRUCTURAL USES IN COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREAS (ZONE V AND AE); AMENDING SECTION 86-77.- OTHER DEVELOPMENT IN COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREAS (ZONE V AND AE); PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Kardash read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-01 by title.

She stated that the special counsel who would be representing the Town for this ordinance has requested it to be tabled to give them an opportunity to review the provisions and an opportunity to provide comment.

Motion by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to table Ordinance 2021-01 until May 11, 2022. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – CODE ENFORCEMENT, OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO UPDATE OUTDATED STATUTORY AND INTERNAL CODE REFERENCES, TO CLARIFY SPECIAL MAGISTRATE JURISDICTION, QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT, TO IMPLEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, AND TO REINFORCE CURRENT CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES BY AMENDING SECTION 2-161.- DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 2-162.-INTENT; RENAMING SECTION 2.-163.-SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; CREATING A NEW SECTION 2.-182.- APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, CONDUCT; AMENDING SECTION 2-183. – POWERS; AMENDING SECTION 2-206.- INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS; NOTICE OF VIOLATION; AMENDING SECTION 2-207.- CONDUCT OF HEARING; AMENDING SECTION 2-208.- ADMINISTRATIVE FINES; LIENS; CREATING A NEW DIVISION 4. – CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS; CREATING SECTION 2-211.- AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE; CREATING SECTION 2-212.- AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CITATIONS; CREATING SECTION 2-213.- ORDINANCES ENFORCED AND PENALTIES ASSESSED; CREATING SECTION 2-214.- VIOLATIONS, PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Kardash read the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04 by title.

The floor was opened for comments, which there were none.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Quasi-Judicial

Consideration of a request for a Site Plan Review from Delsada McLaren for the construction of a 1-unit single-family home with 2 floors over parking. The location is at 19103 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores, Florida 33785, Parcel # 30-30-15-34722-002-0200.

Mr. Fluty, Mr. Cushing, and Mr. Kopczynski were sworn in.

Mr. Fluty presented his findings on the site plan review. The site plan meets Town Code requirements. He mentioned the safety concerns that were raised at the earlier PZB meeting with regards to curb cuts, missing survey lot lines on the drawings, and safety concerns over vehicles entering into and backing out of the property onto Gulf Boulevard. Mr. Kopczynski will contact the surveyors for the remaining questions needed answered for the site plan's approval.

The site plan was conditionally recommended for Council consideration by the Planning, Zoning and Building (PZB) Committee based on the verification that the lot line setback and right-of-ways are correct.

The floor was opened for public comment, which there were none.

Conversation ensued and a motion was made.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hackerson – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the site plan based on the contingencies provided by the PZB Committee, which are to confirm the lot line setback and right-of-way accuracies.

Mr. Lozano polled the council. **Motion denied 2-3 (Opposed by Councilor Schear, Councilor Smith, and Mayor Soranno).**

Mayor Soranno asked for a motion to table the consideration.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to table the consideration until May 11, 2021.

Mr. Lozano polled the council. **Motion carried 4-1** (Opposed by Councilor Petruccelli).

- 10.0 PROCLAMATION: A Proclamation of the Town of Indian Shores, Designating April 22, 2021 as Earth Day and April 2021 as Mayors' Monarch Pledge Month.**

Mayor Soranno read the proclamation.

Vice Mayor Hackerson commented that the Community Garden has a number of milkweed plants.

- 11.0 PROCLAMATION: A Proclamation of the Town of Indian Shores, designating May 2 – May 8, 2021 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.**

Mayor Soranno read the proclamation.

- 12.0 Consideration of hiring Special Counsel for the Town's Flood Ordinance.**

Attorney Kardash mentioned that the hiring of the special counsel was approved at the April 6, 2021, Special Town Council meeting. This consideration would be approval of the retainer agreement.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Special Counsel retainer agreement. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 13.0 (Reassigned to agenda item 3.0B)
Recognition of Reserve Detective David Romine's years of service and acknowledgement of his retirement.**

- 14.0 (Reassigned to agenda item 3.0A)
Recognition of Communications Dispatcher Bill Blaine's years of service and acknowledgement of his retirement.**

- 15.0 Consideration of authorization for the Police Department to hire Vivian Caphart on a part-time/temporary basis with work hours not to exceed 28 hours/week at a rate of \$25.00/hour beginning April 19, 2021.**

Ms. Caphart was hired as a contracted employee who assisted with getting the Police Department records to be compliant with records management guidelines. There are additional projects that need attention. She brings knowledge and expertise that she can share with Ms. Kaess to help get completed. Her hiring stays within the budget that was allotted for Mr. Blaine's replacement.

Motion by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to authorize the hiring of Vivian Caphart on a part-time/temporary basis with work hours not to exceed 28 hours/week at a rate of \$25.00/hour beginning April 19, 2021. **Motion carried 5-0.**

16.0 Consideration of adding a parking meter to charge for parking at Nature Park.

The cost of the meter will pay for itself over time and will be utilized mostly by those visiting the Town. The meter will be credit card-based similar to the meter at Tiki Gardens. This meter's bank account will be established separately from the County meter at Tiki.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the addition of a parking meter for parking at Nature Park. **Motion carried 5-0.**

17.0 Report from the Building Official for March 2021.

Mr. Cushing reported that Building Department activities are consistent. Evaluation numbers are on the rise. We are currently in the middle of our Community Rating System (CRS) visit.

18.0 Report from the Town Engineer on the status of the monument project.

Mr. Fluty reported that the project's bid documents went out on Sunday. Potential bidders are being notified of the project. Two emails from local contractors showing interest for the project have been received. The pre-bid conference is scheduled for April 22, and attendance is mandatory.

19.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Ms. Dhonau did not have a report at this meeting.

20.0 Consideration of approving the Financial Statement for period ending February 2021.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve the Financial Statement. **Motion carried 5-0.**

21.0 Police activity and pandemic response report for March 2021.

Chief Swann reported that the officers are getting vaccinated as time permits. Many have received their first shot, and some have had both shots. He would like to continue to exercise caution due to the uptick in COVID cases.

22.0 Report from the Fire Commissioner.

Fire Commissioner Schear reiterated what was presented earlier by Fire Chief Burton regarding models 3, 4, and 5 in the fire station location optimization study.

23.0 Citizens' comments on any subject.

Janet McKee reminded everyone of the Happy Hour at Slyce Pizza this Wednesday.

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

Councilor Schear received information from Keep Pinellas Beautiful who reported that they had approximately 20 people from a St. Petersburg church that will be coming to Indian Shores to help clean up the beach on Saturday.

Councilor Petruccelli proposed a cookout for the Town staff and Police Department in recognition of all their work during the pandemic. Mayor Soranno tasked him to plan the cookout, which will be tentatively scheduled for after the 4th of July weekend due the expected number of visitors that will be visiting the Gulf cities that weekend.

Vice Mayor Hackerson mentioned that the milkweed at the Community Garden is growing.

Mayor Soranno mentioned the Forward Pinellas Board Meeting scheduled for tomorrow where he will be petitioning to have the Town moved up on the priority list for sidewalks.

25.0 Meeting adjournment.

6:49 pm


Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk