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SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021, BEGAN 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 Mike Hackerson, 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, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, and Arts Council Committee Member Maya Feliciano.

Those absent: Councilor Mike Petruccelli

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ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for June 15, 2021.

Motion by Councilor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Agenda for June 15, 2021.

Motion carried 4-0.

2.0 Comments from the public on any agenda item. None.

3.0 Consideration of selection of *Criteria of Evaluation* to be used on responses to *Invitation to Negotiate* on the Town's Monument Project.

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
Town Clerk

Susan L. Scroggum
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Freddie G. Lozano
Town Clerk

Regina Kardash, Esq.
Town Attorney

Attorney Kardash provided an overview on why the invitation to bid process and the RFP process would not benefit the Town the same way that an invitation to negotiate would. An invitation to negotiate allows for more flexibility and the ability to work with vendors in a more fluid way, particularly with a project where there is a budgetary constraint and potential alternatives to the original design plan. Criteria including qualifications and deliverables must be established in the invitation to bid. Bids received will be evaluated and ranked by criteria points.

The Council has three bid options:

1. Stick with the traditional invitation to bid process, which has statutory limitations.
2. Invitation to negotiate on all aspects and elements of the project.
3. Invitation to negotiate where only the artistic component of the project is awarded. The remaining elements such as landscaping, hardscaping or any additional improvements to the park would still be subject to the invitation to bid and RFP process.

The option selected above will be for the Option 2 redesign (original design with an obelisk to replace the statue with an arch and no pavers) voted on at the last Council meeting.

The invitation to negotiate advertisement for publication in the Sunday, June 20 edition must be submitted by Thursday, June 17, by 2:00 p.m.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to utilize Option 2 for an invitation to negotiate for the monument project.

Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

The criteria and point system for the evaluation and selection process was discussed. A correction to the assigned criteria points will be made to correspond with each criterium accordingly.

Motion by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to approve the proposed evaluation and ranking criteria as presented with amendments as discussed. **Motion carried 4-0.**

A discussion ensued on all bid documents being ready in time before advertising the invitation to negotiate in the newspaper. Also discussed were advertising requirement deadlines and future scheduled meetings to discuss the results.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to plan for bid openings on Friday, July 16, with a Special Town Council Meeting on July 20 to discuss the results, based on the contingency that all bid materials are received prior to advertising in the paper on June 20.

Motion carried 4-0.

4.0 Citizen's comments on any subject.

Mrs. Feliciano asked if the project may still proceed with what is currently known, for example if the landscaping and hardscaping is determined with a guaranteed price, or is a complete project that includes design elements, landscaping and hardscaping required to utilize the Penny III monies by the September 20 deadline.

Mayor Soranno replied that the project can still proceed.

5.0 Council members' comments on any subject. None.

6.0 Meeting adjournment.

2:35 p.m.



Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk