

# INDIAN SHORES

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## SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, BEGAN AT 5:01 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

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### The Workshop 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, Finance and Personnel Director Susan Scrogam, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Police Chief Rick Swann, Police Captain Glen Smith, Indian Shores Officer Fidler, Officer Goettel and Officer Andrews, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, Bill Krimmel of Waste Connections of Florida, Inc., FDOT District 7 Transportation Development Director Richard Moss, and Danny Powell of West Central Signs (SignStar, DBA).

**Those absent:** None

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

#### ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

**1.0 Consideration of approving the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for September 22, 2021.**

#### **AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

**11.0 reassigned to 6.0A:  
Consideration of FDOT finishing the bike/pedestrian lanes on Gulf Boulevard Project 436697-1-52-01 using the Skidabrader.**

**Motion by Councilor Schear – seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2021, as amended. All Ayes. 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

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

3.0 **PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of final Ad Valorem millage rate of 1.8700 mills per \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of \$1,158,466,195 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION 08-2021:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR PINELLAS COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022.**

**Attorney Kardash** read Resolution No. 08-2021 by title.

**Mayor Soranno** opened the floor for public comments, which there were none.

**Councilor Petruccelli** commended the Town Staff for managing the Town expenses during this past year and Mayor Soranno concurred.

**Motion** by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve Resolution 08-2021 adopting the final Ad Valorem millage rate of 1.8700 mills per \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of \$1,158,466,195 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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

4.0 **PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of final Budget of \$9,655,396 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION 09-2021:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022.**

**Attorney Kardash** read Resolution No. 09-2021 by title.

**Mayor Soranno** opened the floor for public comments, which there were none.

**Ms. Scrogam** explained that reserves balance must be included in the budget summary advertisement. The \$9,655,396 budget is comprised of the actual operating budget of \$5,478,614 and reserves in the amount of \$4,176,782.

**Motion** by **Councilor Petruccelli** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve Resolution 09-2021 adopting the final Budget of \$9,655,396 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS AND RECITALS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO RATIFY, EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Attorney Kardash** read Resolution No. 10-2021 by title and noted that the original version of the resolution contained a Whereas clause that was removed. The revised and corrected resolution is what was included in the finalized agenda packet. She added that there are limitations and stipulations on how the money can be utilized and that there are qualification requirements to be considered.

**Mayor Soranno** opened the floor for public comments, which there were none.

**Motion** by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve Resolution 10-2021 as amended.

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

**6.0 PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ELEMENTS; UPDATING ALLOWABLE USES IN EACH RESPECTIVE LAND USE CATEGORY; AMENDING ALLOWABLE INCREASES IN DENSITY AND INTENSITY IN THE**

**COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA; ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Attorney Kardash** read Ordinance No. 2021-07 by title. If approved, it will allow a density increase for residential uses from 0 to up to 12.5 Units Per Acre (UPA) for properties with Institutional zoning. This ordinance includes the addition of the property rights element that was required by the amended state statute.

**Mayor Soranno** opened the floor for public comments, which there were none.

**Motion** by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-07.

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

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

**6.0A Reassigned from agenda item 11.0.**

**Consideration of FDOT finishing the bike/pedestrian lanes on Gulf Boulevard Project 436697-1-52-01 using the Skidabrader.**

The general consensus of the Council was that the test area showed minimal contrast between the white color versus the black color that differentiates the bicycle and pedestrian lanes, and that the color brightness was not consistent in some areas. The higher contrast will also be more visually effective at night.

**Mr. Moss** will work with his team to address the Council's concerns. He added that reflectors will be installed every 2-1/2 feet to provide another visual to separate the two lanes. He will get more information from their maintenance team on a machine that could possibly vacuum debris off the lanes instead of sweeping. He mentioned that the feasibility study is in progress and an update will be provided by mid-January.

**Motion** by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the use of the Skidabrader to finish the bike/pedestrian lanes and with a higher contrast to differentiate the lanes.

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

**7.0 PROCLAMATION:** October National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Mayor Soranno** read the Proclamation.

**8.0 Consideration of Waste Connections CPI rate adjustment in the amount of 3.45% (rate adjustment cap) per contractual provisions to be effective January 1, 2022.**

The Town's contract with Waste Connections extends through 2025. This adjustment is basically an announcement that the maximum rate adjustment increase, at any given year up to 2025 regardless of the CPI, is 3.45%.

**Motion** by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Waste Connections CPI rate adjustment in the amount of 3.45% (rate adjustment cap) per contractual provisions to be effective January 1, 2022.

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

**9.0 Consideration of reappointing Carole Irelan (Seat 2) to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals (BAA) for a 3-year term expiring October 2024. Replacement of Joe Tawil (Seat 1) will be announced at a future meeting.**

**Motion** by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve the reappointment of Carole Irelan (Seat 2) to the BAA for a 3-year term expiring October 2024 and appoint BAA Alternate Alan Dreher to Seat 1.

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

**10.0 Consideration of adopting a Mandatory Overtime Policy for all general full-time employees effective September 1, 2021, and to include the policy in the Town's Personnel Manual.**

**Ms. Scrogam** is asking for the policy's adoption so that the Public Services Staff are paid time and half on holiday weekends when they are deployed to work to clean the beaches. This is similar to the Police Department's policy that is included in their collective bargaining agreement.

**Motion** by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the adoption of the Mandatory Overtime Policy for all general full-time employees effective September 1, 2021, and to include the policy in the Town’s Personnel Manual.

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

**11.0 Consideration of FDOT finishing the bike/pedestrian lanes on Gulf Boulevard Project 436697-1-52-01 using the Skidabrader.**

**Reassigned to agenda amendment item 6.0A.**

**12.0 Citizens’ comments on any subject.** None.

**13.0 Council members’ comments on any subject.**

**Councilor Schear** reported that a school organization will have 20 student volunteers to help with the International Coastal Cleanup scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She commented that the new plantings along the front of the street and the side of Town Hall are nice.

**Councilor Petruccelli** thought that a good volume of trash can be picked up if more volunteers participate in the Coastal Cleanup.

**Councilor Smith** and the Council recognized Ms. Scrogam for her hard work on the budget.

**Vice Mayor Hackerson** mentioned that only 18 spots have been reserved currently for the October Town Yard Sale. Due to a lack of interest, a decision to move forward or cancel the yard sale will be made at their next meeting.

**Mayor Soranno** addressed items that were not covered in the regular order of business. He mentioned that the Indian Shores Police Department was selected as this year’s recipient of the cards and candy from students from the Athenian Academy Charter School and given to first responders on September 11. A local St. Petersburg business owner and their volunteers help collect and deliver the packages to police and fire stations throughout the County.

He mentioned that he, along with the Redington Shores, Redington Beach, and North Redington Beach Mayors, will be working on getting the

east entrance to the Park Boulevard Bridge landscaped and maintained by the County.

He commended the hard work of the Town Staff and the Police department, especially during the last couple of years dealing with the pandemic, red tide, road projects, beach easements, and hurricanes. He would like more discussion and research on how ARPA monies may be utilized in terms of giving back to the staff.

**14.0 Meeting adjournment.**

5:58 P.M.



Freddie Lezano  
*Town Clerk*