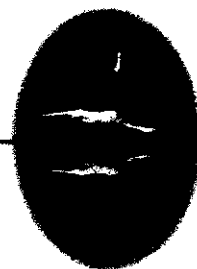


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - APRIL 10, 2012

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

Also Present: Attorney Yacavone; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 **Consideration of approving Council Agenda for April 10, 2012**

MOTION by Councilor Sutch-- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve Council Agenda for April 10, 2012 as published, subject to adding disposing of abandoned bicycles to Agenda Item 1.8. Motion carried 5-0.

1.2 **Consideration of approving "CONSENT AGENDA", as follows:**

A. MINUTES: Council - 3/27/2012

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve "Consent Agenda" covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: (Resolution 7-2008)

From 3/6/2012 thru 3/27/2012

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve "Consent Agenda" covering Re-Occurring Expenses, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan
Councilor

Steve Sutch
Councilor

William F. Smith
Councilor

E.D. Williams
Town Administrator
Chief of Police

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

James Yacavone
Town Attorney

Lawrence G. Nayman
Building Code
Administrator

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.4 CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

1.5 Town Attorney's Report.

Attorney Yacavone reported he was in the process of setting the Motions to recover fees in the Chapman lawsuit, and was informed he has hired a new attorney. He stated the Judge's Order had been signed and the deadline dates would stand.

1.6 Consideration of approving Town's Audit Report covering year ending September 30, 2011.

Richard Cristini, Town Auditor, reported he was the primary reviewer of the Audit, which had been prepared by Jeanine Bittinger.

Mr. Cristini noted the Town's Audit reached the 100 page mark, and briefly reviewed past requirements and future requirements which will be coming down from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Mr. Cristini commended Mary Karayianes, Chief Williams and Staff for doing a fine job.

*Mr. Cristini summarized the following: **Statement of Activities** (Pg. 17); **Governmental Balance Sheet** (Pg. 18), noting it is showing a good balance; **Statement of Revenues/Expenses** (Pg. 20), noting \$20,000.00 in revenue balance after expenses, which is very even; **Budget and Actual** (Pg. 22), noting the Town collected a little less revenue than anticipated, however the figure was missed by only \$30,000.00.; **Representing Fiduciary Plan** (Pgs. 23 & 24).*

Mayor Lawrence asked if there was anything the Town could do next year to make the Audit any easier, and Mr. Cristini stated this job runs smoothly and nothing special that he could recommend doing.

Councilor Smith questioned how much of Fund Balance was uncommitted for discretionary use.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, referred to Pg. 18, reporting on the unassigned balance of \$1,351,725.00, and noted restricted fund for Police Education, dedicated insurance deductibles, Beautification Fund, Public Services Fund and Beach Clean-up.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve Town's Audit Report covering year ending September 30, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

1.7 Consideration of approving recommendation from Bob Brotherton, Town's Engineer, regarding appointment of Mike Hackerson for the volunteer position of Garden Coordinator.

Bob Brotherton, Town Engineer, reported that at an earlier Council meeting he had discussed someone to fill this position and had suggested contacting the County Extension office, however no one had turned up from that office. However, he stated that thru the Town's Newsletter two interested individuals had been interviewed Ronna Rogers and Mike Hackerson.

He further reported that Mr. Hackerson is extremely qualified and has led a garden group in Alexandria, VA, and is in the process of moving here permanently. He has a lot of military experience together with a great deal of gardening experience as he grew up on a farm, and stated he is pleased to recommend Mr. Hackerson for the volunteer Garden Coordinator position.

Mr. Brotherton further stated the Town is fortunate to have two volunteers, and one with so much experience, and advised he had notified Ronna Rogers, and she was pleased to hear about Mr. Hackerson.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve recommendation from Bob Brotherton for appointment of Mike Hackerson for the volunteer position of Garden Coordinator. Motion carried 5-0.

1.8 Consideration of authorizing Chief Williams to dispose of surplus Town assets through Tampa Machinery Auction.

Chief Williams reviewed the items proposed for disposal, as follows: (1) Gator vehicle; (2) Four runner ATV, 1990 vintage; (3) Four packaged A/C units, 4 ton (from old building roof top); (4) One - 2 ton straight cool condenser, with air handler (from old Annex); (5) Two 4 ton condensing units (from old Auditorium); (6) One 30-34KW Generator with trailer.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Herndon** -- seconded by **Councilor Sutch** -- to authorize Chief Williams to dispose of surplus Town assets through Tampa Machinery Auction. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chief Williams reported he was working on commemorative bricks for William Martin, Bill La Fontaine, Jim Jeter, Dave Berger, former employees.

1.8B Consideration of approving disposal of abandoned property consisting of several bicycles.

Chief Williams reported this request came through Major Hughes to dispose of several bicycles itemized on the list as per State guidelines.

MOTION by **Councilor Irelan** -- seconded by **Councilor Smith** -- to approve the request from Major Hughes for the Town to dispose of abandoned property consisting of several bicycles, per State guidelines. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.9 Consideration of approving the Madeira Beach Mad Dog Triathlon event which will come through Indian Shores between 7:30 A.M. and 10:00A.M., Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Chief Williams stated this is the same event that is scheduled each year at this time.

Councilor Smith stated the main thing is that when they arrive at Park Boulevard Bridge they go counter-clockwise, which backs up traffic, noting they moved the time up last year, which seemed to help.

Major Hughes stated he is in charge of this event, and normally there are only 4 to 5 cars waiting.

MOTION by **Councilor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Sutch** -- to approve the Madeira Beach Mad Dog Triathlon event on May 20, 2012. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.10 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2012.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported General Fund revenue of \$1,564,000.00, with \$991,000.00 being tax revenue which equals 88.2% of budgeted tax revenue.

The Director of Finance further reported that Road and Bridge Fund is in good position, and better than last year, with budgeted CIP at \$17,000.00, and noted she broke out the debt payments and pointed out the restricted funds.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to accept Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2012, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.11 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering March 2012.

Chief Williams reported criminal reports, police action reports and physical arrests were down, crashes down significantly, as well as citations, tickets and warnings all being down, as well as service calls.

Chief Williams stated he would go before Redington Shores Commission tomorrow night for continuation of police services for next year.

MOTION by Councilor Smith-- seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon -- to approve Police Activity Report covering March 2012, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.12 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following item: 1) Distributed copy of e-mail with Andy Squires, Pinellas County Coastal Engineer, regarding the Town's public eligibility for beach re-nourishment relative to parking spaces. He advised several citizens are unhappy with proposed parking plan for spaces for 198th and 199th Avenues and they were invited to attend meetings where the item will be discussed. He further advised that at the meeting he will have a better understanding of where the State is coming from relative to parking concerns.

Larry Schear, Chairman of the Fire Board, advised the Fire District had also passed their Audit, and reported two fire fighters had been killed in a PA fire, stating that all Fire Fighters and Police Officers should be treated as heroes.

1.13 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

(1) Art Newsome, resident, announced the Property Owners' Association would hold "happy hour" tomorrow at the Indian Shores Coffee House.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Read and Feed was held last week out on the balcony and it was just beautiful and enjoyed by all, and also reported this Thursday the Women's Club dinner will be held at the Sea Breeze Grill at 5:30 P.M.

Councilor Sutch reported the Coastal Clean Up event was very successful, with 49 volunteers averaging about 2.7 miles, 73 bags and about 380 pounds of debris, and also advised that Tiki parking lot was still being kept up.

Councilor Smith reported he and Marcie have continued to attend the energy forums and institute on public policy wherein the oil spill was discussed, noting now discussion is on energy and Susan Wickman is still moderating.

Councilor Smith further reported that 30 States have an energy policy, however Florida does not, as there are no incentives to use alternative sources. He stated that Gainesville owns its own power plant and if you had solar there you could sell the power back. He noted they are also building a bio-fuels plant.

Councilor Smith also advised that the City of Clearwater owns Clearwater Gas and are converting city vehicles to natural gas. He also advised there was some discussion on the pay-as-you-go rates for nuclear plants with regard to changing the law.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated that she had visited the Indian Shores Coffee House this weekend and they were full, stating they had to get in line and order, pick up their own muffin, and then take the trash to a container, and she did not feel they would be a lot of help for "happy hour".

Mayor Lawrence reported the recreation classes had been getting fuller and fuller with issues relating to A/C, overcrowding and safety concerns.

Mayor Lawrence further reported issues have been discussed but have been waiting to get through the winter and think about what kind of policies need to be implemented with regard to the recreation facilities and rental of the municipal facility.

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Mayor Lawrence advised that Chief Williams has the policy used by City of Belleair Beach for the Council to review at the Workshop meeting scheduled for May 1, 2012 at 2:00 P.M., and the City Manager and City Clerk from that City will be present for additional information.

Mayor Lawrence stated he will be attending the Tourist Development Council meeting in the morning.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would be out of the office all of next week on vacation.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:20 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk