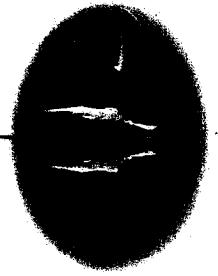


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - AUGUST 13, 2013

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

Also Present: Attorney Yacavone; Chief Williams; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance Trainee; Steve Andrews, Building Official; Robert Metz, Attorney; Anne Miller; Larry and Diantha Schear; Janet and Mark McKee; Jeannie Carlson, Reporter.

**** Mayor Lawrence stated this was a momentous occasion, as this is the last meeting for Jim Yacavone as the Town's Attorney after 21 years, as he is retiring the end of August.**

Mayor Lawrence told Attorney Yacavone he is very proud of the job he has done for the Town, advising the Town in terms that were straight forward and all could understand, together with representing the Town in some legal cases that were very complex.

Attorney Yacavone quoted from Alexis de Tocqueville, a French political writer, wherein the writer stated that villages and Towns are so perfectly natural.....and cities are very important, with the United States being the purest form of democracy.

Attorney Yacavone stated he believes that the Town of Indian Shores exemplifies that theory, wherein residents are very involved, which makes Indian Shores a great place to live, and he appreciates the opportunity to have worked for the Town for 23 years.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 **Consideration of approving Council Agenda for August 13, 2013.**

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve Council Agenda for August 13, 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

William F. Smith
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan
Councilor

Steve Sutch
Councilor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott
Councilor

E.D. Williams
Chief of Police/
Administration

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews
Building Official

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

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| A. <u>MINUTES:</u> | <i>Admn. & Finance Com. – 7/23/2013</i> |
| | <i>Workshop - 7/23/2013</i> |
| | <i>Spc. Council - 7/23/2013</i> |
| | <i>PZB Com. – 8/6/2013</i> |

MOTION by Councilor Sutch-- seconded by Councilor Herndon -- to approve "CONSENT AGENDA", covering Minutes as published. Motion carried 5-0.

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

From 7/2/2013 thru 7/30/2013. (Ref.: Pg. 1)

MOTION by Councilor Herndon-- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve "CONSENT AGENDA", covering Re-Occurring Expenses as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.4 CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

1.5 Town Attorney's Report. NONE

1.6 PUBLIC HEARING: Quasi-Judicial: Consideration of a request from Town of Indian Shores for site plan approval to construct a single story Pavilion and Playground area, located at 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores.

Attorney Yacavone stated the Town is the applicant in this quasi-judicial process, and asked if there is anyone who qualifies as an intervenor and feels this request adversely affects them. There were no comments received.

Attorney Yacavone further stated that only evidence from the Building Official is necessary, advising all members of Council have participated in ex-parte communication in that this project has been discussed at several prior public meetings.

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Steve Andrews, Building Official, reported this proposed project is a continuation of the Town Municipal Center site plan, stating he has reviewed that site plan with all the constraints and that all is adequate relating to zoning and land use.

Steve Andrews, Building Official, further reported he had recommended approval to the PZB Committee for forwarding to Council for site plan approval of the project.

Attorney Yacavone asked for any comments from the audience in support of the project, and there were none. **Attorney Yacavone** asked for any comments from the audience in opposition to the project, and there were none.

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the Timetable for the project, noting that completion was anticipated for mid-December. The Town Clerk advised she would put a copy in all Council members mailboxes.

MOTION by **Councilor Irelan** – seconded by **Councilor Herndon** – to approve request from the Town of Indian Shores for site plan approval to construct a single story Pavilion and Playground area, located at 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 1.7 **Consideration of approving request from Chief Williams to purchase a Laptop Computer for patrol car #21, in the amount of \$1,094.16, which is part of the 3 year replacement plan.**

Chief Williams reported this item is programmed replacement and funds are available.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Sutch** – to approve request from Chief Williams to purchase a Laptop Computer for patrol car #21, in the amount of \$1,094.16, from Dell. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 1.8 **Consideration of approving request from Chief Williams to renew Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for providing dispatch services to the Town.**

Chief Williams reported this is a three part Contract, covering dispatch, crime scene processing and fingerprint comparison, with cost based on use, and is necessary to conduct business and part of the budget process.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Sutch** -- to approve renewal of Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for providing dispatch and other related services to the Town. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.9 Consideration of approving the annual Library Report covering October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the annual report submitted by the Library covering FY 2011/2012.

All concurred on what a great job the Library volunteers do for the Town, and on such a small budget.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Irelan** -- to accept the annual report from the Town Library covering FY 2011/2012. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.10 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2013.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the General Fund account is in a good position, with no additional funds received from last time with report at 99.5% of budgeted funds. Road & Bridge is still in good position, with normal two months behind, and CIP also good position for projects and debt payments, and noted the balances for the restricted funds.

MOTION by **Councilor Sutch** -- seconded by **Councilor Irelan** -- to accept Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2013, and hold for audit. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Lawrence stated Mary is also retiring at the end of August, noting this is her very last meeting also.

Mary Karayianes stated she has been in municipal government for 40 years, and in Pinellas County for 19 of those years. She thanked everyone for allowing her to serve the Town of Indian Shores, and said she would return and visit.

Mayor Lawrence welcomed Lisa Robinson, her replacement, and stated the Town is looking forward to working with her for several years.

1.11 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of July 2013.

Chief Williams reported there is a decrease in all the bad things, which is a good thing, and due to significant enforcement. He further reported parking citations are up, as a result of problems on July 4th at the boat ramp, tickets are down, and there was a drop in calls for service.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of July 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.12 Chief Williams Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items:

Chief Williams stated he had been out for three weeks, noting this week has been busy.

- 1) **Pavilion/Playground:** Reported the Pavilion and Playground were demolished in late July.*
- 2) **Flooding Problems:** Reported due to the heavy rains some houses that back up to Second Street East have some intrusion and he has completed site visits, and noted Bob Brotherton has also looked at the area. He advised the basin is part of the Stormwater Master Plan and intrudes into Second Street East about two-thirds of the way. He advised he is working with one of the owners and doing more research, and on the phone with the County as they do bleed-off. He further advised any work will all be done under NPDES requirements and will make sure there are no blockages, and over the next 2-3 weeks will be cleaning out debris in the basin.*
- 3) **Weed Problems:** Reported a serious problem with weeds in front of the Municipal Center, especially with the recent heavy rains, advising trying to control by adding oyster shell and cloth in the last two weeks.*
- 4) **Requests for Proposals:** Advised the RFP's for the Pavilion and Playground are completed.*

5) Pinnacle Project:

Vice Mayor Smith questioned the status of the Pinnacle project.

Chief Williams reported he has spoken with Sandra McDonald, Pinellas County Water Department, and she has not received the final plan. He advised they have called and asked about the FDOT road crossing, noting there will be a little delay and be closer to September 1, 2013 for more activity.

It was noted that pre-sales of units is also a factor.

6) Community Garden Parking:

Reported two (2) parking spaces have been reserved for gardeners.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Public Services personnel have been doing a good job in cleaning the tennis court area from all the bird droppings.

Fire Board Commissioner, Larry Schear, reported the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue was recently awarded "District of the Year, recognition by the Florida Association of Special Districts, noting the District was selected from 1700 diverse districts from around the State.

Commissioner Schear also reported the District has received the construction permit from City of Indian Rocks Beach to begin the 911 Memorial.

Commissioner Schear further reported the County EMS rate will remain the same, advising they are still in strong discussions regarding first responders, noting the Fire Department is still pushing to be first responders.

1.13 Citizen' Comments on any subject.

1) Diantha Schear reported the Woman's Club contributes money to the Town and will be purchasing a more elaborate Christmas tree and decorations for this year, and will have the tree up by November 30, 2013.

2) Anne Miller reported ISPOA will host "happy hour" tomorrow at The Friendly Tavern.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Library will hold another Read & Feed on 9/13/2013 at 12:30 P.M., featuring the book "The Group".

Councilor Irelan wished Councilor Sutch a happy wedding anniversary on 56 years of marriage.

Mayor Lawrence wished **Vice Mayor Smith** a belated birthday.

Councilor Sutch announced the fall Coastal Clean-up event would be held on October 19, 2013 from 8 AM to 11 PM.

Councilor Herndon reported a Zumba Gold class would start in October with two instructors, and the Senior Exercise class will be gone and be replaced with a Fountain of Youth Class. She further reported that four (4) weeks of Bridge lessons would begin on 9/30/2014 at a cost of \$20.00, and 16 participants are needed, and if this is successful it will be repeated in January of 2014.

Vice Mayor Smith reported he would be attending the FSBPA conference in Delray Beach 9/23/13, representing the Town and the BIG-C, noting he had a brochure if anyone was interested in looking it over.

Vice Mayor Smith further reported it has been a long odyssey for DEP to adopt new rules governing the State's beach management program and they went into effect on 8/5/2013, and include all the provisions the Town is looking for to get credit, i.e., credit for public lodging establishments located on the beach, bus stops and bike racks.

Vice Mayor Smith also reported that DEP was going to reduce number of parking spaces near beach accesses to 50 (was 100), but at the end switched back to the 100 number of parking spaces needed, which poses a parking problem for City of Belleair Beach. He stated the Town of Indian Shores should have no problem meeting the parking eligibility requirements.

Vice Mayor Smith advised of an alert he learned of from Bob Minning, Mayor of Treasure Island, regarding the effort to increase cost of flood insurance.

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Vice Mayor Smith reported changes are underway for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and it is not good news for us. He stated that FEMA is working to make NFIP fiscally sound and less of a burden on taxpayers. The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 is scheduled to take effect 10/1/2013, and it mandates higher rates for many flood insurance customers.

Vice Mayor Smith further reported it is FEMA's intent to make flood insurance self-sustaining, and they want to eliminate the subsidy on structures built prior to 1975, and increase rates by 25% each year, and they plan to eliminate grandfathering in 2014.

Mayor Lawrence reported on the following items:

- 1) No regular Council meeting will be held on September 10, 2013. There will be two (2) meetings in September to hold public hearings on the Budget on September 4 and September 18, 2013 at 6 PM.*
- 2) Locks have been installed on the cabinets in the kitchen area of the building.*
- 3) Proposing a Youth Advisory Council, noting the County has one, and would involve kids from 9 to 12. Plan would be to meeting regularly and come up with programs for kids, noting he will put something in the Newsletter which will be out shortly.*
- 4) Second package for Gulf Boulevard Beautification has been sent to the County for approval.*
- 5) Florida League of Cities Conference Thursday in Orlando, with the Business meeting Friday at 5:15 P.M. Mayor Lawrence reported the President of the League was arrested by the FBI, and the First and the Second Vice Presidents have moved up. He advised that Vice Mayor Tom Barnhorn from City of Seminole is running for Third Vice President and solicited support for him in this endeavor.*

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:58 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk