

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - AUGUST 15, 2012

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Herndon

Also Present: Attorney Yacavone; Chief Williams; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Matt Towson; Chris Lauber; Jeannie Carlson, Reporter; Mark and Karen Haron.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for August 15, 2012.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan – seconded by Councilor Smith – to approve Council Agenda for August 15, 2012, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

1.2 Consideration of approving “CONSENT AGENDA”, as follows:

A. MINUTES:

Council	-	7/24/2012
Workshop	-	8/9/2012

MOTION by Councilor Sutch – seconded by Councilor Smith – to approve the “Consent Agenda” covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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

From 7/3/2012 thru 7/31/2012

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve "Consent Agenda" covering Re-Occurring Expenses, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

1.3 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.4 CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Lawrence read a Memo dated 8/15/2012 from Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, advising the Town has been notified by Standard Insurance, the Town's current life insurance carrier of a planned 21.4% increase for all full-time employees effective October 1, 2012.

The Memo further stated that Juster & Associates has surveyed the marketplace and has provided a proposal from United Healthcare at a cost of \$0.48 per \$1,000.

The Director of Finance reported the 21.4% increase would equal \$0.72 per \$1,000.

Council members discussed the proposed change of carrier and rates, with the Director of Finance responding to various questions.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve the Town changing life insurance companies to go with United Healthcare at a cost of \$0.48 per \$1,000.00, effective 10/1/2012. Motion carried 4-0.

1.5 Town Attorney's Report.

Attorney Yacavone stated all was quiet on the legal front.

- 1.6 Consideration of approving request from Florida Gulf Beaches Road Races to conduct the Holiday Halfathon to be held on December 9, 2012 and the Clearwater Marathon (formerly the Florida Gulf Beaches Marathon), to be held on January 20, 2013.**

Chris Lauber, Director, Florida Gulf Beaches Road Races, addressed Council members relating some history of the two events, and the proposed course the athletes will take, together with coordinating traffic control with the Police Department.

It was a consensus of the Council members that Mr. Lauber could proceed with plans for the two marathons, and the Resolutions he needs will be placed on the Council Agenda for September 5, 2012.

- 1.7 Consideration of proposed long-term parking proposal for Tiki Park.**

Mayor Lawrence reported he had received an inquiry regarding the possibility of long-term parking.

Chief Williams reported this subject was discussed with Staff and it was recommended a fee of \$6.00 per day be charged, with a minimum of six (6) months, being paid in advance and the processing would be handled by the Police Department.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Town might see a little profit from this, however he pointed out that 40% has to be paid to Pinellas County and 7% goes to the State for sales tax.

***MOTION** by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan – to approve proposed policy for long-term parking at Tiki Lot, with a fee of \$6.00 per day, minimum of six (6) months being paid in advance and the processing being handled by the Police Department. Motion carried 4-0.*

- 1.8 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2012.**

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported General Fund revenue of \$2,519,353.00, with \$1,022,000.00 being tax revenue, noting the Town has collected 99.7% of budgeted revenue.

The Director of Finance further reported the Road and Bridge funds and CIP were in good positions, with a majority of debt payments being made, noting she is in the process of refinancing the municipal loan, and noted the restricted funds.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to accept Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2012, and hold for audit. Motion carried 4-0.

1.9 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of July 2012.

Chief Williams' reported criminal reports down sharply, with physical arrests up, crashes were down and parking citations and parking warnings were up significantly. He further reported it was a busy month with 117 more service calls than last year.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of July 2012, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

1.10 Chief Williams' Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items: 1) Beach Access Parking Project - Acerbo submitted schedule and it is two weeks later than planned, noting stumps and trees removed at 198th Ave. W., and will be completed before dredge work gets to Indian Shores; 2) Building water repair - At Workshop meeting on 8/9/2012 reported that he had discussed testing for water intrusion with Construction Moisture Consultants (CMC), and our construction attorney recommends the Town proceed with this to protect against the warranty, noting the cost is \$4,400.00, and they will test the windows and integrity of the repairs. He noted he sees some irregularities with the caulking and sealant. Chief Williams stated he would like to proceed with this proposal and place the item on the September 5, 2012 meeting for retroactive approval. It was a consensus of Council members for Chief Williams to proceed with the proposal from CMC.

3) *Still receiving complaints regarding seaweed on the beach, stating he has physically checked the beaches and the Town is consistent with what neighboring cities to the north and south are doing and that is some basic raking, however it is not removed. He stated he has spoken with Andy Squires, Pinellas County Coastal Engineering Department, and the Town is following the best practice of the FWC, which advises to "leave it alone", as it is part of the ecosystem and serves many purposes, including food and protection for other species, as well as continuing to protect the beaches. He also advised that Mr. Dela Pia who recently has started raking the Town's beaches also does not rake the "wrack line".*

1.11 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

1) *Mark Haron, resident, asked if the "wrack line" would be covered with sand during the renourishment project, and Councilor Smith responded stating that it would be.*

2) *Anne Miller, resident, suggested the Town consider naming a street after Larry Nayman, the Town's Building Official who recently passed away. Councilor Irelan suggested maybe naming the future proposed Town Pavilion.*

Mayor Lawrence reported the Police Department was soliciting funds for a brick, and suggested this item be discussed at a Workshop meeting in the near future.

3) *Art Newsome, President, ISPOA, announced the next Property Owners' Association meeting would be held on 8/21/2012 at 5:30 P.M. and the next "Happy Hour" would be on 9/12/2012 at the Wine Cellar at 5:30 P.M.*

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

Councilor Irelan stated she had nothing to report but advised she would be going out of Town for a few days.

Councilor Sutch announced the Coastal Clean-up would be held in October, and reported the trees had been trimmed in Tiki Park.

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Councilor Smith reported that thanks to Bonnie Dhonau there is now a link on the Town's website that will take you straight to the County for up-to-date information on the renourishment project and schedule.

He further reported that they are scheduled to reach Indian Shores about 9/12/2012 and finish on 10/6/2012. He also reported that entire project for all of Sand Key will take one million two hundred thousand cubic yards. He noted that Tropical Storm Debby washed away 600,000 cubic yards. He advised the County is working hard to try and locate emergency funds to replace sand.

Vice Mayor Herndon - Absent.

Mayor Lawrence announced a website to view the Community Garden Ceremony, which Bob Brotherton had furnished.

Mayor Lawrence reported that next week he and Councilor Smith would be attending the Florida League of Cities annual conference, and has the proposed Resolutions considered at the annual meeting if anyone would like to review them.

Mayor Lawrence also reported on doing some background checking into the "Brown Bag Lunches" program and feels it is a legitimate organization, but has some concern with the date and time relative to bringing in Public Services people and parking issues. He advised he would contact the party involved and discuss the matter further.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:10 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk