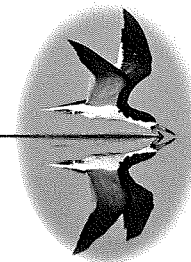


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - DECEMBER 9, 2014

The Indian Shores Town Council meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Petruccelli, Councilor Smith and Council Soranno.

Also Present: Walter Pierce, Finance Director; Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator; Elaine Jackson, Town Clerk; Malcolm Green, Building Official; Captain Jeffrey Rawson; Michael Palmer; Joseph Lacki; Kirit Shah; and Larry Schear.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.0 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for December 9, 2014.

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the Agenda for December 9, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

2.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda item. - There were no comments.

3.0 Report from Commissioner Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach, relative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Commissioner Kennedy stated she is the representative for the beach communities. The MPO and the Pinellas Planning Council merged, and conducted its first meeting relative to road projects. The beach communities have only two projects assigned thus far, and the municipalities must begin to look at road projects needed to address safety concerns, resurfacing, sidewalks, drainage, flooding, etc. The MPO works with grants from the FDOT and SWFWMD.

Commissioner Kennedy further stated she sent a letter to Senator Nelson asking for a meeting with him to discuss future requests. His letter of response included a list of grants available and his promise to help us.

Commissioner Kennedy stated her intent to visit all cities by July 2015, in order to get requests on the MPO docket. Toward this goal, cities need to compose a letter to Senator Nelson, describing one or two projects which need to be done, and try to get a grant that will possibly consolidate all projects together.

Town Administrator, Bonnie Dhonau, reported on a scope development meeting held in Tampa. FDOT has planned a maintenance project to provide relief from ponding on Gulf Boulevard. The design portion of the project has been budgeted at \$655,000 in their upcoming fiscal year which starts July 2015.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott
Vice Mayor

William F. Smith
Councilor

Patrick C. Soranno
Councilor

Michael “Mike” Petruccelli
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Town Administrator

Terry E. Hughes
Chief of Police

Walter H. Pierce, III
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Elaine N. Jackson, MMC
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Malcolm Green
Building Official

Ms. Dhonau further stated normally, it is two years after the scope development before the work is actually begun. FDOT will be taking core samples of the pervious asphalt to determine where the system is failing.

Commissioner Kennedy stated the next funding portion will need to be obtained; thus a letter describing what the project is and the next step of the project will be needed.

The Town Administrator accepted the responsibility to provide that information to Commission Kennedy.

4.0 Consideration of approving the "CONSENT AGENDA" as follows:

A. MINUTES: Admin & Finance Comm.	11/12/2014
Council	11/12/2014
Council Workshop	11/19/2014
Special Council	11/19/2014

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve the Consent Agenda for Minutes of November 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: For November 2014

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the re-occurring expenses for November 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 Town Attorney's Report - None

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of RESOLUTION 21-2014, amending the FY 2014/2015 budget, to increase wind storm coverage through Mitchell Insurance Agency for an additional \$5,644,530 in coverage, with a three percent deductible and \$300,000 coverage for contents for a premium from December 10, 2014 through September 2015 in the amount of \$20,369.

Attorney Metz read Resolution 21-2014 by title only, and stated in speaking with staff, they wished to insert the wording "for the Municipal Center only" into Paragraph three.

Finance Director, Walter Pierce, reported it was the consensus of the Council at the Workshop on 18 November 2015, to move forward with Mitchell Insurance Agency's proposed coverage increase through Weston Insurance. This would increase wind storm coverage from \$1 million to \$6,644,530, and increase contents coverage from \$0 to \$300,000 for the Municipal Center only.

Mr. Pierce stated the additional coverage is offered through Mitchell Insurance Agency for an additional \$4,555 until March 2015 and another \$15,844 to renew for the remainder of the 2014/2015 fiscal year, for a total of \$20,369. This additional coverage does not include any coverage for storm surge.

Mr. Pierce explained Council had expressed its desire to send out an RFP for insurance quotations, which will include verbiage relative to storm surge. If we cancel coverage with Mitchell Insurance prior to September 30, 2015, there will be no fees or penalties.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve Resolution 21-2014, with inserted language in paragraph three to clarify the increase was for the Municipal Center only. Motion carried 5-0.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Quasi-Judicial – Consideration of a request for Site Plan approval from Synergy Civil Engineering, Inc. of 9 units and 4 levels over parking, multi-family homes, located at 19738 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL, parcel number 24-30-14-42912-003-0100 (Ocean 9).

Attorney Metz summarized the Quasi-Judicial Procedure, and swore-in the witnesses.

Building Official, Malcolm Green reported the request was for a nine-unit condominium. The Planning, Zoning and Building Committee has reviewed the site plan and recommended Council approval.

Mr. Michael Palmer, Synergy Civil Engineering, stated he was in complete agreement with the staff report.

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

Kirit Shah, property owner, thanked the Town for the opportunity and said the project will be a great asset for the community.

Mr. Green stated the staff has concluded that all town ordinances have been met with compliance.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve the request for Site Plan approval from Synergy Civil Engineering, Inc. of 9 units and 4 levels over parking, multi-family homes, located at 19738 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL, parcel number 24-30-14-42912-003-0100. Motion carried 5-0.

9.0 Consideration of amending the hours of operation for the playground, restrooms and pavilion at Chief E.D. Williams Park.

Attorney Metz reported Chief Hughes contacted him regarding changing hours for safety and control purposes, and an ordinance would have to be passed to accomplish the change.

Captain Rawson stated there was a misunderstanding when it was determined to keep the new park open until 10 P.M., given the unique circumstances. At present there is no recourse to prevent those who wish to be present in the park after dusk. He stated there is a certain amount of liability if someone is hurt and that he would like to see it closed from dusk to dawn.

Councilor Petruccelli expressed his concern that we would be restricting access to our new facilities.

Mayor Lawrence stated an exception could be written into the ordinance to exempt special events.

Town Administrator, Bonnie Dhonau, reported all Pinellas County parks close at dusk and we are accommodating at our other parks.

It was the consensus of Council to draft an ordinance for first reading at the January meeting, amending the hours of Chief E.D. Williams Park.

10.0 Consideration of Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement for Debris Management with AshBritt, Inc.

Administrator, Bonnie Dhonau, reported the Town has had an ongoing relationship with Ashbritt and there is no cost in signing, it is just a back-up plan. FDOT will initially take care of debris management, but if not done in a timely manner, we are able to use another company. She recommended continuing with Ashbritt, and the Town would essentially be "piggybacking" on the Belleair Beach contract, which was competitively bid.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon, to approve the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement for Debris Management with Ashbritt, Inc., pending review of the Belleair Beach contract by the Town attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

11.0 Consideration of approving Eileen Arsenault to conduct a Jazzercise Strength 60 class on Thursday mornings at 8 A.M. beginning January 8, 2015.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated Ms. Arsenault has taught here before and we will be lucky to have her as an instructor.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon, to approve Eileen Arsenault to conduct a Jazzercise Strength 60 class on Thursday mornings at 8 A.M., beginning January 8, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

12.0 Consideration of approving an Ultimate Fighters Bike MS Team Garage Sale to take place in the Municipal Center parking lot on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Mayor Lawrence explained this event was approved last year and the library also conducted a book sale during the event, making it the biggest day of revenue for the year.

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve the Ultimate Fighters Bike MS Team Garage Sale to take place the Municipal Center parking lot on Saturday, February 28, 2015, subject to signing of license agreement to be drawn up by the Town attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

13.0 Report from the Building Official

Mr. Green addressed the safety hazard at Bayview Villas, wherein he was recently made aware of an engineering report that determined the balcony railings to be unsafe more than two years ago, but nothing was done to remedy the situation.

Mr. Green further reported meeting with the Bay View Villas Condo Association, and giving them seventy-two hours to close off the balconies and until December 15, 2014, to hire a licensed professional structural engineer to determine what needs to be done and submit a copy of a contract for repairs. If remedy is not forthcoming to bring the building in compliance, the building will have to be vacated. Construction/repairs must begin no later than January 15, 2015 to ameliorate the conditions.

Mayor Lawrence stated an ordinance should require condominium associations to notify the Town Building Official if a detrimental report is received that would cause a safety concern and asked Attorney Metz to submit an ordinance for first reading at the January Council meeting.

Mr. Green reported that Waterside has applied for dock permits, which is the County's jurisdiction. Engineering consultant, Bob Brotherton, feels there should be a site plan approval for the construction of the docks and he is in the process of reviewing the documentation. Waterside has state, county and federal permits in process and all is in good standing. We are in the process of clarifying the procedure for handling sale and lease of the docks.

14.0 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending October 31, 2014.

Director of Finance, Walter Pierce, reported the General Fund Revenue was at \$57,735 and Expenses at \$154,853. (The Town had not yet received any property taxes in October. The November report will reflect a total of \$604,377.95 in revenue). Road and Bridge Fund balance is \$621 and Capital Improvement is \$0. Current balance for Police Education is \$2,506.25 and for Beautification is \$7,520.17.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by *Councilor Petruccelli*, to approve Financial Statement for period ending October 31, 2014. **Motion carried 5-0.**

15.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Town Administrator, Bonnie Dhonau, reported on the following:

- (1) No timeline on maintenance of remaining six bus shelters
- (2) ISPOA will provide balance of funds toward lobby benches
- (3) The first re-branding package has been submitted to the BIG-C committee for approval.
- (4) Arts Council to meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2014.
- (5) Councilor Soranno donated books for Town's management staff.
- (6) Bucket Lift truck purchase pending PCBCC meeting December 16, 2014.

- (7) *Chief D'Angelo, PSFRD, is desirous of re-establishing Station #26 in Indian Shores and a meeting is scheduled to discuss on December 11, 2014.*
- (8) *The first Sunday Morning Market had twelve vendors, due to rainy weather, but thirty are booked for next Sunday.*

16.0 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering November 2014.

Captain Rawson apologized for not having access to Chief Hughes' templet for the activity report, and reported incidents were down, there were no high-profile cases pending and all was quiet.

Captain Rawson also reported that the lady scheduled for the workshop relative to shark fishing had a conflict, and will need to reschedule.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Vice Mayor Herndon, to accept the Police Activity Report covering November 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

17.0 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

Larry Schear reported Chief D'Angelo is very eager to re-establish Station #26, as well as taking on the 9/11 Memorial project with a goal to finish in four months.

Matt Towson questioned what led the city to go with Weston Insurance.

Mr. Pierce responded our existing policy is with Weston through Mitchell Agency wherein there will be an increase in the short term, but in the long term, we are searching for something better for the future.

Janet McKee asked if there was sufficient storage space for the bucket lift truck.

Mayor Lawrence responded there is room in the Public Services lot, and the truck is in great shape and for a good price.

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

Councilor Petruccelli thanked all for coming and commented he bought local honey and organic carrots at the Sunday Morning Market.

Councilor Petruccelli announced there will be a Boat Parade viewing party on Sunday, December 21, 2014, with cookies and egg nog being served in the pavilion behind Town Hall, and boats are expected to arrive between 8:00 P.M. and 8:45 P.M.

Councilor Soranno wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thanked the staff for doing a great job.

Councilor Smith wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked all for coming, stating he would see everyone at the Boat Parade party. He thanked Mr. Green for all of his work.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated during her illness the staff all did their jobs well, and Salt Rock did a wonderful job Saturday night at the party.

Mayor Lawrence explained all who volunteered for the St. Patrick's Day Street Fest were invited to the party, and Dispatcher Bill Blaine took some wonderful photos of the event and those are available on disk for anyone interested.


Mayor Lawrence announced he would be gone to North Carolina to visit grandchildren from December 14th thru 23rd, and on a Panama Canal cruise from January 3rd to 14th. He asked Vice Mayor Herndon to Chair the January meetings in his absence.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Library Fiftieth Anniversary Party was very successful and netted \$2,300, some of which will be used to purchase a brick and some used as seed money for future Read & Feeds.

Mayor Lawrence also reported the newly founded Youth Advisory Council will have their first meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2015, and will have proposals to handle youth activities at the St. Patrick's Day Festival

Mayor Lawrence read into the record an email he had received from Indian Shores resident Janet Golden, complimenting the Mayor and the staff. He then wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

The Indian Shores Town Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.


ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Town Clerk