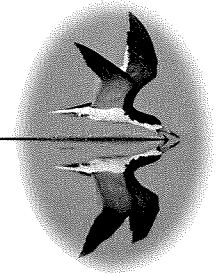


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - JULY 8, 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 Councilor Soranno.

Also Present: Chief Hughes; Bonnie Dhonau, Director of Administration; Elaine Jackson, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Acting Director of Finance and Personnel; Mike Hackerson; Candiss Rinker; Charlie Parrott; Rene Weyburne; Alice Lawrence; Larry and Diantha Schear; Janet and Mark McKee; Anne Miller; Matt Towson; and several other interested citizens.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.0 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for July 8, 2014.

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon - seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the Council Agenda for July 8, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

2.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda item. - NONE

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

A. <u>MINUTES:</u>	Admin & Finance Comm -	June 10, 2014
	Council -	June 10, 2014
	PZB Com. -	June 17, 2014
	Special Council -	June 17, 2014
	Admin & Finance Comm -	June 24, 2014
	Special Council -	June 24, 2014

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

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: From 6/01/2014 thru 6/30/2014.

Motion by Councilor Smith - seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve the Re-Occurring Expenses for June 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

4.0 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott
Vice Mayor

William F. Smith
Councilor

Patrick C. Soranno
Councilor

Michael "Mike" Petruccelli
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Director of
Administration

Terry E. Hughes
Chief of Police

Lisa G. Robinson
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Elaine N. Jackson, MMC
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews
Building Official

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Town of Indian Shores to the Town of Redington Shores notifying of the Town's intent to cancel Interlocal Agreement for Building Official Services, effective September 30, 2014.

Mayor Lawrence stated the letter was dated June 23, 2014, and that a minimum of three month's notification was required to cancel the contract. Malcolm Green will be our new Building Official, starting October 1, 2014.

6.0 Town Attorney's Report - NONE

7.0 Consideration of acceptance of letter of resignation from Lisa Robinson as Director of Finance and Personnel, effective July 1, 2014.

Motion by Vice Mayor Herndon - seconded by Councilor Soranno, to accept letter of resignation from Lisa Robinson as Director of Finance and Personnel, effective July 1, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

8.0 Consideration of Authorized staff signatures on Town's safe deposit box and bank accounts as follows: James J. Lawrence; Joan Herndon; Bonnie Dhonau; Elaine Jackson; and Terry Hughes.

Motion by Councilor Smith - seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to authorize staff signatures on Town's safe deposit box and bank accounts as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

9.0 Consideration of appointing Candiss Rinker as Alternate Citizen Member on the Planning, Zoning and Building Committee.

Mayor Lawrence introduced Ms. Rinker and thanked her for volunteering to serve the community.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli - seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve appointment of Candiss Rinker as Alternate Citizen Member on the Planning, Zoning and Building Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

10.0 Consideration of request for Town sponsorship from the Fiftieth Anniversary Bash Committee.

Ms. Rene Weyburne addressed Council, stating the all-volunteer library was established fifty years ago in November 1964. The library is planning a 1960's dance party, and is asking the Town for a donation of \$300 to cover the cost of the disc jockey.

Mayor Lawrence stated the library has raised almost \$1,000 in the last two book sales. The library will be using the Town's third and final liquor permit for 2014.

Motion by Councilor Soranno - seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve the request for \$300 from the Town to cover the cost of the disc jockey for the Fiftieth Anniversary Bash Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

11.0 Director of Administration Report

Mayor Lawrence thanked Director of Administration, Bonnie Dhonau, for organizing a solid waste Debris Management seminar that took place that morning, with representatives from various municipalities, FDOT, DEP, and Pinellas County. Mayor Lawrence stayed to listen to the first hour of the seminar and found it very interesting.

Ms. Dhonau reported the islands have been weeded and the Public Services personnel are experiencing growing pains, as Michael Scrogam and Willis Knight are trying to manage their time around the extra work. We have hired a part-time worker for two days per week to pull weeds.

Ms. Dhonau also reported receiving much positive feedback from appreciative residents relative to the cleanup of the beach on July 4th, wherein additional trash containers were deployed in anticipation of the heavier load, and town personnel filled ten truck-loads with trash.

12.0 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending June 30, 2014.

Acting Finance Director, Mary Karayianes, reported the General Fund revenues are at \$2.192 million, which is 79.4% of actual, expenditures are down at \$1.648 million, with a positive fund balance of \$544,254. Within the revenue, \$1.171 million is tax revenue, which is 100% of the budgeted revenue.

Road and Bridge: revenue is \$24,201 and expenditure of \$75,280, showing a deficit of \$51,087; however local option gas tax and local option sales tax revenues are running two months behind and an internal transfer of approximately \$52,000 for street lighting has not yet been made.

Capital Improvement Fund: actual revenue is \$491,336; however the Penny for Pinellas funds are running two months behind. We collect the utility tax in the general fund and transfer it to the Capital Improvement to pay the debt. Of the \$491,336, a good percentage is debt payment.

Restricted funds: current balance of Police Education is \$ 2,472 and Beautification is \$ 5,541.

Ms. Karayianes stated we are right where we should be and in good position.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to accept and approve the Financial Statement for period ending June 30, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

13.0 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2014.

Chief Hughes reported June was a slow month and issuance of citations very low. The Town had a few drunk and disorderly arrests and one accident over the 4th of July holiday. Every officer was on duty on the beach and five units were on Gulf Boulevard.

*Motion by Councilor Smith- seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve the Police Activity Report covering the month of June 2014. **Motion carried 5-0.***

14.0 Comments from the public on any subject.

Fire Commissioner, Larry Shear, PSFRD, reported they are continuing to search for a new Fire Chief. Terry Bell has been promoted from within as Acting Chief, and someone else has been brought up to act as Deputy Chief. He has been assured they will be able to celebrate the dedication of the new memorial on 9/11/14.

Councilor Petruccelli asked if a fire engine could be placed at the previous substation #26, since the Park Boulevard Bridge will be closed for repairs for thirty days in September.

Commissioner Shear stated there is no physical presence at substation #26, and any other sites must have power, fuel, and personal services. He stated it would be advantageous to permanently re-establish that substation.

Mayor Lawrence reported Pinellas County plans to have a Sun Star unit on the west side of the bridge; however, Sun Star prefers not to be the first responder.

Concern was expressed that the usual response time is 4.5 minutes; but the bridge closure could delay response time to 7 or 8 minutes. However, the County has a network set up wherein the nearest available unit would respond, providing the closest coverage for all events.

Mayor Lawrence stated PSFDR has never formally asked for use of the facilities here and it would have to be determined what type of infrastructure was needed.

Citizens inquired relative to:

- (1) Adding more Christmas decorations on the street poles. It was determined more poles have electric available if more decorations can be added.*
- (2) Monitoring of tourists passing on the right. Chief Hughes stated it was an ongoing problem and difficult to monitor.*
- (3) Laws governing the yellow flashing lights at crosswalks. Chief Hughes stated the lights were advisory; however, once a pedestrian steps into the walkway, drivers must yield.*
- (4) Traffic light at Tiki Gardens parking lot just for pedestrians was confusing.*
- (5) Crosswalk designated for 198th access – not approved yet. There will be 54 units there and FDOT must study feasibility and it must meet criteria.*

- (6) *Lighting on Whispering Pines Dr. and Second St. – Trying to find the person at Duke Energy to address this, as some are on private property. This should be resolved within the next 30 days.*
- (7) *Vacant house at 19213 Whispering Pines Dr. Grass high, snakes, holes in windows. This was determined to be a code enforcement issue and is being processed.*

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

Councilor Petruccelli thanked all for coming and stated he loves having a large turnout at the meeting. He encouraged everyone to bring others. He reported many out of state visitors have commented how friendly this Town is.

Councilor Soranno reminded everyone that FDOT will be looking into the drainage issue on Gulf Blvd, and a report is expected in August.

Councilor Smith commented it was nice to see a big turnout, and announced the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association annual meeting will be held September 24th – 26th and Council should be receiving information soon.

Vice Mayor Herndon stated it was good to see everyone and advised if anyone had not yet received their Shingles vaccine, please get one!

Mayor Lawrence announced the Suncoast League of Cities was hosting a breakfast at the Florida League of Cities Conference and encouraged other Council members to go.

Mayor Lawrence reported he was considering setting up an informational session in September, allowing both the PSTA and No Tax For Tracks organizations to be heard. The Greenlight Pinellas issue will be on the November ballot.

Larry Schear requested the forum take place before the absentee ballots are mailed out in September.

*Mayor Lawrence stated an issue has come up relative to **Galleries on the Go** hosting a Matisse and Merlot Painting Party on July 16, 2014, in which **Sara Mullins** is charging \$45 per person and serving complimentary wine and appetizers. **Galleries on the Go** is allowed to host receptions here as part of a Town event, but no permission was sought from Council prior to scheduling the July 16th event.*

*Town Clerk, **Elaine Jackson** reported on meeting with **Ms. Mullins** wherein she was encouraged by staff to extend her events in conjunction with other organizations, such as the Library Read & Feed, Women's Club, Indian Shores Property Owners Association and Betsy Schoepf, the Oil Painting Instructor. Staff had perceived the Painting Party as an extension of the Oil Painting class.*

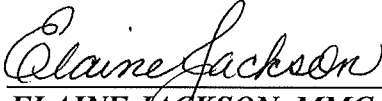
***Ms. Dhonau** suggested since it is such short notice to cancel the event, especially since it was Staff's error in not seeking Council's permission, a solution might be to make it a BYOB or non-alcohol event and/or require **Ms. Mullins** to purchase liability insurance through the Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP).*

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*Council discussed alternatives and directed **Ms. Dhonau** to speak with **Ms. Mullins** and explain the concerns she may not even be aware of, offer her an opportunity to rectify the situation, either by cancelling the event, not serving wine, and/or paying insurance fee.*

***Mayor Lawrence** suggested a new policy needs to be established for use of the new facilities and this could be discussed at a future workshop.*

The Indian Shores Town Council meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Town Clerk