

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - JUNE 11, 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; Robert Metz, Attorney; Anne Miller; Charlie Parrott; Matt Towson; Jason Clemens, owner, Mickey Quinn's; Jeannie Carlson, Beach Beacon reporter; Chris Guinn, Tampa Bay Times, reporter.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for June 11, 2013.

MOTION by Councilor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Sutch – to approve Council Agenda for June 11, 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

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

A. MINUTES: Council - May 14, 2013
Workshop - May 21, 2013

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

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

From 5/7/2013 thru 5/29/2013.

MOTION by Councilor Herndon– seconded by Vice Mayor 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. NONE**
- 1.6 **PROCLAMATION declaring month of May as "Civility Month".**

Mayor Lawrence reported on signing the Proclamation declaring month of May as "Civility Month".

- 1.7 **PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 4-2013, urging the administration and Congress of the United States to preserve the current tax-exempt status of Municipal Bonds, and reject any proposal that would reduce or eliminate the Federal Tax Exemption on interest earned from tax-exempt Municipal Bonds.**

Attorney Yacavone read the title of proposed RESOLUTION 4-2013, in full.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported this is a crucial matter for any local and Federal government Finance Director, and there is a need to retain and preserve the current tax-exempts status of Municipal Bonds.

Mayor Lawrence stated this is a public hearing and called for any comments from the public, however there were none.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Vice Mayor Smith -- to adopt proposed RESOLUTION 4-2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.8 **Consideration of approving request from Neighborly Care Network for an appropriation of \$500.00 to be used as local matching funds, as well as a direct contribution to provide services to additional seniors within the community.**

Mayor Lawrence discussed with Council members noting this year's requested matching funds/donation is much lower than in past years, with only 4 persons receiving service in town.

MOTION by Councilor Herndon -- seconded by Vice Mayor Smith -- to approve request for matching funds contribution to Neighborly Care Network in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.9** *Consideration of request from Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department to use the Town's Council Chambers, for the purpose of conducting their public meetings.*

Mayor Lawrence reported that Marshall Eiss, with Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department, could not be at the meeting tonight, however he advised he was at the Workshop meeting on May 21, 2013, and responded to questions. Mayor Lawrence noted there was only one small conflict with ISPOA, which they advised could be worked out.

Council members all agreed it would benefit the Fire Department as well as the Town, and all were pleased to assist the Department in some way.

MOTION by Councilor Herndon-- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve request from Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department to use the Town's Council Chambers to conduct their public meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.10** *Consideration of approving request for authorization to purchase six (6) replacement computers in the amount of \$4,496.16, as outlined in Memo dated May 28, 2013.*

Chief Williams reported the purchase of the proposed 6 computers were part of the 5 year replacement plan.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve request to purchase six (6) replacement computers in the amount of \$4,496.16, as reflected in Memo dated May 28, 2013. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1.11** *Consideration of attendance at the 87th annual Florida League of Cities Conference, August 15-17, 2013 in Orlando, together with designating a voting delegate for the Business Meeting.*

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Herndon -- to designate Mayor Lawrence as the voting delegate, and Vice Mayor Smith, as the alternate, for the 87th annual Florida League of Cities Conference. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Lawrence requested Council members advise the Town Clerk of their intentions to attend the Conference, and they can handle the registrations, and then each Council member attending can complete their room reservations.

1.12 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2013.

Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported the spend rate is at 67%, with revenues at 72.2%. She further reported Fund Balance is in a good position with revenue to date of \$1,943,725.00, and \$1,085,000.00 of that is tax money received, which reflects 97% of budgeted funds.

The Director of Finance also reported Road and Bridge is two months behind, due to how revenue is received, however it is in a good position and advised CIP Fund down due to debt payments, however it is still in a positive position, noting Fund Balance change is \$47,000.00 to the good. She noted the balances for the restricted funds.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to accept Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2013, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.13 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of May 2013.

Chief Williams reported it was a busy month with criminal reports, arrests, traffic citations and tickets all up, noted warnings were down, with calls for service up 34 over last year. He stated that this report included some spring breakers.

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

1.14 Chief Williams' Report.

Chief Williams reported on the following items:

- 1) Pavilion Status:** *Asbestos survey completed with some asbestos in the felt paper under the shingles, advising permit has been filed with the County for the 10 day clock to begin running, noting he has checked with Howard Jimmie and put him on notice for the demolition.*

- 2) **Rain Event – Tropical Storm Andrea:** *Surveyed the building after the rain event and noted water in the stairwells, and advised a letter has been sent to Hennessy Construction.*
- 3) **Ashton Woods – Townhomes Project:** *Re-submission report came in and there is a meeting on Thursday to review with Steve Andrews, Building Official. Reported PZB meeting on June 19, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M., for public hearing to consider approval of Site Plan review. He also advised that shrubbery is being trimmed on the vacant property.*
- 4) **Playground Status:** *Received approval from FRDAP to mitigate for the new Playground, and dedicate the new one. Have been in contact with the company who wants to purchase the old playground equipment, and discussing demo of new equipment with a vendor.*
- 5) **Pinellas County Emergency Management Re-Organization:** *Reported an Executive Director over Sally Bishop, and the County will be implementing a different concept wherein there will be 2 – 3 liaisons which will take groups of municipalities, advising he believes this will enhance communication.*

Advised they would like to hold a class at the Municipal Center on 6/25/2013 if Council approves. Council members had no objections, noting the Library will hold a Read & Feed that day at 5:30 P.M., noting class will be over by then.

1.15 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

- 1) **Anne Miller, resident,** *reported there is a canopy still up on the beach near her place, and asked if Town is still trying to have them taken down.*

Chief Williams advised this subject picks up in the summer, and he will have Officer Kennedy look into the matter.

Anne Miller announced that ISPOA would hold "happy hour" at Tapas Gardens on Wednesday, 6/12/2013 at 5:30 P.M.

- 2) **Matt Towson, resident,** *announced Indian Rocks Historical Museum will hold a grand opening of the new and expanded Museum on June 29, 2013, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Chic-a-Si Park, and encouraged everyone to attend, noting the main exhibit is the former Tiki Gardens.*

Jason Clemens, new owner of Mickey Quinn's introduced himself to Council members, stating he just recently moved into town with his family, and wanted to get involved with the community.

Norman Turner, stated he visits the Town quite often and is involved in city government up north, and came to the meeting to see how our town works, noting it is very similar.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Library would host a Read and Feed on June 25, 2013 at 5:30 P.M., featuring the book entitled "Cannery Row", and the charge is \$10.00.

Councilor Sutch congratulated Mayor Lawrence on his Memorial Day service, as it was very moving, and he heard a lot of comments on how nice it was.

Councilor Sutch commented that several of the earth boxes in the Garden were in bad condition, and requested that Mike Hackerson, Garden Coordinator be contacted to see about setting up some regular meetings with the gardeners.

Councilor Sutch also reported the County was working at Tiki Park today.

Councilor Herndon reported she had discussed some plans to improve the Garden with Chief Williams, and advised of an article in the paper about Duke Energy relative to natural gas versus nuclear heat.

Vice Mayor Smith reported that he would be attending the quarterly FSBPA director meeting at Tampa Airport on Thursday. He expects that the saga of the new rule regarding re-nourishment will be a discussion point. He reported that after the 4/19/2013 public hearing webinar DEP made further changes to the rule. They reversed their earlier decision to reduce the parking space requirement for a "primary beach access" from 100 to 50, changing it back to 100 and causing Belleair Beach to have a shortage of credit for State re-nourishment funds. DEP also made some mistakes in their changes and will have to go through another cycle of changes.

Vice Mayor Smith further reported that the need for another cycle of changes will delay the effective date of the new rule, meaning the Town may have to qualify for funding under the old rule. The Town should be able to meet those requirements, but it will be close.

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Mayor Lawrence asked if the Town could request the County to hold off, and **Vice Mayor Smith** responded that DEP puts rules on them also.

Mayor Lawrence reported the following items:

- 1) **Hurricane Awareness Gathering:** Scheduled for June 13, 2013 at 6 PM, with Brian McClure, Meteorologist, Channel 9, and Tom Iovino, Pinellas County, who will be presenting information.
- 2) **Flag Day:** Friday, June 14, 2013 at Noon, Indian Rocks Beach will hold a Flag burning ceremony at Chic-a-Si Park, noting anyone with flags in disrepair to bring them in for this ceremony.
- 3) **Art Reception:** Scheduled for July 18, 2013 at 5:30 P.M., 4th floor of Municipal Center.
- 4) **New Business:** Brides of the Sea, a new business in Town will hold a grand opening on June 29, 2013, 10:00 AM to 3 PM, together with the new owner of Mickey Quinn's Restaurant.
- 5) **Workshop Meeting:** Budget Workshop meeting on July 23, 2013 at 2 PM.
- 6) **Special Council Meeting:** Special Council Meeting on July 23, 2013 at 6 PM., to determine proposed millage rate.
- 7) **Retirement Party:** Retirement party for Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance and Jim Yacavone, Town Attorney on August 21, 2013, as both will be retiring in August 2013.
- 8) **911 Memorial Dedication:** Last Friday the Groundbreaking Ceremony was held for the 911 Memorial, and the 911 Memorial will be dedicated on September 14, 2013 at the Suncoast Fire and Rescue Department.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:55 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk