

Town of Indian Shores

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - MARCH 27, 2012

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

ABSENT: Councilor Sutch

Also Present: Attorney Bob Metz; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance.

Mayor Lawrence introduced Attorney Bob Metz, who was sitting in for Attorney Yacavone, reported that Councilor Sutch had a small accident at home and would not be in attendance, and that Larry Nayman, Building Official also would not be in attendance.

Mayor Lawrence stated he was looking forward to his 15th, 16th and 17th years serving the Town, and thanked all those who supported him, and all those who did not support him as they came out to vote.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR JAMES J. LAWRENCE.

Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to James Lawrence, who was re-elected as Mayor on March 13, 2012.

Mayor Lawrence stated he was looking forward to working with the Council for three more years, and to continue the improvements in Indian Shores, as it is a great place to live.

Mayor Lawrence thanked the Staff for all their help, assistance and planning.

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

Councilor Smith stated it was great he won re-election and he was looking forward to working with the Mayor for another 3 years.

Vice Mayor Herndon congratulated the Mayor stating she was also looking forward to more improvements during the next 3 years.

1.2 PRESENTATION BY TOWN ATTORNEY REGARDING THE "SUNSHINE LAW".

Attorney Bob Metz, sitting in for Attorney Yacavone, reviewed the requirements of the "Sunshine Law", under Florida Statutes 286.011(1).

1.3 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for March 27, 2012.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon -- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve Council Agenda for March 27, 2012, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

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

A. MINUTES:

<i>Workshop</i>	-	<i>March 14, 2012</i>
<i>Council</i>	-	<i>March 14, 2012</i>

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

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: NONE

1.5 CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

1.6 Town Attorney's Report. NONE

1.7 Council election of Vice Mayor.

Councilor Smith nominated Councilor Joan Herndon to serve again as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Lawrence stated there is not a Second to the Motion by Councilor Smith.

Mayor Lawrence advised he had consulted with Attorney Metz and it would be permissible to contact Councilor Sutch by phone and allow him to participate in this Agenda item, if the majority of the Council concurred. All present were agreeable.

Mayor Lawrence called Councilor Sutch by phone and placed him on conference call and explained the situation that Councilor Smith had nominated Councilor Herndon to serve again as Vice Mayor, however there was no Second to the Motion.

Councilor Sutch was on the speaker phone and verbally stated he would Second the Motion by Councilor Smith to nominate Councilor Herndon to serve as Vice Mayor.

MOTION by Councilor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch (per speaker phone contact) -- to elect Councilor Herndon to serve as Vice Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

1.8 Consideration of approving appointment of Council members and citizens to serve on the following Committees:

**Administrative and Finance Committee
Public Services Committee
Planning, Zoning and Building Committee**

Mayor Lawrence reported he would recommend retaining the present appointments, as he had requested input from Council members, and all appeared happy with the present assignments, noting he had been able to communicate with all citizens serving on Committees, except Pat Sorrano, and he felt he would be acceptable to re-appointment also.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Herndon-- seconded by Councilor Smith -- to approve Mayor's recommendation to retain the present Committee and Chairman assignments. Motion carried 4-0.

1.9 Consideration of approving Council representatives for the following positions:

- (1) BIG-C: Voting representative and alternate.**
- (2) Liaison to Property Owners' Association.**
- (3) Boat Parade representative.**

Mayor Lawrence stated he would like to remain as BIG-C Delegate, and if all agreed on their present assignments would like to retain the same slate. All Council members concurred with the Mayor.

MOTION by **Councilor Irelan** -- seconded by **Councilor Smith** -- to approve Mayor's recommendation to retain the present representatives for the BIG-C, Liaison to Property Owners' Association and the Boat Parade event. **Motion carried 4-0.**

1.10 Town Administrator's Report.

Chief Williams congratulated the Mayor and Council.

Chief Williams reported the Municipal Center building had been closed out with the builder on all financial obligations, with the standard warranty. He also reported that **Larry Nayman, Building Official**, had issued a Certificate of Occupancy for the building.

Chief Williams further reported they were moving forward with the Community Garden as the drainage structures were installed.

Chief Williams noted they had made some minor adjustments on the A/C in the building and **Councilor Sutch** had told him it was much better. He advised that **Bob Brotherton, Engineer**, is working on the additional parking at some street ends, and he will process a change order for **Acerbo** to perform the work.

Larry Schear, Fire Board Commissioner, thanked Mayor Lawrence for being a strong supporter of the Fire District, and stated he is looking forward to working with the Mayor for another three years.

1.11 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

1) **Fred Strahlendorf, resident**, congratulated Mayor Lawrence and wished him continued success.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Women's Club Fashion show put together by **Diantha Schear, President**, was a huge success, with a profit of \$1,400.00, and she noted the Library would conduct another Read and Feed on April 2, 2012 at 5 P.M., featuring the book titled "The Ape House". **Councilor Irelan** congratulated Mayor Lawrence.

Councilor Sutch: Absent

Councilor Smith stated he was delighted to be working with Mayor Lawrence for another three years, noting he would save his business comments for the next meeting,

Councilor Smith stated it was nice to see so many residents at the meeting tonight.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported a cartoonist class would be held on 4/9/2012 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., noting he is at the Sea Breeze Restaurant and will do a free caricature for individuals. Advised she was working on an Agenda for a Public Services Committee meeting soon.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Town's St. Patrick's Day Festival was a big success, with an estimated 2,500 people attending, and took in \$3,339.00, and will have to deduct expenses from that, noting the Library book sale made \$278.00.

Mayor Lawrence also reported that several months ago the Council verbally agreed to try and raise \$2,500.00 for the 911 Memorial for the Fire District, and after some fund raisers, book sales, the pancake breakfast, and proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day Street Festival, the Town will be able to donate that amount to the Fire District.

Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to stay and enjoy the party following.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:30 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk