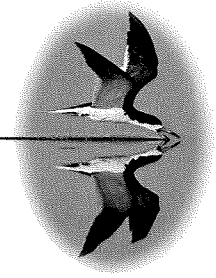


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - MAY 13, 2014

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Herndon

Also Present: Chief Hughes; Director of Finance, Lisa Robinson; Director of Administration, Bonnie Dhonau; Town Clerk Elaine Jackson; Councilor Smith, Councilor Petruccelli; Ann Miller; Carole Irelan; Steve Uhlhorn; Karen Achhamer; Jeannie Carlson, reporter, Gene Thompson and Mike Hackerson.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Begins at 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for May 13, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve Council Agenda for May 13, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.2 Comments from the public on any Agenda item. None

1.3 Consideration of approving “CONSENT AGENDA” as follows:

A. MINUTES	Council	-	April 8, 2014
	Special Council	-	April 22, 2014
	Admin & Finance	-	April 8, 2014
	PZB Comm.	-	April 22, 2014

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

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES

From April 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2014

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

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Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve the “Consent Agenda” covering Re-Occurring Expenses for April 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.4 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: None

1.5 CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from FEMA relative to the results of the NFIP Community Rating System field verification findings.

Mayor Lawrence reported that the Town’s Classification Rating of Class 6 has been maintained as a result of earning 2350 credit points, and the report lists the activities that were accomplished to earn the points to maintain the status quo, which gives property owners a 20% rate reduction in flood insurance. Since our present Building Official does not have the certifications required, the town will have to analyze how we will be affected in the future.

Councilor Smith reviewed some sections of the analysis and commented on the credits earned for requiring freeboard, publishing newsletters and preserving open space.

Letter from Pinellas Public Library Cooperative regarding amount required to participate.

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the letter from Pinellas Public Library Cooperative relative to the cost of joining the cooperative. He stated it would not only involve investing \$43,799.94, but would necessitate hiring a qualified librarian at \$35,000 per year. He explained that under our present system we offer Indian Shores residents who pay the \$100 fee to join the cooperative a \$75 refund. Our net cost per person is only about \$3.15 and the revenues from our library book sales usually result in \$1500 per year and volunteers work for free.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of downloading books for patrons to read on Kindle. Carole Ireland reported she had looked into it and it was cost prohibitive.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had issued a letter to Governor Rick Scott in support of the funds set aside for beach renourishment and encouraging him to sign the legislation. If the Governor has not signed by June 10, 2014, the Town will consider a resolution in support.

Councilor Smith stated that \$47.2 million has been appropriated. In 2000, Senator Jones sponsored a bill to guarantee \$30 million per year in document stamp revenue was designated for beach renourishment, but that revenue has fallen short.

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Debbie Flack advocated the legislature this year, which approved the funds. The next step is for the Governor to sign the bill.

Mayor Lawrence reported on receipt of notice from Florida League of Cities relative to approval of the matching-funds Safety Grant. This applies to the first aid kits and the skid-proof mats. A separate application has been sent in for the playground fence.

1.6 Town Attorney's Report, including "refresher" presentation on Sunshine Law and procedural matters.

Attorney Metz briefly reviewed the Florida Sunshine Law, the penalties for violation and the proper procedure for communication between elected officials, stating meetings must be open to the public, there must be reasonable notice given and minutes must be taken. Elected officials cannot discuss at social events, or outside of any public meeting, any item that may come up for a vote. All documents relative to government business are considered public record.

Attorney Metz informed Council that new legislation has been enacted, effective January 1, 2015, wherein all elected officials will be required to have four hours of training per year in Sunshine Law, Ethics and Public Records.

1.7 PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming May 2014 as Civility Month.

Mayor Lawrence announced that this Proclamation is one that is presented every year and he will be signing it.

1.8 Consideration of Law Enforcement Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to F.S.S. 394.462, Baker Act.

Chief Hughes addressed the Addendum to the MOU, relative to the "Baker Act" due to a mentally disable person who murdered another cell mate. This addendum states if there is a felony arrest of a mentally disabled person, that person must be involuntarily Baker Acted. As soon as addendum is signed, police officers will be trained and receive a copy of the procedure.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve Law Enforcement Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to F.S.s. 394-462, Baker Act. Motion carried.

1.9 Consideration of Collaborative Interagency Agreement Regarding Student Misconduct, Student Interview and Student Arrests by Law Enforcement Officers.

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Chief Hughes reported an agreement was needed relative to procedures used to interview students accused of a felony, as an alternative to giving students an arrest record. It is the option of staff members to use this alternative or not, and not used very often.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve Collaborative Interagency Agreement Regarding Student Misconduct, Student Interview and Student Arrests by Law Enforcement Officers. Motion carried 4-0.

1.10 Consideration of appointments to Seat # 3 and Seat #5 on the Indian Shores Board of Adjustment, terms to expire October 2014 and October 2016, respectively.

Mayor Lawrence nominated Michael Hackerson to fill Seat #3, which expires October 2014, and Eugene Thompson to fill Seat #5, which expires October 2016. He stated both appointees were well qualified. The Board of Adjustment has not met in some time; however it was very important to have the positions filled, as there may be numerous requests in the future as more construction projects are initiated.

Motion by Councilor Soranno – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve appointing Michael Hackerson to Seat #3 and Eugene Thompson to Seat #5 on the Indian Shores Board of Adjustment. Motion carried 4-0.

1.11 Consideration of appointment to the Indian Shores Police Pension Board, term to expire October 2014.

Mayor Lawrence reported he had originally offered Mark McKee the position of citizen member on the Planning, Zoning and Building Committee; however while he was absent from that particular meeting, Carole Irelan had offered to serve and was approved. Therefore, he asked Mark to serve on the Police Pension Board to fill the position vacated by Councilor Petruccelli.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve appointment of Mark McKee to the Indian Shores Police Pension Board, term to expire October 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.12 Director of Administration Report.

Bonnie Dhonau, Director of Administration, reported that Buccaneer Landscaping proposed an increase from \$948 per month to \$1,522 per month for landscaping maintenance. Ms. Dhonau expressed the desire to bring the maintenance back to the Public Services Department, which might necessitate hiring another part-time person during the growing season. The department has the equipment needed to perform the tasks and this would give the Town more control.

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Ms. Dhonau addressed the meeting with Sara Mullins, Town Clerk Elaine Jackson and Deputy Clerk Karen Achhamer, relative to the Galleries on the Go reception schedule and future planned events. It was determined that Ms. Mullins would like to present two large events, one in November 2014 and one in February 2015, with a few smaller events in conjunction with the Library, the Women's Club and the Property Owners Association. One event in October, coordinated with a Library Read & Feed, would highlight breast cancer awareness.

Ms. Dhonau reported Chief Hughes had arranged for CPR training for town personnel, council and committee members and had received positive feedback. The Town is planning to set up a Diversity Workshop in July and offer it to all employees. We are also working to finalize a date for the Hurricane Awareness gathering and working with Pinellas County to host a debris management training session, open to other communities, as beach communities have some unique challenges.

Ms. Dhonau also informed Council that plants have been ordered for medians and around the flag pole, due to blight causing a tremendous loss. Public Services plans to have the plants installed by Memorial Day weekend. Only one light has been received so far for the new flag pole. Notification has been received regarding Park Boulevard ATMS project, resulting in lane closure around the end of the year. The bridge closure has been postponed until August 2014.

1.13 Consideration of approving the Police Activity Report for April 2014.

Chief Hughes reported April had been a very quiet month. The police officers are adjusting to the new Acciss System, whereby by just making copious notes into the system, a report is generated, thus report writing is up.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to accept the Police Activity Report for April 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.14 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending April 30, 2014.

Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance and Personnel, reported General Fund spending rate was at 58.3%, but closer to 66% due to items paid in advance. Road and Bridge Fund is behind two months in outstanding revenue. The Town has collected \$1.112 million in Ad Valorem, and we are presently at 95.8% of budget or 92.3% of estimated levied revenue.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the Finance Statement for period ending April 30, 2014, and hold for audit. Motion carried 4-0.

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1.15 Comments from the public on any subject.

Art Newsome, I.S.P.O.A president, announced the next Happy Hour would be held at Mickey Quinn's at 5:30 P.M. on May 14, 2014.

Mr. Newsome inquired about the unwanted vegetation in the concrete areas in the median.

Ms. Dhonau announced she was aware of the problem and it would be addressed. Also, concrete benches and trash cans will be cleaned. However, the paint on the bus stop shelters is peeling and she is attempting to determine who is assigned to maintain them.

Carole Irelan reported the Library would be holding a Read & Feed on June 19, 2014, at 6 P.M., featuring the book entitled "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander.

Larry Shear, Fire Commissioner, reported on the 911 Memorial project, stating there had been problems with material fabrication, issuance of licenses and approval from Indian Rocks Beach and unidentified pipes and wires under the site. Hopefully, the project will resume soon and it is anticipated to be completed by September 11, 2014.

Mr. Shear stated the County has been in turmoil after the departure of the Administrator and there is good reason to believe EMS funding will not change for a year. The District will be applying for refunding and reopening the service in the south area.

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

Councilor Petruccelli stated it was a wonderful world and he was glad to see everyone.

Councilor Soranno reported he had attended the May 7, 2014 Mayor's Council meeting and Mayor Lawrence was presented with an award for his service.

Councilor Smith reported he will be attending the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association meeting at the Tampa airport.

Councilor Smith also commented that Congressman Jolly has introduced a number of bills that are friendly to Pinellas County, and instrumental in bringing big changes to the Biggert Waters bill.

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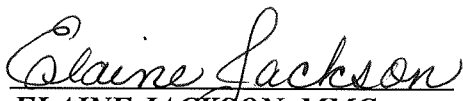
Councilor Smith further explained the latest proposed legislation regarding beach renourishment. Congress passed a number of 50-year projects, and one of those projects was Treasure Island's, which passed in the 1960's. We are now near the end of the 50 years, and if the project is not continued, funds will stop. Congressman Jolly introduced a bill that would extend that 50-year program for Treasure Island for three more years. The bill is called the Water Resources Development Act. We are the Sand Key project, which goes back to the early 1970's, and ours will run out in a few years. It is vitally important to continue all of the nourishment projects.

Councilor Smith said that no renourishment will take place on Sand Key this year, only the areas hit by Tropical Storm Debbie in St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island, which will start in June.

Mayor Lawrence announced the upcoming Memorial Day picnic on May 26, 2014 from 1 to 4 P.M., and thanked staff for putting it together. He stated he would send out 40 notices to condos and email updates regarding the picnic. Chief Hughes contacted Explorer Troop 900 and they will be given a \$50 honorarium for performing the ceremony. Congressman Jolly has confirmed that he will be attending and speak at the ceremony.

Mayor Lawrence also announced Councilors Petruccelli and Smith will be attending the Suncoast League of Cities Conference on May 17th, and stated there is a legislative breakfast at Ruth Eckerd Hall and Council members are welcome to go.

The Indian Shores Town Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.


ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Town Clerk