

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Robert Metz; Chief Williams; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance; Anne Miller; Matt Towson; Joe Driver; Dean Sumner, CEO, Certus Builders; Jeannie Carlson, Beach Beacon Reporter; Chris Guinn, Tampa Bay Times Reporter.

1.0 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 *Consideration of approving Council Agenda for September 18, 2013.*

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Herndon -- to approve Council Agenda for September 18, 2013, as amended by Mayor Lawrence to add Item 1.14.1 for Chief Williams' Report. Motion carried 5-0.

1.2 PUBLIC HEARING: *Announcement of proposed final Ad Valorem millage and percent, if any, by which final millage exceeds the rolled-back rate.*

Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance, announced the proposed final Ad Valorem millage is 1.8700, which exceeds the rolled-back rate of 1.8043 by 3.64 percent.

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

1.3 PUBLIC HEARING: *Adoption of final Ad Valorem millage of 1.8700 mills per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for FY 2013//2014, by RESOLUTION 7-2013.*

Attorney Metz read proposed RESOLUTION 7-2013, in full.

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

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

William F. Smith
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan
Councilor

Steve Sutch
Councilor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott
Councilor

E.D. Williams
Chief of Police/
Administration

Lisa G. Robinson
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews
Building Official

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Sutch** -- to approve adoption of final *Ad Valorem* millage rate of 1.8700 mills per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for FY 2013/14, by **RESOLUTION 7-2013**, as published. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.4 PUBLIC HEARING: Amendment of proposed Budget and adoption of final Budget for FY 2013/2014, by RESOLUTION 8-2013.

Attorney Metz read the title of proposed RESOLUTION 8-2013.

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

MOTION by **Councilor Irelan** -- seconded by **Councilor Herndon**-- to adopt final Budget for FY 2013/2014, by **RESOLUTION 8-2013**, as published. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

A. <u>MINUTES:</u>	Council	-	9/18/2013
	Workshop	-	9/17/2013
	Admn. Com.	-	9/17/2013

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

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

This monthly item was considered at meeting on 9/4/2013.

1.6 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

1.7 CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

1.8 Town Attorney's Report. NONE

1.9 PUBLIC HEARING: *Second Reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2013-2, amending the Town of Indian Shores Police Officers' Pension Trust Fund, restated by Ordinance 2010-5, amending subsections (c), (f) and (k).*

Attorney Metz conducted the Second Reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2013-2, by reading the title in full.

Chief Williams reported the proposed Ordinance was complying with Federal law.

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

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve Second Reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2013-2 as published, by title only. Motion carried 5-0.

1.10 *Consideration of awarding Bid for new Pavilion Project.*

Councilor Irelan, as a member of the Building Committee, reported the Committee met with the two shortlisted companies, Certus Builders and Integra Construction Group, wherein representatives from each presented their company information and project approach relative to constructing the Town's new Pavilion.

Councilor Irelan reported the Bid submitted from Certus Builders is \$322,619.00, and presented several value engineer deducts which brought the figure to \$285,945.00, advising it was a consensus of the Building Committee to recommend the Bid be awarded to Certus Builders.

Chief Williams reported he had requested Mr. Sumner to put a pencil to the proposed deducts and give us a final figure.

Mr. Sumner reported he had reviewed the proposed deducts as discussed at the presentation meeting, however he wanted to follow up with his subcontractors to ensure he was presenting an accurate number.

Chief Williams advised Council to approve the Bid of \$285,945.00, subject to additional deducts.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Sutch** -- to award Bid for construction of Pavilion, restrooms, serving area and storage area to Certrus Builders in the amount of \$285,945.00, subject to deducts. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Sumner advised Council members he appreciated the opportunity to work on the beach, as they were doing a project right down the road, and stated he was looking forward to working on the project.

1.11 Consideration of awarding Bid for new Playground Area Project.

Mayor Lawrence reported that only one (1) Bid had been received which was not favorable, and the Playground Area Project will be re-bid.

Chief Williams reported the project has been re-bid.

It was a consensus of the Council to proceed with the re-bidding process for the Playground Area project.

1.12 Consideration of approving nominating Commissioner Cookie Kennedy from City of Indian Rocks Beach to serve as the BIG-C's representative on the new Metropolitan Planning Organization and Pinellas Planning Council unified board.

Mayor Lawrence reported for three years they have been trying to combine these two organizations, advising now the beaches will have a representative on the MPO, which is a positive for the Town.

Mayor Lawrence further reported that Commissioner Kennedy now serves on the PPC and has requested to serve on this unified board.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Smith** -- seconded by **Councilor Irelan** -- to approve nominating Commissioner Cookie Kennedy from City of Indian Rocks Beach to serve as the BIG-C's representative on the new Metropolitan Planning Organization and Pinellas Planning Council unified board. **Motion carried 5-0.**

1.13 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending August 31, 2013.

Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance, reported the spend rate is at 92%, with revenues year to date at \$2,354,607.00, noting the General Fund is in good shape.

The Director of Finance also reported tax revenue of \$1,125,291.00 is slightly above due to a tax sale and another \$26,000.00 received on back taxes for property at 19400 Gulf Boulevard, noting ad valorem revenue at 100.8% at end of August.

The Director of Finance advised Road & Bridge Fund is about two months behind, due to how funds are posted, with CIP in good position for projects and debt payments.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to accept Financial Statement for period ending August 31, 2013, and hold for audit. Motion carried 5-0.

1.14 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of August 2013.

Chief Williams reported it was a busy month report wise in that Reports were up 14 from prior year, arrests up, traffic crashes at zero, citations were normal, with warnings the same, one ordinance violation and calls for service were up marginally, and had one death and one suicide during the month.

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

1.14A Chief Williams' reported on the following:

- 1) **Property Owners' Assn.:** Had discussion with ISPOA President, Art Newsome, regarding live aboard motor homes.

Chief Williams reported that had been dropped from the Town Code several years ago, and he would like Council direction to pursue a reasonable Ordinance to park and load/unload, but there have been complaints regarding living aboard.

It was a consensus of Council members for Chief Williams to pursue a proposed Ordinance for review.

2) **Parking installed at 199th Ave. West for beach re-nourishment requirements:**

Chief Williams reported some man from New York, who is a policeman and comes down and stays here, pulled up a sign and painted over the markings. He has been sent a letter for criminal mischief and requested to reimburse the Town, or proceedings will move forward.

3) **Closed Door Executive Session:**

Chief Williams reported he needed to schedule a Closed Door Executive Session meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 @ 1:00, to discuss parameters for Union negotiations.

1.15 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

- 1) **Matt Towson, resident**, addressed the proposed significant increase in flood insurance, and requested the Council get involved to try and delay.

Mayor Lawrence advised the Council is already involved in that at the last Council meeting on 9/4/2013 a Resolution was passed to study and delay this law, with contact made to Congressman, and representatives on the State, County and local levels to also pursue.

Mayor Lawrence stated they really need someone to do an economic impact study on this matter.

- 2) **Joe Driver, resident, Vista Village**, also expressed concern regarding this law which will go into effect October 1, 2013, stating we have had no major flooding issues here, and believes we are subsidizing the rest of the States.

Vice Mayor Smith stated another aspect is that FEMA is in the process of re-doing flood maps and may change velocity zones and expand them, which will make the premiums 10 times higher, noting they are trying to get the deadline moved back a year.

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

Councilor Irelan reported the Library held their Read and Feed featuring the book "The Group", which was a success, noting the next book featured will be "The 20's Girl", however a date has not yet been scheduled.

Councilor Herndon reported since the exercise class changed the name to Fountain of Youth, they have gotten more members, and further reported Beginner Bridge lessons would begin 9/30/2013 with only four (4) classes on Mondays, and another class will begin in January 2014.

Councilor Sutch reported the Coastal Clean-Up will be held on October 19, 2013, advising several organizations have called to participate together with some individuals. He noted the County was still doing an exceptional job in maintaining Tiki Park.

Vice Mayor Smith reported he would be attending the FSBPA Conference September 25 - 27, 2013.

Vice Mayor Smith further reported on a FEMA outreach meeting on 9/26/2013, relative to re-drawing the flood maps which he was going to try and make by driving back from Delray beach to St. Petersburg, and then returning to Delray Beach for the rest of the conference.

Mayor Lawrence suggested **Vice Mayor Smith** may want to possibly reconsider the long drive to attend this initial meeting, noting Mayor Mining will be attending and he believes they may only be discussing the methodology for re-doing the maps, but he would leave that decision up to him.

Mayor Lawrence reported the BIG-C would meet at the Holiday Inn on 9/25/2013.

Mayor Lawrence also reported Indian Shores would host the BIG-C on 12/4/2013, and asked Councilor Irelan and Councilor Herndon if they would again decorate for this event, and they agreed to decorate for this holiday event.

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

MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk