

Town of Indian Shores



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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - APRIL 23, 2013

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING convened at 2:00 P.M.
Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Smith; Councilor Herndon, Councilor Ireland and Councilor Sutch.

Also Present: Chief Williams; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Janet McKee; Marshall Eiss, Suncoast Fire & Rescue Department;

1. **Discussion with Attorney Robert Metz, who was recommended by Town Attorney Yacavone as his replacement, as he will be retiring in August 2013.**

Mayor Lawrence reported that at the last Council meeting Mr. Yacavone had talked about his retirement and recommended Mr. Metz be considered for filling the attorney vacancy.

Mayor Lawrence further reported he had distributed the resume and bio for Mr. Metz, and suggested the Staff meet with Mr. Metz and discuss things and then bring Mr. Metz to a public meeting, noting Mr. Metz has a strong real estate background and has worked several municipal attorney matters.

Attorney Metz addressed Council members stating he was born and raised in Clearwater, with all of his family also being from Clearwater, which is why he loves it here and remains in this area. Mr. Metz stated he graduated from Clearwater High, FSU and Stetson, is married and has a 2 ½ year old daughter.

Mr. Metz stated he likes real estate, noted his firm works with 9 municipalities, and has served in the capacity as Special Master for cities.

Mayor Lawrence stated he puts a lot of credence in the opinion of Mr. Yacavone, and has spoken with him privately.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

E.D. Williams
Town Administrator
Chief of Police

Joan G. Herndon
Vice Mayor

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Carole Ireland
Councilor

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

Steve Sutch
Councilor

James Yacavone
Town Attorney

William F. Smith
Councilor

Lawrence G. Nayman
Building Code
Administrator

Council members briefly discussed, with positive comments regarding Mr. Metz.

Chief Williams reported that Staff met with Mr. Metz last week over lunch and discussed interaction with Staff and Council, and how the Town functions, advising all liked Mr. Metz and would recommend him for this position.

Mayor Lawrence stated this item could be placed on the Council meeting agenda scheduled for May 14, 2013, for appropriate action.

Mayor Lawrence addressed the following items:

- **** *Mayor Lawrence apologized to Council members for missing the annual invitation to the Welcome Center party, advising it was delivered in a small bottle, with sand and sea shells, and he did not realize the invitation was rolled up inside the bottle.*

- **** *Mayor Lawrence announced tomorrow morning the BIG-C meeting would host the Emergency Management Meeting with Pinellas County from 8 AM to Noon.*

- **** *Mayor Lawrence addressed the upcoming annual Memorial Day picnic, and Councilor Irelan volunteered again to oversee and co-ordinate the event. Mayor Lawrence expressed his thanks, stating he did not even have to ask for a volunteer. Mayor Lawrence requested the Town Clerk check with Tom Davis to provide the music for the picnic from 1:00 P.M. to 4 PM.*

2. Discussion of proposed new Pavilion and Playground area.

Chief Williams reviewed the rendering reflecting the layout of the proposed new Pavilion and Playground area, noting the storage area has been moved to the middle and the restrooms will be on the south end of Public Services Building.

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Chief Williams reported having met a few times with Steven Vinci, ARC 3, Steve Andrews, Building Official and Bob Brotherton, Town Engineer, to discuss and review this project, and based on Council direction at the last meeting, the overall plan is as follows:

- (1) Pavilion to be same size as present one.
- (2) Valuation – Approximately \$210,000.00.
- (3) Delete proposed civil engineering approximate cost of \$9,200.00, as Bob Brotherton, Town Engineer, can perform work for less.
- (4) Administrative construction cost approximately \$14,000.00, which is 6.71%.
- (5) Request for Proposal (RFP), is ready.
- (6) Demo of present Pavilion anticipated week after Memorial Day.
- (7) Playground to be moved under the two Australian Pine trees, with a 4 or 6 ft. chain link fence (which does not block view), with gate.
- (8) Brick pavers will lead out to the seawall.
- (9) Prepare RFP for playground, noting \$50,000.00 set aside, with new equipment estimate at \$23,000.00, and fencing and base chips to be priced by vendors. Request to replace loops with swings for toddlers. **Noted:** Someone has requested to purchase old playground equipment.
- (10) Resolution needs to be amended with DCA for approval to mitigate and move footprint, and will proceed with survey from Lauren Penny, to submit.
- (11) Two more sliding windows put in at each end of serving kitchen.
- (12) Remove fire pit, install four (4) standard grills.
- (13) Leave ceiling open under Pavilion.

It was a consensus of the Council members for Chief Williams to proceed accordingly with proposed plans for the new Pavilion and Playground area.

3. Discussion of request from Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue to use the Town's Council Chambers to conduct their monthly and special meetings.

Mayor Lawrence noted this was not a formal request at this time.

Marshall Eiss, Suncoast Fire & Rescue Department, advised the Department's Board would be discussing this matter again soon, and were more or less in a fact-finding mode at this time, reporting the Board holds a regular and Workshop meeting each month at 7 P.M., which usually runs about an hour and a half.

Council members briefly discussed this matter, with all Council members voicing support regarding the potential request for the Fire Department to utilize the Town's Council Chambers to conduct their meetings.

Mayor Lawrence stated it would help the Fire Department and be convenient for them and would also meet ADA requirements.

It was noted that a possible conflict with the ISPOA meetings should not present a problem, per Art Newsome, President, who was at the meeting.

Mayor Lawrence advised the Council would await an official request from the Fire Department.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 3:00 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk