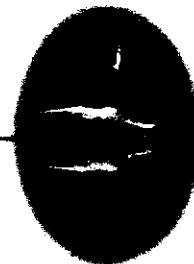


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## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES - JULY 16, 2012

**INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING convened at 10:00 A.M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence; Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.**

**Also Present: Anne Miller; Are Newsome; Jim Maloney; Janet Golden.**

**1.0 Discussion of letter from City of Madeira Beach to determine the Town's interest in cost sharing to purchase a new bucket truck with other municipalities. (Ref.: Pg. 1)**

*Chief Williams reported on speaking with Shane Crawford, City Manager, City of Madeira Beach, and he advised he did not get the response he anticipated and that Madeira Beach would go ahead and buy the bucket truck and factor in a rental fee if the Town wished to use it in the future.*

*Chief Williams stated that would work out much better for the Town, as it would be used to put up flags and Christmas decorations.*

**2.0 Discussion of purchasing lighted Christmas decorations.**

*Mayor Lawrence reported that unfortunately during the move to the new building the Town's Christmas banners had been misplaced and were never found.*

*Mayor Lawrence further reported there had been some discussion on buying, as rentals are so high, and Chief has reviewed some options.*

*Chief Williams reported on a proposal from Clark's Display Sales quoting \$10,500.00 for 60 pole mounted illuminated displays similar to what is used in Redington Shores, and requires a five year contract.*

*Chief Williams also reported on a proposal from Downtown Decorations for 50 silhouette pole decorations fully illuminated with white LED lights, noting he reduced the quantity from 60 to 50 after doing a manual count of existing poles to reduce cost. He further noted the Town has 104 poles that this would allow a decoration on every other pole. He stated the prices vary, but selected 3 displays ranging in price from \$279.00 - \$368.00 each. He advised Staff recommends the direct purchase as being the most cost effective approach with an approximate cost of \$15,925.00 plus freight.*

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

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*Chief Williams advised there are some funds in this year's Budget, noting the Finance Director needs to know for budget purposes as she will need to do a budget amendment if they are purchased this year.*

*It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed with purchasing the Christmas Decorations in this year's budget, and that item will be placed on the Council Agenda for July 24, 2012, for a budget amendment.*

**3.0 Discussion of purchasing new turf and playground equipment for Estelle Harper Park.**

*Chief Williams advised that he is speaking concept and not specific equipment.*

*Chief Williams reported that the present "poured in place base" has deteriorated, however it costs \$2,000.00 to perform a safety test to determine the level of deterioration, which might affect the safety factor. He noted there are issues with footprint changes and repairs when you move equipment with the "poured in place base".*

*Chief Williams further reported on options and costs as follows:*

*Artificial Turf            \$28,856*

*Poured in Place:*

*Patch & Resurface    \$15,505*

*New Install            \$34,241*

*Engineered Wood      \$20,516*

*Chief Williams advised that all vendors said that Town received a good life expectancy on the "poured in place base", and noted painting the present equipment is not feasible. He stated the engineered wood, which is a variation of shaved mulch is used by Pinellas County, and it is better if the footprint is changed in the future,*

*Chief Williams reported the Town could obtain new equipment and use engineered wood for about \$34,000.00, utilizing funds from the tower income, with Council needing to determine if it should be done this year or next fiscal year.*

*Mayor Lawrence stated when the year started everything was tight in the budget, however with the sale of the rights to the tower and passage of the Interlocal Agreement with the County, the Town could borrow from cell tower funds and pay back with the Penny funds.*

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**Janet Golden, resident, 19201 Vista Lane, addressed Council stating she was happy to hear the Chief's report as there are many more renters in her building with young children. She stated she had background experience as a Youth Development Director and in grant writing and fund raising, and offered to assist the Town in these areas.**

**Janet Golden stated that she had safety concerns with the present location of the recycling dumpster, and asked if Council could look into moving it further away from the playground area.**

**Chief Williams stated the entire area was under a FRDAP grant and footprint granted for a 25 year period, and was not sure if it could be amended.**

**Mayor Lawrence stated the Town could not impede the Sheriff's Marine Facility, however they will look into the recycle dumpster area.**

**Mayor Lawrence advised that the 2010 Census reflected 26 school age children in town, however we know that is not an accurate figure today, however it is difficult to determine a correct number of children in this area and asked if she could give the town any information, as the schools cannot release this information.**

**Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reported that \$55,200.00 has been presented in the FY 12/13 CIP Budget for next year.**

**Chief Williams stated that next year's budget would be better as time was needed to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP).**

**It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed forward with the proposed playground improvements in the FY 12/13 Budget.**

**4.0 Discussion of proposal to re-surface the Town's tennis court.**

**Mayor Lawrence read an e-mail received from Linda and Larry Pair asking the Town to improve the condition of the tennis court.**

**Chief Williams reviewed two proposals to resurface the tennis courts and provide a new net as follows:**

<b>Welch Tennis Courts, Inc.</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>(One year limited warranty)</b>
<b>Nidy Sports Construction</b>	<b>\$5,589.00</b>	<b>(No warranty implied)</b>

*Chief Williams reported that Staff recommended Welch Tennis Courts, and to complete after October, noting the lights would be re-done and a couple of benches on net side.*

*It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed with the tennis court improvements as recommended by Staff.*

**5.0 Discussion of establishing policy regarding whether to impose fees for the Town's recreation activities, and whether to rent the Town's facility for outside social events.**

*Mayor Lawrence referred to Workshop Minutes of May 1, 2012, wherein representatives from City of Belleair Beach were present and discussed the pros and cons, with a discussion following on whether to charge for the purpose of off-setting some costs.*

*Discussion followed and all Council members were in agreement to keep the status quo and not charge instructors, as well as retaining the present policy for rental of the facility to residents only.*

*Chief Williams emphasized the need that all proposed recreation activities must be presented to the Public Service Committee for approval.*

*Mayor Lawrence advised that a recreation committee had been put in place consisting of Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Irelan and Councilor Sutch, however he stated it needed to be more formalized, and all agreed.*

**6.0 Discussion of proposed refunding of Town's bank loan with Sun Trust.**

*Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, reviewed with Council her Memo dated 7/16/2012, relative to refunding the Town's current Municipal Center Bank Loan, with a projected savings over the remaining life of the loan amount to approximately \$72,400.00.*

*It was a consensus of the Council members to proceed with making arrangements to refund the Town's bank loan.*

**\*\*** *Mayor Lawrence addressed a letter from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium requesting the donation of old towels, and they will pick them up.*

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***Mayor Lawrence reminded all of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Community Garden tomorrow.***

***Councilor Irelan announced author Laura Kehoe would be in the Library on Thursday, 7/18/2012 for a wine and cheese tasting for her new book.***

***INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING adjourned at 11:10 A.M.***

  
**MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC**  
***Town Clerk***