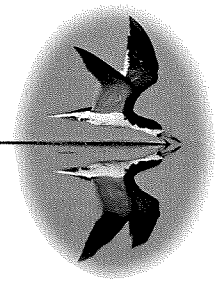


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SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - July 23, 2013

INDIAN SHORES SPECIAL 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: Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance; Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance Trainee; Charlie Parrott; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Pat Plumlee; Mike Petrucci.

1.0 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for July 23, 2013.

MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by Councilor Irelan -- to approve Council Agenda for July 23, 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.2 Consideration of approving Minutes of Council meeting held on July 9, 2013.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith -- seconded by Councilor Herndon -- to approve Minutes of Council meeting held on July 9, 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

1.3 Determine figures to provide the Pinellas County Property Appraiser proposed and rolled-back millage rates, the proposed aggregate millage rate, and the date, time and place of the two (2), required public hearings to be held on September 4, 2013 and September 18, 2013, at which the budget and millage rate for FY 2013/2014 will be estimated and adopted.

Mayor Lawrence reported the Council just spent an hour at the Workshop meeting prior to this meeting, wherein they reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 2013/2014 Budget in detail to determine a proposed millage rate.

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

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews
Building Official

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Mary Karayianes, Director of Finance, recapped the Budget presented to Council as follows:

- ** Total assessed value of the Town as reflected on the DR420 is \$644,963,529.00, which is an increase of 3.86% over last year.*
- ** Staff has presented a balanced Budget for FY13/14. Present millage rate is 1.8700, budgeted at 97% of proposed rate.*
- ** General Fund Budget is \$2,761,274.00, and discussed option as reflected in Memo, whereby if Council goes with the roll back rate of 1.8043, then \$41,103.00 would have to come from Fund Balance to balance the Budget.*
- ** Proposed a 3% CPI for personnel, and merit pool up to 3% employees can earn, effective October 1, 2013, noting no increase for employees for four (4) years. Also noted historical review is in the packet.*
- ** Last year implemented a 6% deduction across the board. Year before there was a reduction in expenses of 6.8%.*
- ** Noted with new Municipal Building there is need to budget appropriate funds for operating the building.*
- ** Reported pages 10 – 19 in the packet reflect proposed Operating Budget for General Fund, Road & Bridge and Capital Improvement Program.*

Mayor Lawrence called for any questions, however there were none.

MOTION by Councilor Irelan -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve submitting to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser the following information: Rolled back rate of 1.8043 for FY 13/14; proposed millage rate of 1.8700; proposed aggregate millage rate to be 1.8700; together with public hearings being held on September 4, 2013 and September 18, 2013. Motion carried 5-0.

1.4 Consideration of request from Waste Services to modify rate increase in Contract for the purpose of unfreezing rate increase for year 2015, and apply CPI rate increase for years 2014 and 2015, rather than a retro-active rate increase for year 2013.

Mayor Lawrence reported a representative from Waste Services, now Progressive Waste Solutions, addressed the Council at the Workshop meeting prior to this meeting, relative to their rate increase request and their error in not requesting for the present year.

The matter was discussed and it was recommended there be no increase until the last two (2) years of the Contract, which will be 2014 and 2015, and each year a 2% CPI increase will be applied to the rates.

MOTION by Councilor Herndon -- seconded by Vice Mayor Smith -- to approve modification proposed by Waste Services to unfreeze rate increase for year 2015, and apply CPI rate increase of 2% for years 2014 and 2015, rather than a retro-active rate increase for year 2013, which was overlooked. Motion carried 5-0.

1.5 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

*1) **Mike Petruccelli, resident,** informed Council members that two people in the last two months interested in buying property within Indian Shores, stated it was due to the Town's stewardship.*

Mayor Lawrence stated that was a very nice compliment to receive and he stated he was proud to hear that, as were all the Council members.

1.6 Mayor's and Council Members Comments on any subject.

Councilor Irelan stated she had no report to present.

Councilor Sutch reported Tiki Park was continuing to look good, but advised the Community Garden looks really bad, and is in need of water.

Mayor Lawrence stated he would contact Kenny Nayman, in Public Services Department, and discuss the matter with him.

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Councilor Herndon reported speaking with Barbara Smith, former Bridge teacher, and stated she herself had considered teaching the classes, but does not have the time. She further reported she is working on getting two (2) people to teach the class.

Mayor Lawrence pointed out the insurance requirements they must follow.

Vice Mayor Smith reported the FSBPA annual meeting is being held September 25-27, 2013 in Delray Beach, and advised he would be attending the Board of Directors meeting as representative for the Town and the BIG-C. He encouraged everyone to attend one of these meetings sometime as it is very informative regarding beach re-nourishment.

Mayor Lawrence reported on the following items:

Letter from County Library Cooperative advising the Town could join the cooperative for a cost of \$42,259.20.

Letter from Neighborly Care Network advising the Town that sequestration has cut into their budget affecting meals, etc.

Mayor Lawrence stated he understands their position, however he feels the Town has done their fair share in their annual donation to this organization.

Mayor Lawrence reported he was to have gone out of Town tomorrow, however his plans have changed, and he may go out of town next week, and will keep everyone informed.

INDIAN SHORES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Marcia Grantham
MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk