



## **TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

***The Town Council Workshop meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Petruccelli and Councilor Smith.***

***Absent: Councilor Soranno***

***Also Present: Town Clerk, Elaine Jackson; Director of Finance, Walter Pierce; Town Administrator, Bonnie Dhonau; Chief Hughes; Chief Sal D'Angelo, PSFRD; Carole Irelan and Art Newsome.***

### **1.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA**

***Mayor Lawrence introduced the new Fire Chief, Sal D'Angelo, of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District and welcomed him.***

***Chief D'Angelo stated he was happy to be here and thanked the Council for allowing the Fire Commission meetings to be held in their beautiful new building.***

#### **1.1 *Review of Town's Windstorm coverage.***

***Director of Finance, Walter Pierce, reviewed the Town's current windstorm coverage and presented several options for consideration.***

***Mr. Pierce stated that he and the Town Administrator had met with Andy Hansen with the Florida League of Cities, Maggie Boykin with First Florida Insurance Brokers and Michelle Martin with Public Risk Insurance Agency. Additionally, a phone conference was held with Bob Mitchell with the Mitchell Insurance Agency representing Weston Insurance (which the Town's existing policy is through).***

***Mr. Pierce pointed out that the only options in his presentation that would offer coverage for any damage sustained as a result of storm surge was through the Florida League of Cities. The others quoting additional windstorm coverage for the Town had to go to surplus lines for quotes, resulting in coverage that is not as comprehensive as it would be through the Florida League of Cities.***

James J. Lawrence  
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott  
Vice Mayor

William F. Smith  
Councilor

Patrick C. Soranno  
Councilor

Michael "Mike" Petruccelli  
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau  
Town Administrator

Terry E. Hughes  
Chief of Police

Walter H. Pierce, III  
Director of Finance  
and Personnel

Elaine N. Jackson, MMC  
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.  
Town Attorney

Malcolm Green  
Building Official

*Mr. Pierce indicated that it may be time to increase the Town's wind coverage for the municipal center and other Town property in order to reduce risk. Mr. Pierce also stated that a long-term resolution in the form of an RFP could be sent out at the beginning of next year. It is anticipated that through the RFP process the other public insurers would be able to place the Town in a pool or trust and include the Town's other insurance needs, i.e. Property, Liability, Flood, etc. and come back with more comprehensive coverage to include storm surge.*

*The Council discussed the low cost premium with the Weston additional coverage for just the municipal center increasing coverage to \$6,644,530 and contents from current \$0 to \$300,000.*

*Mr. Pierce cautioned the Council that this option would be a risk because of the lack of storm surge language in the Weston policy.*

*At this time it was the consensus of the Council to increase wind storm coverage but to take a more conservative approach than opt for the minimum \$44,891 additional premium through the Florida League of Cities and select the additional coverage offered through Mitchell Insurance Agency for an additional \$5,644,530 in coverage with a 3 percent deductible and \$300,000 coverage for contents for a premium from January of 2015 through September 2015 in the amount of \$18,087. This additional coverage does not include any coverage for storm surge.*

*Mayor Lawrence instructed staff to put this recommendation to Council on the next Council meeting agenda.*

***The Indian Shores Council Workshop adjourned at 4:05 P.M.***

  
**ELAINE JACKSON, MMC**  
**Town Clerk**