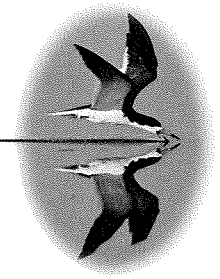


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 8, 2014

The Indian Shores Town Council meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Petruccelli, Councilor Smith and Councilor Soranno.

Absent: Mayor Lawrence

Also Present: Chief Hughes; Director of Finance Lisa Robinson; Director of Administration Bonnie Dhonau; Town Clerk Elaine Jackson; Attorney Robert Metz; Sarah Ward, Interim Director, Metropolitan Planning Organization; Carole Irelan; Steve Sutch; Diantha and Larry Schear; Barbara Soranno; Matt Towson; Joe and Georgia Tawil; and Reporter Jeannie Carlson.

1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for April 8, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve Council Agenda for April 8, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.2 Comments from the public on any Agenda item.

There were no comments.

1.3 Consideration of approving “CONSENT AGENDA” as follows:

A. MINUTES Council - March 25, 2014

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve “Consent Agenda” covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES

From March 1, 2014 thru March 31, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve “Consent Agenda” covering Re-Occurring Expenses, as published. Motion carried 4-0.

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott
Vice Mayor

William F. Smith
Councilor

Patrick C. Soranno
Councilor

Michael “Mike” Petruccelli
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Director of
Administration

Terry E. Hughes
Chief of Police

Lisa G. Robinson
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Elaine N. Jackson, MMC
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews
Building Official

1.4 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: None

1.5 CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Michael Petruccelli resigning from the Indian Shores Police Pension Board.

Council accepted the letter of resignation from Michael Petruccelli.

1.6 Town Attorney's Report: None

1.7 Consideration of approving Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Presentation by Sarah E. Ward, Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Ms. Ward, Interim Director of the MPO, stated several years ago the local governments in Pinellas County decided to establish a county-wide policy board to oversee transportation and land use matters. At that time the MPO oversaw transportation matters and the Pinellas Planning Council oversaw land use.

The two entities will merge into one organization and the MPO, which was created under federal law, will serve both functions. One function of the board is to set priorities of expenditures of federal funds which will return to this area.

Governor Scott approved the new board in March 2014, which will be expanded from eleven members to thirteen members. Of the two additional seats, one will represent the ten beach communities and the other will represent the six inland communities. The FDOT will be a non-voting member.

Each local government is required to nominate a representative to the board and once the final agreement is executed, the new board will be seated in mid- May.

Councilor Petruccelli inquired what the MPO's position was relative to the Greenlight Pinellas Plan.

Ms. Ward also stated there is a need to expand the bus system, as the current system is not adequate to serve late-night workers, and she supports the Greenlight initiative to establish some type of rail system in the Tampa Bay region.

Councilor Smith commented this is a real opportunity for the beach communities to have a representative and that Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy was voted the representative in September 2013. Communities will make the final decision at the April 30, 2014 Big-C meeting.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Motion carried 4-0.

1.8 Consideration of approving purchase of a 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle for \$29,367.00.

Chief Hughes explained the town rotates one vehicle out of service each year for replacement, and had been waiting for one vehicle to become available for trade-in. With trade-in allowances for two vehicles, the total cost for the new vehicle will be only \$96.00 over budgeted amount.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve purchase of 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle for \$29, 367.00. Motion carried 4-0.

1.9 Consideration of approving new hire Officer Darin J. Rath as part time/reserve officer.

Chief Hughes addressed changes in personnel, wherein a detective was promoted from within the department, which made an opening for a full-time officer. This position was filled with James “Mike” Bryan. Bryan’s part-time position opened up and Chief Hughes requested approval of **Darin J. Rath** as candidate to fill the part-time position. Mr. Rath was previously employed by the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office and presently works for a private security company and is still active in law enforcement.

Motion by Councilor Soranno – seconded by Councilor Petruccelli, to approve new hire Officer Darin J. Rath, as a part time/reserve officer. Motion carried 4-0.

1.10 Notification of scrivener’s error relative to the January 15, 2014 memorandum from Town Administrator regarding reorganizing, filling positions, and establishing salary for Department Heads.

Director of Finance Lisa Robinson explained that a scrivener's error occurred in the calculations put forth in memorandum of January 15, 2014, wherein an outdated Classification Plan was used to establish salaries for administrative and public services departments of recent new hires and those promoted. Calculated impact to adjust for correct minimum salaries and benefits for the remaining six months, reflecting a 3% COLA, will be \$2,775 and \$1,268 respectively. No budget amendment is anticipated at this time.

1.11 PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming May 2014 as Older Americans Month.

Vice Mayor Herndon addressed the Proclamation recognizing citizens aged 60 and older.

1.12 Consideration of approving request from Joan Barlas to conduct Duplicate Bridge Club games on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:00 P.M., starting May 7, 2014, at a charge of \$1.00 per table.

Vice Mayor Herndon reported that the bridge games have taken place in Indian Shores for more than 40 years and has had several directors. The present director is retiring and Joan Barlas has stepped in to provide continuity.

Chief Hughes stated one stipulation for conducting activities in the municipal center is that a background check must be conducted. One item appeared on the background check, but it was of no consequence.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve request from Joan Barlas to conduct Duplicate Bridge games on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:00 P.M., starting May 7, 2014, at a charge of \$1.00 per table. Motion carried 4-0.

1.13 Consideration of approving the Police Activity Report for March 2014.

Chief Hughes stated there had been more activity for the detective than usual, whereas most other activities were down, except parking tickets.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of March 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

1.14 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending March 31, 2014.

Director of Finance Lisa Robinson, reported the spend rate is at 50%. Year to date revenues are slightly above for the General Fund and slightly below for Road and Bridge. Capital Improvement Funds have been expended for the finalizing of the pavilion and playground. Ad Valorem funds received are at 93% of budgeted revenue.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by Councilor Soranno, to accept Financial Statement for period ending March 31, 2014, and hold for audit. Motion carried 4-0.

1.15 Comments from the public on any subject.

Art Newsome announced the Indian Shores Property Owners Association will hold their happy hour on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Salt Rock Grill, and there is a possibility they might be meeting in the new room.

Carol Irelan announced the Library Read and Feed will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. The featured novel is "I Still Dream About You" by Fannie Flag and an Easter Brinner will be served.

Director of Administration Bonnie Dhonau reported that staff will be meeting with Sara Mullins and Steve Graff on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. to work on the historical marker presentation to bring before Council for their consideration.

*Ms. Dhonau also reported meeting with Dave Brown, Ashton Woods, relative to the plat approval and will meet with **Bob Brotherton** and **Building Official Steve Andrews** to try to move the project forward. It is anticipated the matter will be ready to present to the Planning, Zoning and Building Committee on April 22, 2014 and a subsequent Special Council meeting.*

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

Councilor Petruccelli stated he was pleased the Mayor is recovering and he is open for input from citizens at any time.


Councilor Soranno stated he was also pleased with the Mayor's progress and wished him a speedy recovery.

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Councilor Smith reported a new flood insurance bill was passed and signed into law on March 21, 2014 by President Obama, which modifies the Biggert-Waters Act, wherein many of the disadvantageous provisions will not take place. The bill will be phased in over a longer period. Representative David Jolly has filed a bill that would extend these new provisions to second homes and commercial properties. He stated it seems some common sense has prevailed and will result in more reasonable flood insurance rates.

Vice Mayor Herndon thanked the Town staff for taking charge and doing what needed to be done in the Mayor's absence.

THE INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:40 P.M.



ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Town Clerk