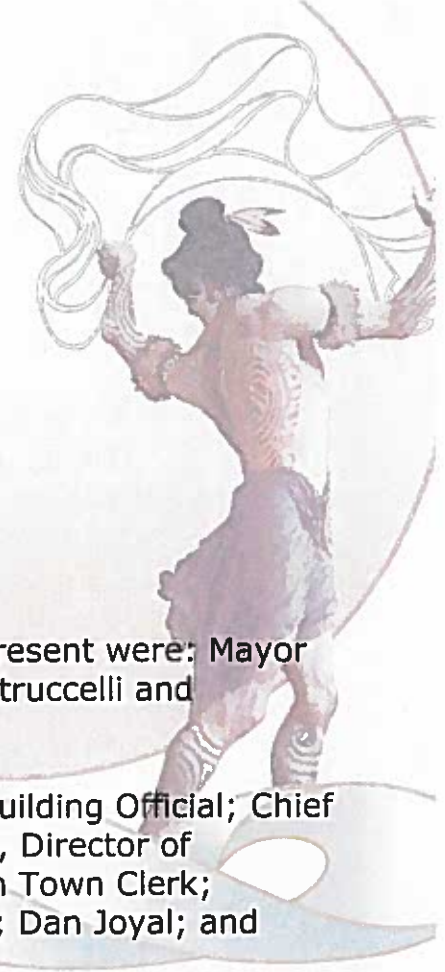


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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - MARCH 14, 2017

The Town Council meeting convened at 5:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Soranno, Vice Mayor Schear, Councilor Hackerson, Councilor Petruccelli and Councilor Smith.

Also Present: Town Attorney Regina Kardash; Greg Yantorno, Building Official; Chief Hughes; Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator; Susan Scrogam, Director of Finance; Elaine Jackson, Town Clerk; Stephanie Waters, Interim Town Clerk; Barbara Soranno; Art Newsome; Georgia Tawil; Alice Lawrence; Dan Joyal; and Paul Treverton.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1.0 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for March 14, 2017.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear**, to approve Agenda for March 14, 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

2.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda item.

There were no comments.

3.0 Consideration of approving the "CONSENT AGENDA" as follows:

- A. MINUTES: Admin & Finance Committee – February 14, 2017
Council Meeting – February 14, 2017

Motion by Vice Mayor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Smith**, to approve the Consent Agenda covering Minutes for February 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Patrick C. Soranno
Vice Mayor

Michael (Mike) Petruccelli
Councilor

Diantha Schear
Councilor

William F. (Bill) Smith
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau
Town Administrator

Terry E. Hughes
Chief of Police

Susan L. Scrogam
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Elaine N. Jackson, MMC
Town Clerk

Gregory Yantorno
Building Official

Regina Kardash, Esq.
Town Attorney

B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: for February 2017

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear**, to approve the re-occurring expenses for February 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4.0 **Approval of Committee expenditures:** None

5.0 **Correspondence:** None

6.0 **Town Attorney's Report.**

Attorney Kardash reported she spent time preparing for the Planning, Zoning and Building Committee meeting, worked on the new Tiki Gardens licensee agreement, and Code Enforcement Notices. She stated she anticipates spending time on the noise issues which were discussed at the February 2017 meeting.

7.0 **PROCLAMATION: A Proclamation of the Town of Indian Shores, designating March 2017, as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.**

Mayor Soranno read a portion of the Proclamation, and stated he would be signing it.

8.0 **Consideration of a License Agreement between Pinellas County, Florida, and the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, for the use of County property (Tiki Gardens) for the display of public art and related appurtenances, as approved by the Indian Shores Arts Council Ad Hoc Committee.**

Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator said the Arts Council had reviewed and recommended approval of this agreement. The agreement had gone through legal review by both parties, and verbiage was added regarding a Simple Permit Application for events to be held by the Town at the site.

Mayor Soranno questioned the permitting process.

Attorney Kardash clarified it was a specific form for governmental entities.

Councilor Petruccelli asked about current fencing and access to the site.

Councilor Smith clarified that the fence and wall would be reconfigured.

Attorney Kardash advised that while the Town had initially requested a longer lease period of fifty years, the County would only agree to a shorter period of five years with renewal options.

Mayor Soranno questioned insurance requirements and compliance with current insurance policies. It was determined insurance would be addressed prior to using the property.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Councilor Hackerson**, to approve the agreement with Pinellas County for the use of Tiki Gardens. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9.0 **Consideration of the Indian Shores Library Annual Report for FY 2015/2016.**

Alice Lawrence, Chairperson of the Town Library presented the Annual Report. She stated the group held nine "Read and Feed" events, had conducted a Book Sale at the Sunday Market every month, and covers approximately all their expenses.

Mayor Soranno and the Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Lawrence, and all the Library volunteers for their outstanding efforts.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear**, to approve the Library Annual Report for FY 2015/2016. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10.0 **Consideration of Approving the Purchase of a PowerEdge R433 Server in the Amount of \$5,977.88.**

Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator, advised the server requested would replace one of the two servers currently used by the Town. This server would be for document imaging, the domain controller as well as the DHCP, which issues the addresses for each computer on the network.

Mayor Soranno questioned the use of the Cloud and back up of the information on this server. **Ms. Dhonau** advised she would need to get more information from the Systems Administrator for details on the backup methods used.

Ms. Dhonau stated this server purchase was budgeted for as a standard replacement since the current server had met the end of its useful life.

Motion by Councilor Smith – seconded by **Councilor Petrucelli**, to approve purchase of the PowerEdge R433 Server in the Amount of \$5,977.88. **Motion carried 5-0.**

11.0 **Consideration of Approving a request from Aaron Haley and Paige Scherneckner to conduct a wedding on the beach on December 2, 2017 at 19418 Beach Access across from the Barefoot Beach Resort.**

Dan Joyal from “Tide the Knot Beach Weddings” spoke. He said the guests will be staying at the Barefoot Beach Resort, with the ceremony taking place at the Beach Access with a four post bamboo arbor and 50 chairs in place for a little over an hour. The reception will be held at Salt Rock Grill.

Councilor Smith questioned if any alcohol will be consumed on the beach. **Mr. Joyal** advised no food and beverage would be involved in the ceremony.

Motion by Vice Mayor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Smith**, to approve request from Aaron Haley and Paige Scherneckner to conduct a wedding on the beach on December 2, 2017 at 19418 Beach Access across from the Barefoot Beach Resort. **Motion carried 5-0.**

12.0 **Report from the Building Official for February 2017.**

Greg Yantorno, Building Official, reported that for the month of February there were 114 inspections, 67 permits issue, with contract valuations of \$960,000 and permit fees collected of \$14,000.

Mayor Soranno asked what the process was if work is done after hours or on Sundays.

Chief Hughes advised the Police Department issues a warning to stop immediately, and if they do not an Ordinance Violation can be issued. Also, if they do not stop an Officer will stay with them until they pack up and leave the site.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear**, to accept Report from the Building Official for February 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

13.0 Report from the Town Administrator.

Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator, advised planning for the St. Patrick's Day event this upcoming weekend has gone well. She advised that 115 volunteers, including council and staff, and approximately 46 vendors will participate. Jim Ott will reprise his role as Town Leprechaun.

Ms. Dhonau reviewed progress with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Streetscape Project on Gulf Boulevard. Changes to the originally anticipated schedule have occurred due to delays in getting comments, and time needed to address comments from FDOT. Jonathan Toner, Landscape Architect, is addressing these issues and anticipates starting the bid process in 2-4 weeks.

Ms. Dhonau stated progress was being made on the Beach Renourishment Project, but outstanding easements still exist.

Councilor Hackerson advised that the teams of volunteers working on the Streetscape project will assist with obtaining outstanding Beach Renourishment easements required by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ms. Dhonau said progress on the monument signs and landscaping as part of the rebranding initiative has been steady. Molds for the statues shipped; however there was an issue with orientation of the Indian sculptures. Molds had to be shipped back to the artist, but we should still meet our schedule.

Ms. Dhonau stated she is getting quotes on temporary outside maintenance for pruning and weeding of the new landscaping at the new signage locations. She further stated the Town will need

to go out to bid in the future for landscaping maintenance of the new plantings to meet their special needs during the initial grow-in period. This maintenance is in addition to the standard one year watering provided by the installer.

Councilor Hackerson advised that the County currently maintained existing landscaping in Tiki Gardens, but with the new plantings by the Town the maintenance burden will shift. However, the County is allowing the Town to utilize the existing reclaimed water infrastructure to install a sprinkler system.

Motion by Councilor Hackerson – seconded by **Councilor Smith**, to accept Report from the Town Administrator. **Motion carried 5-0.**

14.0 Consideration of approving Financial Statement for period ending January 30, 2017.

Susan Scrogam, Finance Director, reported the Total General Fund revenues are at 58% of the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Ad Valorem tax distributions are at 83% of the amount budgeted for the fiscal year. General Operating expenses are at just below trend with 29% over 33%.

Ms. Scrogam further stated the Police Department purchased three vehicles totaling \$32,765, the new town signs were 70% complete through January, and total expenditures for the signs were at \$73,559. Total Capital expenditures through January 31, 2017 were \$221,513.

Motion by Councilor Smith, – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear**, to approve the Financial Statement for period ending January 30, 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

15.0 Consideration of Approving the Police Activity Report covering February 2017. (Ref.: Pgs. 32-35)

Chief Hughes mentioned there continues to be car burglaries and advised everyone to keep their car locked. These are small gangs from out of the area who quickly hit a bunch of cars. These groups wear black hoodies and gloves, so forensics is not helpful. Chief Hughes urged anyone with security footage to contact the Police Department. He further encouraged residents to consider

high resolution security cameras as part of their security systems.

Mayor Soranno discussed communication efforts by the Police Department to help further communicate information on crime prevention to the community.

Chief Hughes stated the Police Department is well prepared for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day event and highly trained volunteers will be assisting them.

Motion by **Councilor Hackerson**, – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli**, to accept the Police Activity Report covering February 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**

16.0 Citizens' Comments on any subject.

There were no comments.

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

Councilor Hackerson had no further comments.

Councilor Petruccelli urged residents to bring guests to the Town's St. Patrick's Day event this Saturday, March 18th.

Councilor Smith said that due to Hurricane Hermine and the emergency repairs required to the beach, that Beach Renourishment by the Army Corps of Engineers has been sped up.

There will be a meeting for all of the Sand Key communities regarding Beach Renourishment on Thursday, March 30th at the Indian Shores Municipal Center from 6-8pm.

Councilor Smith further stated that there are two openings on the Arts Council which need filled. There is one candidate at this time, and he encouraged interested residents to contact Ms. Dhonau or Ms. Jackson for more information.


Vice Mayor Schear requested the Mayor read her comments on her behalf due to losing her voice. **Mayor Soranno** announced a Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th from 8am to 12pm. He also announced the Library will host a Happy Hour "Read and Feed" on Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm at the Indian

Shores Municipal Center with local author Lisa Unger for her new book "Ink & Bone". There will also be a ribbon cutting at the Seaside Seabird Sanctuary at 5pm on Thursday, March 30th.

Mayor Soranno welcomed our new Town Clerk Stephanie Waters, and thanked retiring Town Clerk Elaine Jackson for her service to the community. He encouraged residents to attend the St. Patrick's Day event on Saturday, March 18th. He again praised the work by the Library volunteers.

Mayor Soranno said that the Town newsletter has had some format changes that residents will notice and that he will work with Interim Town Clerk Stephanie Waters on further enhancing the newsletter format for the future. He will be requesting a workshop in the future to discuss revamping the Recreation Committee and the Town's commitment to activities for its residents.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM


Stephanie V. Waters
Interim Town Clerk