

# INDIAN SHORES

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## SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, BEGAN AT 3:15 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

### The Meeting convened at 3:15 P.M.

**Those present:** Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor Mike Hackerson, Councilor Mike Petruccelli, Councilor Diantha Schear, Councilor Bill Smith, and Town Attorney Regina Kardash.

**Also present:** Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau (by telephone), Director of Finance and Personnel Susan Scrogam, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Building Official Brian Rusu, Interim Town Engineer Jerry Dabkowski, and Police Captain Glen Smith.

**Those absent:** None

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

#### 1.0 Consideration of approving the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for February 22, 2022.

**Motion** by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for February 22, 2022. **All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### Agenda Amendments made by Mayor Soranno:

**2.0A Police consideration of authorization to pre-order a 2022 Ford Explorer and to purchase portable emergency generators and portable A/C units.**

**2.0B Memorandum from Attorney Kardash on ADA Compliance – Beach Signage.**

Patrick C. Soranno  
Mayor

Mike Hackerson  
Vice Mayor

Diantha Schear  
Councilor

Michael (Mike) Petruccelli  
Councilor

William F. (Bill) Smith  
Councilor

Bonnie Dhonau  
Town Administrator

Richard (Rick) Swann  
Chief of Police

Susan L. Scrogam  
Director of Finance  
and Personnel

Freddie G. Lozano  
Town Clerk

Regina Kardash, Esq.  
Town Attorney

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for February 22, 2022, as amended. **All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2.0 Comments from the public on any agenda item.** None.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**2.0A Police consideration of authorization to pre-order a 2022 Ford Explorer and to purchase portable emergency generators and portable air conditioning units.**

**Captain Smith** explained that due to vehicles being on backorder and reduced delay of the vehicle's delivery, the dealership recommended sending a letter of intent to purchase a vehicle next year. No down payment or security deposit is needed.

Before prices increase and supplies run out, Emergency Operations is submitting a request to purchase portable generators and air conditioners as backup units in preparation for the hurricane season.

**Motion by Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to approve the pre-order purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer and portable emergency generators and portable air conditioning units.

**Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2.0B Memorandum from Attorney Kardash on ADA Compliance – Beach Signage.**

**(This item was addressed after agenda item 4.0.)**

**3.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 03-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Attorney Kardash** read Resolution 03-2022 by title and noted that the motion to approve this would be to include the amendment that provides for

Council Schear as Chair of the committee and Vice Mayor Hackerson as the Alternate Chair

**Mayor Soranno** listed the qualified candidates for consideration and would like their names included in the amended resolution:

- Noelle Daniel
- Michael Howard
- Mark McKee
- ~~Rita Moreau~~
- Candiss Rinker
- Claudia Riva (Alternate 1)
- John Schilthuis (Alternate 2)

**Mayor Soranno** opened the floor for public comments, which there were none.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to approve Resolution 03-2022 as amended to include Councilor Schear as Committee Chair, Vice Mayor Hackerson as Alternate Chair, and to list the names of the approved Committee candidates.

**Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### 4.0 **PUBLIC HEARING: Quasi-Judicial**

**Consideration of a request for a Site Plan Review from Hendershot General Contractors, LLC, to construct a duplex residence with two stories over parking at 19914 Gulf Boulevard, Units 2 and 3, Indian Shores, FL 33785, Parcel ID. 24-30-14-42912-001-0440.**

**Motion by Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to table and continue the Site Plan Review request for 19914 Gulf Blvd., Units 2 and 3, at the March 8, 2022, Planning, Zoning and Building Committee and Town Council meetings. **All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

Following the motion, a conversation ensued on why the approval of this property's site plan had been prolonged. In addition to a lack of a quorum at the earlier Planning, Zoning and Building (PZB) Committee Quasi-Judicial Hearing, reasons such as flood elevation and a narrow drive aisle were briefly discussed. The contractor advised Mr. Dabkowski of the delayed delivery of the rock bed supplies. The contractor stated that installation of the drainage system would resume when the supplies arrive. Items of concern for this site plan have been addressed, and Mr. Dabkowski's most current letter recommends its approval.

Due to conversations on certain specifics of this property, Attorney Kardash requested that the minutes of this meeting be included as part of the record for the March 8 Quasi-Judicial Hearing as ex parte disclosure.

Lastly, the number of PZB Committee Alternate Citizen Members will be reviewed to determine if the number of alternates should be increased to ensure a quorum for future meetings.

**Motion by Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to table and continue the Site Plan Review request for 19914 Gulf Blvd., Units 2 and 3, at the March 8, 2022, Planning, Zoning and Building Committee and Town Council meetings.

**Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **AGENDA AMENDMENT**

### **2.0B Memorandum from Attorney Kardash on ADA Compliance –Beach Signage.**

**Attorney Kardash** is seeking authorization to amend the Town's 1979 ordinance regarding animals. The amendment provides an exemption to allow for service animals on the beach. If authorized, the first reading of the amended ordinance will be at the March 8, 2022, Town Council Meeting.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** authorizing Attorney Kardash to amend the Town's animal ordinance to provide an exemption for service animals on the beach.

**Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **5.0 Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Indian Shores and Forward Pinellas for Special Planning Project No. 2022-1 – Town of Indian Shores Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR).**

**Attorney Kardash** mentioned that this MOU is for Forward Pinellas Planning Analyst Nousheen Rahman to make statutory updates to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. A capital and maintenance plan will be incorporated to

serve as the capital improvement element as part of this EAR report to the state.

**Motion by Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** to approve the MOU between the Town of Indian Shores and Forward Pinellas for Special Planning Project No. 2022-1.

**Council polled. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**6.0 Citizens' comments on any subject.** None.

**7.0 Council members' comments on any subject.**

**Councilor Schear** mentioned the Keep Pinellas Beautiful Great American Cleanup. Approval to schedule the Cleanup at Indian Shores on Saturday, March 19, 2022, will be on the March meeting agenda for consideration.

**Councilor Petruccelli** inquired about Town Hall's re-opening.

**Chief Swann** replied that the building is now open.

**Councilor Smith** appreciated the effort to keep the 19914 Gulf Blvd. Site Plan Review request progressing forward.

**Vice Mayor Hackerson** commented that Miss Lynn Tipton's presentation on City Charters at an earlier meeting was very helpful.

**Mayor Soranno** communicated with Captain Smith on the Town's COVID policies relative to the staff and to determine if the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control or the County should be followed.

**8.0 Meeting adjourned. 3:54 P.M.**



Freddie Lozano  
Town Clerk