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SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023, BEGAN AT 5:00 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4TH FLOOR

The Town Council Meeting convened at 5:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan Scrogam, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Police Chief Rick Swann, Police Major Glen Smith, Building Official Brian Rusu, and Fire Commissioner Larry Schear.

Those absent: Councilor Mike Hackerson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Official results of the March 14, 2023, Municipal Election.

Mayor Soranno announced and congratulated Councilor Ellen Bauer and Councilor Mike Petruccelli on their recent Municipal Election wins.

1.0A PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 06-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, DECLARING ELLEN A. BAUER AND MICHAEL A. "MIKE" PETRUCCELLI TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS AND RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF

Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor

Diantha Schear
Vice Mayor

Ellen Bauer
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

RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney read the resolution by title only.

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

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve Resolution 06-2023.

The Town Council was polled. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

2.0 Oath of Office administered to newly elected officials: Councilor Ellen A. Bauer and Councilor Michael A. “Mike” Petruccelli.

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly Elected Officials and presented each with a Certificate of Election.

3.0 Election of Vice Mayor for 2023-2024.

At the March 15, 2023 Town Council Meeting, **Vice Mayor Schear** and **Councilor Petruccelli** expressed interest in being candidates for the seat of Vice Mayor for 2023-2024. Their names were put on written ballots distributed to each Council Member to cast their vote for the upcoming year’s vice mayor. The Town Clerk collected and read aloud the ballot results, which revealed that Vice Mayor Schear won with a 4-1 majority vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER	VOTE FOR VICE MAYOR SCHEAR	VOTE FOR COUNCILOR PETRUCCELLI
Councilor Petruccelli		✓
Councilor Smith	✓	
Councilor Bauer	✓	
Vice Mayor Schear	✓	
Mayor Soranno	✓	
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4.0 Consideration of approving the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for March 28, 2023.

Mayor Soranno amended the agenda to move Agenda Item #7.0 regarding maximum occupancy limits for vacation rentals to a future workshop.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Bauer** to approve the agenda as amended. **All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

5.0 Comments from the public on any agenda item. None.

6.0 Consideration of approving the Financial Statement for the period ending January 2023.

The Finance Director reported:

- The Town Auditors have all the materials they need to work on the FY 2022 audit.
- Revenue received from the St. Patrick's Day Festival was \$7,472.00. After deducting festival expenses and alcohol costs, the remaining \$2,390.00 from alcohol sales will be donated to the Indian Shores Property Owners Association (ISPOA).

Motion by **Vice Mayor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Bauer** to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending January 2023. **All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

7.0 Discussion on maximum occupancy limits for vacation rentals.

The agenda was amended to move this item to a future workshop.

8.0 Citizens' comments on any subject. None

9.0 Council members' comments on any subject.

Councilor Bauer thanked those who voted for her and stated that she will do the best job that she can as Council Member.

Councilor Petruccelli thanked everyone who came out and practiced their rights to vote.

Councilor Smith congratulated Councilor Petruccelli and Councilor Bauer on their successful election campaigns.

Vice Mayor Schear echoed Councilor Smith's comment. She urged people to go see the newly installed benches at the Tiki Gardens

Memorial. The next Read & Feed scheduled for April 20, 2023, will feature the book "Lessons in Chemistry," by author Bonnie Garmas.

Mayor Soranno welcomed the newly elected officials and mentioned the Future Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. He instructed the Council Members to create a wish list of priorities and items they would like the Town to accomplish. He reminded the Town Council of the upcoming Future Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Council Members were instructed to bring to the meeting a wish list of priorities and items they would like the Town to accomplish.

10.0 Meeting adjournment. 5:14 P.M.

Following the meeting's adjournment, a celebration was held to welcome newly elected officials Councilor Ellen Bauer and Councilor Mike Petruccelli.



Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk