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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, BEGAN AT 2:00 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL, CENTER 4TH FLOOR

The workshop convened at 2:00 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, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Town Engineer Larry Fluty, Building Official Darin Cushing, Sarah Lynn Westmoreland Mullins, LLC, Artist Steve Graff, Fire Commissioner Larry Schear, and ISPOA President Art Newsome.

Those absent: None

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving the Town Council Workshop agenda for May 18, 2021.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

- 6.0A Auditor selection process.

Motion by Councilor Schear – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the Workshop agenda for May 18, 2021 as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

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

3.0 Discussion on Monument Project.

The two Request for Proposal bids received, \$1,276,047.30 from SignStar and \$1,951,400 from David Nelson Construction, exceeded the original overall budget of \$636,000, which is now down to approximately \$400,000-\$500,000 after consultation and design fees. The common highest priced elements from both bids were the statue, the statue's base, landscaping and hardscaping.

The discussion included value-engineering, simplified landscaping and hardscaping, and utilizing the original design with modifications to bring the cost down to stay within the remaining budget. Although scaled down, the redesigned monument should still have a memorable impact on those who view it.

Council consensus was reached to redesign the monument with a simplified foundation, an obelisk, modified lighting, and no Indian, fountain, and sundial. Ms. Mullins' and Mr. Graff's fee for the redesign is \$3,000, which will be considered for approval as an amendment to their contract at the Council meeting.

4.0 Discussion on community garage sale.

Vice Mayor Hackerson mentioned that many of the condominiums in Town do not allow for garage sales and suggested having a community garage sale sometime in the fall season, similar to what the City of Indian Rocks Beach does.

Council consensus was reached to plan for a garage sale in the fall with more discussions on the subject at the August or September meeting.

5.0 Citizen's comments on any subject. None.

6.0 Council members' comments on any subject.

Mayor Soranno suspended the Council's comments until the Special Council Meeting following this workshop.

6.0A AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Auditor selection process.

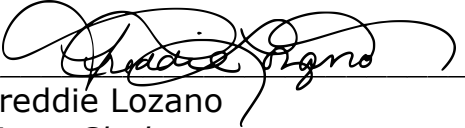
The 5-year contract with Saltmarsh, Cleaveland & Gund expires at the end of this fiscal year. New guidelines and legal requirements from the state have

been issued on the auditor selection process, which includes forming a committee comprised of a Councilmember to serve as the committee chair, a finance officer with government accounting experience, and citizen members. Staff can participate in an advisory role. A formal Request for Proposal process is also required.

No action is needed for this matter today.

7.0 Workshop adjournment.

3:22 p.m.



Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk