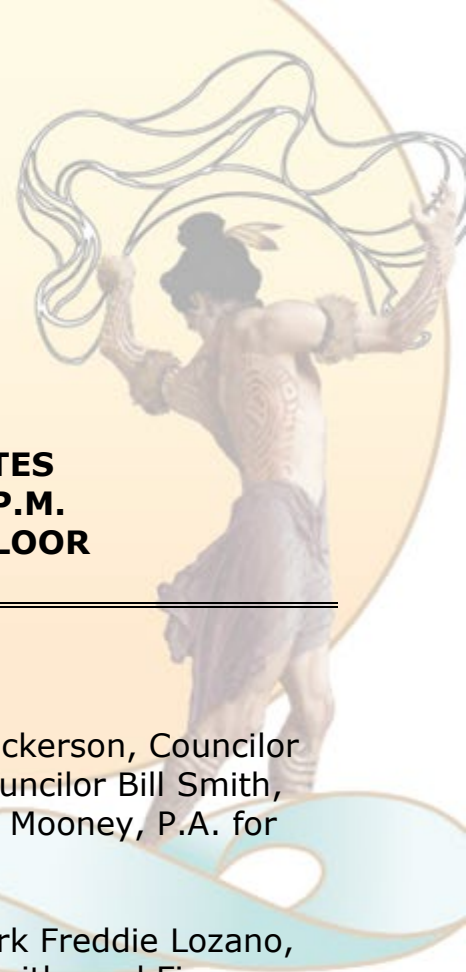


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SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021, BEGAN AT 5:09 P.M. INDIAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CENTER, 4TH FLOOR



The Special Town Council Meeting convened at 5:09 P.M.

Those present: Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor Mike Hackerson, Councilor Mike Petruccelli, Councilor Diantha Schear, Councilor Bill Smith, and Attorney Andrew Mai of Persson, Cohen & Mooney, P.A. for Town Attorney Regina Kardash.

Also present: Town Administrator Bonnie Dhonau, Town Clerk Freddie Lozano, Police Chief Rick Swann Police Captain Glen Smith, and Fire Commissioner Larry Schear.

Those absent: Finance and Personnel Director Susan Scrogam

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ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration approving the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for July 27, 2021.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

1.0A Consideration of agreement application for state accreditation of the Police Department.

Motion by Councilor Petruccelli – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve the Special Town Council Meeting agenda for July 27, 2021 as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

1.0A AGENDA ADMENDMENT:

Consideration of agreement application for state accreditation of the Police Department.

Prior to proceeding with Item #1.0A, **Mayor Soranno** addressed Item #2.0 for public comments on any agenda item, which there were none.

Chief Swann mentioned that the accreditation ensures that the Police Department is operating under best practices by national and state standards. The FDLE's (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) acceptance of the application grants the Department access to their PowerDMS accreditation module that also allows the FDLE access to the Department's files. It will take approximately two years to complete the accreditation process.

Motion by **Vice Mayor Hackerson** – seconded by **Councilor Petruccelli** to agreement application for state accreditation of the Police Department. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INDIAN SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 86 – FLOODS, SUBPART B LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO REFERENCE TOWN CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITIES AS TOWN OFFICIALS, TO UPDATE AND IMPLEMENT DEFINITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND FEMA REGULATIONS WHILE MAINTAINING THE TOWN'S HIGHER COMMUNITY BUILDING STANDARDS, TO CLARIFY THE BURDEN OF PROOF AND CONDITIONS FOR VARIANCES, REMOVE EXTRANEOUS DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES TO FLOODWAYS REMAINING FROM THE FEMA MODEL ORDINANCE, AND REAFFIRM LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 86-14.- DESIGNATION.; AMENDING SECTION 86-16.- APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS; AMENDING 86-17.- SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE DETERMINATIONS AND CALCULATIONS; AMENDING 86-37.- BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES EXEMPT FROM THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, LOWEST FLOOR INSPECTION; AMENDING SECTION 86-45.- CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF

VARIANCES; AMENDING SECTION 86-52.- DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 86-63.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL; AMENDING SECTION 86-64.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, BUILDING; AMENDING SECTION 86-65.- FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, EXISTING BUILDING; AMENDING SECTION 86-75.- CONCRETE SLABS USED AS PARKING PADS, ENCLOSURE FLOORS, LANDINGS, DECKS, WALKWAYS, PATIOS, AND SIMILAR NONSTRUCTURAL USES IN COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREAS (ZONE V AND AE); AMENDING SECTION 86-77.- OTHER DEVELOPMENT IN COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREAS (ZONE V AND AE); PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Mai read Ordinance 2021-01 by title.

Mayor Soranno opened the hearing for public comments. There were no comments, and the hearing was brought back to the Council.

Motion by **Councilor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Schear** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-01 for its passage and adoption.

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

4.0 Consideration of authorization to hire Mr. Thomas L. Goettel for the position of Law Enforcement Corporal (CPL) with a start date of August 2, 2021, with a starting annual salary of \$48,672.00.

Chief Swann noted that Mr. Goettel has a great deal of supervisory experience and will be hired as a Corporal to start. He has 31 years of experience before retiring as a Master Sergeant from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. He will fill former Detective Cari Bittrich's position with added code enforcement responsibilities. He will begin field training on August 1st.

Chief Swann indicated that an officer from Texas is in the final phase of her background investigation for potential hire into the Department. He

hopes to have her consideration on an upcoming Council meeting to bring her on board by September 1st.

Motion by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Councilor Smith** to approve the authorization to hire Mr. Thomas L. Goettel for the position of Law Enforcement Corporal (CPL) with a start date of August 2, 2021, with a starting annual salary of \$48,672.00.

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

5.0 Citizen’s comments on any subject. None.

6.0 Council members’ comments on any subject.

Councilor Schear was pleased with the flood ordinance’s approval.

Councilor Petruccelli mentioned that the pandemic numbers are on the rise.

Councilor Smith mentioned hearing an unconfirmed statement that the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has released a statement regarding masks being worn in public while indoors.

Vice Mayor Hackerson proposed an October 2nd date for the approved Town Garage Sale with a backup date of October 9th. He will work with Ms. Dhonau on getting the information out to the residents.

Mayor Soranno thanked the staff for their work on getting the Flood Ordinance completed.

7.0 Meeting adjournment.

5:25 P.M.



Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk