

MINUTES
THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
6001 North Highway A1A, Indian River Shores, FL 32963

SPECIAL REORGANIZATIONAL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: **Frances F. Atchison, Councilmember**
 Thomas W. Cadden, Councilman
 Richard M. Haverland, Councilman
 Michael B. Ochsner, Councilman
 Gerard A. Weick, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: **Richard Jefferson, Town Manager**
 Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
 Judith Lewis, Town Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: **Bill Beardslee, PZV Chairman**
 2 Residents
 1 Guest
 Reporter VB 32963

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation (Councilman Ochsner)
- c. Roll Call

Mr. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., with the Pledge and Invocation given and the Town Clerk calling the elected official's roll as reflected above.

2. **Election Report** (Town Clerk)

Mrs. Aldrich reported that the Qualifying Period for the Town of Indian River Shores was January 17 through 21, 2011. Initially, she continued, there were four interested candidates, one of whom did not formalize his status and the other withdrew his application on January 21. No election was necessary on March 8th, therefore no results were reported. She welcomed the two qualified candidates to be sworn in as Council members, Mr. Haverland and Mr. Cadden.

3. **Oath of Office and Presentation of "Government In The Sunshine Manual"** (Town Clerk)

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Cadden and Mr. Haverland at the front of the dais. She congratulated each of them, and gave a copy of the Government in the Sunshine Manual to Mr. Haverland.

4. **Election of Mayor** (Town Manager)

- a. Open to Receive Ballot Nominations

Mr. Jefferson asked if any of the Council had any comments before the process of receiving ballots was to begin. Councilmember Atchison and Councilman Cadden both said they would

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like to address the Council. Councilmember Atchison went first, explaining two kinds of leadership. One was described as a pilot who likes to fly solo, and the other was more like a quarterback who works with the entire team. Ownership is realized in the end product with the latter style, she added, noting that both styles are excellent and very effective.

Mr. Cadden said any of the five individuals behind the dais could very effectively be mayor, and asked for consideration as such because of his work the past two years on the franchise agreements for water, sewer, reuse water, as well as electricity. A lot of time and energy has been invested on these, and he continued that he could bring insight on how to solve these problems. He said he had no plans to travel outside the Town for any extended period of time for the next 18 months. Being here to respond with other municipalities, the County and even Tallahassee, which may be needed before this is all over, is extremely important. He has established relationships with individuals in the county, municipalities and at Tallahassee that would be most helpful with settling these issues.

Asking if anyone else had a comment, Councilman Weick said he agrees with Councilmember Atchison that the leader should be a consensus builder rather than a dictator, and it is very important that they have more back up material and more communications. Letting information flow through the Town Manager and having more workshops would be helpful. Councilman Weick said he also has had a lot of experience with the County, having been on the Planning and Zoning Board, has a good working relationship professionally and personally with them, as well as those on the City Council in Vero. He said that he would also like to be mayor and is ready to bring the situation on water/sewer to a conclusion. Giving a fair chance to both parties on the franchise agreement, and concluding as expeditiously as possible, is important. He has experience with labor relations, municipal budgets and financing, and believes in a strong reserve balance, but not in spending money for the sake of spending allocated funds. Taxes will inevitably go up in the future, but he prefers that it be in small increments and with careful consideration. He has been a full time resident for 14 years, and attending Council and Planning and Zoning meetings for 12 years. He asked for their vote for mayor.

- b. Vote Tally Announced for Each Nominee (repeated if necessary until majority vote received)

Mr. Jefferson asked for any further comments from the floor or the Council. He asked the Council to fill out their ballots and place them in the basket, passing to the Town Clerk at the right. The Clerk tallied the votes, noting that there were two for Mr. Cadden, two for Mrs. Atchison, and one for Mr. Weick. They were asked to repeat the process, labeling the ballot as Round 2. This resulted in three votes for Tom Cadden, and two for Frannie Atchison, and she congratulated Mr. Cadden as the Mayor.

- c. Gavel Presented to Mayor - Takes Seat and Assumes as Chairman of the Council

Mayor Cadden and Mr. Jefferson switched places, with the Mayor at the center of the dais. The Mayor thanked everyone, and said he would work very hard over the next 18 critical months. He addressed a comment made by Councilmember Atchison about communication, assuring them that it would not happen with him as Mayor, there would be no surprises.

5. **Election of Vice Mayor** (Mayor)

- a. Open to Receive Ballot Nominations

Mayor Cadden asked if there were any comments before beginning the nomination for Vice Mayor, and hearing none, the ballots were completed and passed to the Town Clerk.

- b. Vote Tally Announced for Each Nominee (repeated if necessary until majority vote received)

The Town Clerk announced that there were three votes for Councilman Weick and two for Councilmember Atchison, and congratulated Councilman Weick as the new Vice Mayor.

6. **Boards and Committee Assignments**

Mayor Cadden said he really had a single purpose in mind, and that was to resolve the franchise situation. He and Councilmember Atchison had no particular choice for any committees, stating it is more important for others to have their choice. Councilman Ochsner said he would like to stay on Beach and Shores. Vice Mayor Weick said he would stay on EDC and assume Affordable Housing that was Mr. Ahrens'. Councilman Haverland said he would take the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments. He asked if he might also be on the Finance Committee, to which Councilman Ochsner replied he is the Chairman of that and desired to remain as such this year. Councilmember Atchison agreed to the Regional League of Cities, and Mayor Cadden as the Regional Planning Council. The final assignments are as follows:

Name	Primary	Alternate	Meets (day, frequency)
MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)	Dick Haverland, Councilman	Tom Cadden, Mayor	2 nd Tuesday monthly, 10 a.m., IRC
AHAC (Affordable Housing Advisory Cmte.)	Jerry Weick, Vice Mayor	Frannie Atchison, Council Member	Irregularly, 1 to 6 times/year, IRC
EDC	Jerry Weick, Vice Mayor	Mike Ochsner, Councilman	3 rd Tuesday monthly, 3 p.m., IRC
Beach & Shore Preservation	Mike Ochsner, Councilman	Jerry Weick, Vice Mayor	3 rd Monday monthly, 3 p.m., IRC
Elected Official Oversight Committee (EEOC)	Jerry Weick, Vice Mayor	Frannie Atchison, Council Member	Irregularly
TCCLG (Treas. Coast Council Local Gov't.)	Dick Haverland, Councilman	Mike Ochsner, Councilman	1 st Wednesday monthly, 10 a.m. in
TCRLC (Treas. Coast Regional League of Cities)	Frannie Atchison, Council	Tom Cadden, Mayor	3 rd Wednesday bimonthly, 10 a.m.,
TCRPC (Treas. Coast Regional Planning Council)	(Sebastian Mayor Jim Hill)	Tom Cadden, Mayor	3 rd Friday monthly, 9:30 a.m.
FLC – Intergovernmental Relations	Frannie Atchison, Council		Irregularly

Mayor Cadden mentioned the (Water Franchise) Workshop on the 16th, and Vice Mayor Weick asked if everyone could have a copy of the existing franchise agreement and the proposed franchise agreement so they could come to the meeting prepared. Mayor Cadden agreed, and thought there would be representatives from John's Island Water there as well. He said he had a lot of information to share.

7. **Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the 3-24-11 meeting)