



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

**SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WATER UTILITY  
Monday, April 9, 2012  
9:00 a.m.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Richard Jefferson, Interim Town Manager  
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk  
Chester Clem, Town Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Residents Phil O'Rielley & John Steiner, Ocean Colony; Louis Moorman & Arnold Sulman, Robles Del Mar; Herb Zydney, River Club; Tom Cook, John's Island; Jim Moller, JIPOA; Lisa Zahner, Vero Beach 32963

**ABSENT:** Gerard A. Weick Vice Mayor (Excused)

1. **Call to Order.**

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

Mayor Cadden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge and Invocation were given, along with the roll call of elected officials as reflected above.

2. **Council Review of City Water, Wastewater, Reuse Water Agreement Final Draft**

Mayor Cadden said that they have the finished document before them and asked if there were any comments. Councilman Ochsner said he was still irritated that the effectivity was delayed until October 1, since Mr. O'Connor had told them they could implement it as effective sooner.

3. **Public Comment**

John Steiner, Ocean Colony, said he is an expert with software development, having spent 27 years in this field in multiple continents, and said the changes will take about a week, or at the most a month. He called the effective date disingenuous, as they could make this change earlier. This is an additional expense of \$3,000 a month on reuse water for just 28 homes in his neighborhood.

Herb Zydney, River Club, said as a former Councilman in New Jersey, he was the sewer commissioner and understands the problem and situation. Since he has seen nothing technical or professional on the City's potable water, he researched HomeFacts.com, a popular website. One thing they report on is water quality, and the water quality rating for the City of Vero Beach is rated 2.4 out of 10. He gave a copy of the report to the Town Clerk, after he read a few facts the website cited, such as five chemicals were found that were above health guidelines including Radon. Indian River County was rated 6.4, which is well above average for drinkable water. He thought comparing the 2.4 to 6.4 rating should also be an important factor. He researched more, looked at Palm Beach's water

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quality, which is well over 5. He asked if there was a technical assessment on the quality of the water. Mayor Cadden said no engineering study was done on our own, adding that Vero Beach has Outstanding Awards over a period of time, and it has been recognized as being very good. He has been drinking it for more than 20 years with no adverse effects.

Councilman Haverland said it is enough for him that it is drinkable, and there are no health issues he is aware of cited with water as the cause.

There were no other public comments.

4. **Follow-Up Action**

A **motion to accept the agreement from the City of Vero Beach as presented for water, wastewater and reuse water** was made by Councilman Ochsner, seconded by Councilman Haverland, which **passed unanimously**. Mr. Clem said the Mayor and Town Clerk would now sign the agreement and he would deliver it to the City for action at their next Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

5. **Adjournment**

Mayor Cadden adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laura Aldrich, CMC, Town Clerk

*(Approved by the Town Council at the 4-26-12 Meeting)*