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Subject: IR Shores Town Council 6-29-17 Meeting Recaps & News Alert
Attachments: 2017 June NPDES UPDATE to Council & Residents.pdf; 7-2017 Turtle Protection Memo - lighting- from PSD Chief.pdf; 7-12-17 Train Wreck Times.pdf; 7-12-17 CARE newsletter.pdf

Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

The major results from the **Budget Workshop** from June 29th follow.

Budget meeting:

- Recommended **eliminating the weekend/holiday PT position in Public Safety.**
- Litigation **expenses for the utility lawsuit** were recommended to be **reduced from \$80,000 proposed to \$15,000.**
- A request for a **full-time Town Manager assistant and part-time Town Clerk assistant**, up from one PT shared assistant, drew an extended discussion that necessitated **postponing the recommendation decision until the next budget workshop on July 27.**
- More **information & projections on Public Safety Training** was requested for last year, this year, next year, and the year after.
- **Projection of building inspections** in a similar fashion was also requested to assist in the justification of a building inspector. (This is not a General Fund item.)
- **Capital Expenses and staffing** will be discussed at the next workshop on July 27.

At the Regular Town Council meeting that followed:

- **Health insurance renewal** for August was decided, offering the Health Savings Account (HSA) and traditional plans as last year with premium savings incentives to be proportionately provided to HSA participants (lower for single, midrange for employee with spouse, and highest amount for family coverage).
- The **Tentative Millage rate** was set at **1.7186**, the same as last year per the discussion at the preceding workshop.
- The **Tentative Budget** with \$130,000 in reductions as discussed was also approved.
- The **2018 holiday and Council meeting schedule** was approved with the addition of President's Day in February. It will be posted on the website.
- Two **resignations** from volunteers serving on the Code Enforcement Board and PZV Board, **Doug Howder** and **June Pickett** (respectively), were accepted by the Council, and **two appointments** were made: **Patricia Gundy to PZV Board as a full member**, and **Frantz Bertin also on the same Board as an alternate member.**
- A firm will be contracted for data collection in preparation for the **2018 collective bargaining agreement.**
- A **draft Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control permit for contractors to meet mandated stormwater requirements** was discussed, with an ordinance to be prepared for consideration at the July meeting.
- The Town Manager gave a presentation regarding **stormwater control (see attached).**
- Discussion about who would pay the **cost to separate the south side of the 5' path to the beach** from Pebble Beach Villas once their current chain link fence was removed had no resulting action. A hedge row and the developer's wall will be on the north.
- The **license plate readers** have been used for a full year now, successfully serving as a deterrent to keeping the "bad guys" from traversing the Town and are most helpful in helping people to resolve sometimes unknown outdated licenses or tags.
- The **Cell tower update** this month was that a carrier sent an environmental engineer to the site, which is progress!

- **Some success with the Old Winter Beach Road grants** was acknowledged, with thanks to **Senators Mayfield and Latvala**, who were both present and instrumental in acquiring the \$640,000 initial grant. Other requests are in process. Both Senators have been very helpful with the effort to get FPL service for the southern residents in the Town.
- Appreciation was expressed to **Nancy Auwaerter** for undertaking **safe pedestrian crossing at Fred Tuerk**. She has garnered the attention of both FDOT and Indian River County. **Senator Mayfield** is also interested in assisting with this.
- Public Safety's efforts to purchase surplus **tasers from Indian River County** at a large savings to the Town was also recognized with appreciation.

There are just a few reminders today:

- Please note that the **Building Department** coordinates the **Planning, Zoning & Variance Board meetings**, which are always held on the 2nd Monday of the month **as necessary**. Agendas are posted on the website several days beforehand for your information on the [meetings page](#).
- PSD Director Rosell sent a reminder to several Home Owner Associations (**see attached**). It is good for all residents to be aware of the Town's rules regarding **lighting on the beach in turtle season**.
- A group of interested area citizens have kept a newsletter going called **Train Wreck Times**. I've **attached** the latest copy which has information on who to contact if you are interested in receiving these directly. Another publication is **CARE (Citizens Against Railroad Expansion)**, also **attached**. Please recognize that this information is supplied to you as a courtesy, not as an endorsement.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Respectfully yours,

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