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Subject: IR Shores TOMORROW'S News & Recap of Town Council Meetings 6-28
Attachments: A1A FDoT 2019-20 Project Letter Elected Officials 2.pdf; Ordinance 540 Surfledge Zoning Change from R2A MF to PRD.pdf; Ordinance 539 Noise Limitations.pdf; RESOLUTION 18-03 50 YRS HOME RULE.pdf; 7-6-18 ATT Antennae Array being assembled.jpg

Importance: High

Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

These are the news items that may be of interest to you:

- **Tomorrow morning** from 9-11 in our Council Chambers – don't forget about the FDoT Informational Town Hall Meeting! This is concerning the A1A project that will take place beginning next summer and concluding summer 2020.
- **AT&T** workers have removed some of the top branches from the **cell tower** in order to install their antenna and other equipment. Late last week and early this week, the workers have built the antenna, painted it and will be camouflaging it before they install it on the cell tower. We have been told that the antenna will be installed this week. However, this is only a small piece of what needs to be done BEFORE the cell tower is in full working order. Once the antenna is up on the tower, the workers will replace the branches. This work will take 1-2 weeks to complete.
- The **Community Center** construction should begin in about 3 weeks. Plans are finalized, and we're waiting on permits and mobilization.

On June 28th, the Council had the first **Budget workshop**. The outcome of the 90 minute meeting was:

- A discussion about an additional half person in Public Works and the Town Clerk's office to meet mandated requirements by the State.
- An extended discussion for two additional positions, another lieutenant (Lieutenant Mark Shaw was promoted to Captain) and a sergeant for the Public Safety Department in order to provide for more personalized resident care.
- Council agreed on a tentative 1.420 millage rate, which is a projected loss of \$123,252 towards the unassigned fund balance of \$5.8 million. The breakeven rate would be 1.4626, but the Council desired to continue to "give back" a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the 5 acre parcel to the homeowners.

The **Council meeting** had the following noteworthy actions:

- **Health insurance** for Town employees was approved for renewal with Florida Blue with a 7% increase. Last year was 9%, and the trend is up to 12%.
- Two ordinances, one for **noise regulation** and another for **rezoning the 5 acre parcel to PRD** (Planned Residential Development/District), both **passed first reading**. They will be published in the paper this week and are [viewable in their entirety on the website here](#). The final reading is scheduled for the July 26th meeting.
- A **Resolution recognizing 50 years of home rule** was also passed and is located [on this page](#) as well.
- A discussion by the Council about the **Town Manager's position** led to direction to the Town Clerk to advertise immediately, accept applications through July 16th, and attempt to have the top 5 or so candidates meet with them prior to the meeting on July 26th or at the August meeting.

The next Council meeting on July 26th will be followed by a **second Budget Workshop**. Residents are always welcomed to attend public meetings, and if there is a need to discuss anything with the Council, an opportunity is afforded before the conclusion of every meeting.

Respectfully yours,