



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

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 22, 2013

9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Brian M. Barefoot, Mayor
Gerard A. Weick, Vice Mayor
Thomas W. Cadden, Councilman
Richard M. Haverland, Councilman
Thomas F. Slater, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Stabe, Town Manager
Chester Clem, Town Attorney
Cpt. Mike Jacobs, Public Safety
Tim Dempsey, PSD Sgt.
Darlene Wiltzius & Heather Christmas, Finance Department
Liz Mahon, Building Department

Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Jose Guanch, Building Official
Mark Shaw, PSD Lieutenant
Charlene Hall, PSD Admin.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Residents Barbara Palumbo (PZV); Mike Ochsner & Jerry Solin (Finance Committee); Harry & Eva Krause, Bill Smith, Dorothy Kay, Barbara McCarthy (Roland Miller Drive); Barbara Tilney, Frannie Atchison, J. Crumley; Janet Begley, Press Journal & Meg Laughlin, VB 32963

1. Call to Order

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

Mayor Barefoot called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation performed, followed by the roll call by the Town Clerk as reflected above.

2. Proclamations / Presentations

- a. Vero Electric Utility Update (Glenn Heran)

Glenn Heran gave a presentation on engaging the electric issue at the statewide level. He said the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners voted 5-0 to hire a lobbyist this week, and reviewed the current status of the City being under contract to sell the electric utility to FPL with closing contingent on Federal and PSC approvals. The most significant obstacle is the FMPA Board approval of the disposition of Vero's FMPA entitlement assets. All of Vero Electric customers voted to sell the utility. Indian River Shores' residents who are customers stand to save over \$2 million a year with FPL rates. In 2013 all 33,000 Vero Beach electric customers were surveyed, and 84% were in favor of selling.

The FMPA is resisting by rejection of "Plan A" to transfer the entitlement assets to the OUC. Our community is the lynch pin to the FMPA and the lobbyist for its members, the FMEA. If Vero Beach can sell, other member cities may wish to follow suit and leave the FMPA, FMEA. Vero Beach owns 49 megawatts of generation capacity of the 1500 total generation power in the FMPA, and there are 31 member cities. Only 20 of those actually own FMPA generation assets.

The Public Service Commission does not regulate these rates. He provided a handout that compares how much higher the municipal FMPA rates. The 3 million Floridians who are customers of FMPA pay much higher rates than FPL, Duke and TECO, as illustrated in his handout. Eleven municipalities still charge a surcharge on top of their rates, which the City of Vero eliminated in 2010. There is a significant absence of consumer rights, without representation. In 2016 the Town's agreement for electric service ends, and the Town will still be customer of the City of Vero Beach Electric Utility.

Please Note: The Town of Indian River Shores does not routinely keep verbatim minutes. Any party interested in such an appeal relating to any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is responsible to record the meeting and include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The FMPA is supposed to serve the public's best interest. Rather, there is taxation without representation, with unregulated prices, and outside customers fund the member city's general funds with direct, indirect and municipal surcharges. The FMPA says there is zero equity, and we have no idea of the value of the assets they have been paying for 30 years.

An article in the TC Palm quoted Barry Moline, Director of the FMEA, which is a lobbying effort that is paid with ratepayer's money. He said Vero Beach has to remain a viable electric utility in order to cover significant liabilities, and not even FPL could take them, which he opined would prevent the City from ever selling its electric utility.

In 2007, Green Cove Springs tried to exit for significantly lower rates in their county, and was told there is a \$53 million penalty. They are one-fifth the size of Vero Beach. He showed the FMPA Video - all for one, one for all, with all being the rate payers. The voting members of the FMPA board are government employees, utility directors, with only three or four elected officials (one is Pilar Turner of Vero Beach). The dissolution of FMPA is a mechanism to get out, but with no harm or no foul to other member cities or bond holders. Freedom of choice should be allowed.

The intent is to protect Vero's customers and taxpayers, not to fight with anyone but the FMPA bureaucracy. In the 1970's this community was one of the founding members of the FMPA, so we are responsible to help fix the problem. Mr. Heran recommended that the Town partner with the County and the City of Vero Beach in hiring a lobbyist for public affairs to counter the FMPA lobbyists. The Board of County Commissioners already voted to do this, and has obligated \$100,000 towards the hiring of trustworthy lobbyist. He asked the Council to vote to support the idea.

Mayor Barefoot asked who the FMPA is lobbying, and who we would be lobbying. Mr. Heran said it is a process of educating the other cities. The Mayor asked if it wouldn't this compound the problem, which Mr. Heran said this is a good concept, they want you to believe there is no exit. This process applies pressure, and a lobbyist costs much less than what they lose monthly.

Dr. Steve Faherty said the Council cannot protect its ratepayers equally within the Town, as they could appeal to the PSC on behalf of the FPL customers, but not for customers of Vero Electric. The 1980 Antitrust Act, which covers governmental entities and FMPA, compliments and follows a 30-year period of Federal Statutes for antitrust. These were required to be adopted in the agreements with the PSC and the FMPA. This was not done, and these agreements should terminate at 30 years. Our 1981 agreement has no termination data. He believes both the PSC and FMPA are violating the State statutes on this, and it needs to be brought to the attention of the Secretary of Joint Legislative Committee for Public Utilities.

Councilman Haverland questioned why the FMPA would agree if it is weakened by taking something out of it. Mr. Heran said it was already done in Vero Beach when they left the FMEA, and then put its own elected official on the FMPA board. The public officials, Florida legislature and outside customers must be educated.

Councilman Slater asked who chartered the FMPA, and Dr. Faherty replied in 1976 it was formed by Don Little in Vero Beach. It is not overseen by anyone, Dr. Faherty said, its boss is its own Board of Directors. Mr. Heran explained that the 33 cities have a city council who are to direct it, and it ends up that the bureaucracy tells the officials what to do. The directors of the utilities run the board, and there is no board above them, not even state regulation. Councilman Slater suggested that we blast away from the top rather than chip away from the bottom. The state legislators need to have fear instilled such as a massive lawsuit, and then hope for a capitulating change. Mr. Heran said they have talked about this for years. A worst case scenario given was to file an antitrust suit and lose, which would crush the political will. Instead, by creating the right political environment, we could get the right decision.

Councilman Haverland asked if most of these utilities have outside customers that are being abused by demanding that they pay excessive amounts, and was told that 24 of them do. He asked if the General Fund is funded by outside rates, and is our situation typical. It was affirmed, with Mr. Heran adding we have the second largest percentage of outside customers; Lakeland is the largest. More discussion ensued, with Dr. Faherty noting FMEA has the same general council and lobbyists as the FMPA. Mr. Heran said we are the first community to challenge this.

Vice Mayor Weick said today's paper mentioned a different offer from FPL, which Mr. Heran identified as Plan B. The Vice Mayor said it looks the most promising so far. Proposed legislation by Representative Mayfield has failed because there was no lobbyist. The Mayor said we should intercede on behalf of the ratepayers of the Town. Dr. Faherty spoke about an antitrust exemption that allows an anti-trust suit to be brought by the individuals who are citizens of the local government. We are hopeful, but it may be strung out for months more. With 600,000 ratepayers outside the municipalities Mr. Heran concluded we must keep the pressure on.

Councilman Cadden said we need to get the rest of Indian River Shores as FPL customers, and only the PSC can get this done. We have to lobby and win, not lose. We can go as a town to the legislature and say that we are split between lower rates of FPL and the City of Vero Electric with FMPA, and our residents need the right to vote on this. Some lobbyists several years ago thought we clearly should have the right to vote on which service we would go with, and if we were joined by the other 20 cities held captive by the FMPA, it is a large voice. There are 18,000 residents in the County and 3,000 in the Shores who are affected, Dr. Faherty spoke of the other 24 who may also have split jurisdictions. Mr. Heran said that is why lobbying efforts are needed, and Representative Mayfield has not had anyone supporting her. Councilman Haverland said this seems like a simple argument – taxation without representation, higher rates, the right to vote. The other involved municipalities and legislators should be open to discussion and provide support.

Mayor Barefoot asked if there is a consensus that we support the idea of a lobbyist, and Councilman Cadden said yes, we should be publicly noted as supportive. Councilman Haverland said he is definitely in favor, but expressed concern about partnering up with the County or Vero Beach lobbyists. **A motion that there is consensus for the Town Council to support the lobbyist effort with a goal to get with FPL and out of the FMPA** was made by Vice Mayor Weick with a second Councilman Cadden, which **passed 5-0**. Councilman Cadden thanked Dr. Faherty and Mr. Heran for their years of work on this. Councilman Slater still was puzzled how this agency is in existence, and who they lobby. Dr. Faherty explained that they lobby the state legislatures and also the members of FMPA. Vice Mayor Weick said it was started when small utilities wanted to be able to share power if it was needed, like a cooperative for a farm. Mr. Heran said they will report back from time to time, and thanked the Council for their support.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Acceptance of Finance Committee Minutes dates June 21, 2013
- b. Acceptance of Planning, Zoning & Variance Minutes dated June 10, 2013, 2013
- c. Approval of Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2013

Mayor Barefoot asked if there was any comment on the consent agenda, and Councilman Haverland questioned the Minutes from July 25, second page under Town Manager Contract, the second sentence which read “The original agreement had a salary, subject to approval, of \$135,000 up from his current \$120,000.” He said the original agreement was not a Council agreement. Mayor Barefoot clarified that it was a proposal to pay Mr. Stabe the \$135,000 salary. Councilman Haverland then asked that the minutes reflect that the \$135,000 was the result of a discussion between the Mayor and the Acting Town Manager and was subject to the Council’s approval.

A motion to approve the consent agenda items with the change as noted was made by Councilman Haverland supported by Councilman Slater, **which passed 5-0**.

4. **Discussion with Possible Action**

- a. Committee Related (Town Manager)
Code Enforcement Board Resignation – David Becker

The Town Manager asked for a motion to **accept the resignation of David Becker from the Code Enforcement Board**, which was made by Councilman Haverland with a second by Vice Mayor Weick that **passed 5-0**.

Alternates for PZV Board and Code Enforcement Board

Mr. Stabe continued that there are a number of vacancies on the Code Enforcement Board, with only two active participants and one alternate. We need three more regular members and one alternate. He

spoke with one resident today who is interested. We also have one application for the Planning, Zoning and Variance Board alternate and there is a current opening.

Mr. Stabe said Barbara Tilney had expressed interest in the PZV Board, and he asked if she would consider the CEB. Ms. Tilney said she would. Mr. Stabe said this will be carried forward with her application next month. Councilman Haverland noted that June Pickett's application just showed up today in their packet, and asked to have the application in sufficient time to contact them. Mr. Stabe said this was information only today, with action to be taken next month. Mayor Barefoot asked the Town Clerk if it would be advertised, and she said it would be on the website, and the Press Journal and Vero Beach 32963 would assist.

b. Town Manager's Pension Compensation Update (Mayor Barefoot)

Mayor Barefoot referred them to the memo that was provided to the Council, which outlined a number of possible solutions that have been offered for consideration by the Finance Committee and others. They are trying to find something that makes sense for both the Town and its manager, with the initially considered deferred compensation plan now off the table. We will continue to seek information on an actuarial impact, and involve the Pension Board. It will be resolved ASAP, but not today, he concluded.

c. Proposed Millage Rate FY 13-14 Budget (Town Manager)

At the last meeting, Mayor Barefoot recapped that they set the millage rate at 1.51729 (1.5173), which is in the current proposed budget and produces \$101,000 in additional revenue over a year ago. Councilman Haverland proposed that they not change it because the current budget has \$125,000 which is over and above what the actuary recommended for the Safety Plan (underfunding). Since the additional \$125,000 wasn't recommended and no one asked for it, he asked that they consider taking it out and hold the current rate of 1.4731.

Vice Mayor Weick suggested that they consider a slightly lower rate of 1.5026 to provide a small increase to cover unknowns and inflation, since we had a huge expenditure on the fire trucks and even depleted some from the emergency fund. There would be a slight increase of \$20-\$30 in taxes to the average homeowner. Councilman Cadden agreed with Vice Mayor Weick. Councilman Haverland disagreed, as there would still be an operating surplus. He thought it would create a tendency to spend the money. Over the past two and a half years, he explained the Council has made significant effort to get rid of a lot of liabilities and expenses, and has saved \$400,000 a year by spending a lot of money, and saw no reason to raise taxes.

Ms. Christmas said the \$125,000 is in **this** year's surplus to go towards the Public Safety's Defined Benefit Pension, and was recommended by the Finance Committee. It is an addition on top of last year's \$250,000. Councilman Haverland questioned giving up the surplus to overfund what is required; there is not a need to put more in that. Ms. Christmas said it would not be in the budget, but it would go to the unassigned reserves. Councilman Slater asked the Chairman of the Finance Committee to explain, and Chairman Ochsner said he agreed with Councilman Haverland, it is not right to increase the millage rate to build in a surplus. They recognize that the actuary recommended 63% funding, and might as well include this in the report. If the choice is between putting the \$125,000 towards the DB Plan and raising taxes, they preferred putting the money in unassigned reserves to use if they need it. Vice Mayor Weick said by buying the fire trucks we depleted the reserves, and it has to be made up. Councilman Haverland said there is a potential for a cash cushion, and at the last meeting there was a very good idea to get a "free" line of credit of \$1 million with the condition that we use the line of credit. We have essentially have replaced every vehicle for the next few years. He said we should get this line of credit.

Mayor Barefoot said we have created \$400,000 savings, which has reduced the size of the budget and decreased the need to fund things. Vice Mayor Weick said \$20-\$30 per home is not huge, and it may lower our rate next year. The inflation is 2-3% now. A **motion to set the millage rate from 1.4731 to 1.50256** was made by Vice Mayor Weick, which died for lack of second.

A **motion to continue to use 1.4731 as the millage rate for FY 2013-14 budget** was made by Councilman Slater, who cited the additional protection with a line of credit and proof that we can live within this budget at the current tax rate would be a positive sign to our voters, which was supported by Councilman Haverland. The motion **passed 4-1**, with Vice Mayor Weick dissenting.

d. November Council Meeting Date (Councilman Slater)

Councilman Slater asked to change the November meeting from Thursday, November 21 to Tuesday the 19th or Friday the 22nd, which was **most agreeable to the Council to move it to Friday November 22nd at 9 a.m.** Councilman Haverland confirmed that the September Council meeting is on Wednesday, September 25th at 3:30.

Mayor Barefoot said he will not be at the September meeting due to a long-standing commitment, and asked them to recall that they had agreed to evaluate the Town Manager. The Mayor requested that it be pushed back to October due to his absence, and all were in agreement. Mr. Stabe will be providing a self-evaluation, and then each Council member would do their evaluation. The preliminary review done by Councilman Haverland will be tweaked, and the Mayor will consolidate them and present a consolidated review. Compensation changes can be made retroactive to any date they choose.

Councilman Haverland noted that he will be missing the October meeting, and will provide his review prior to then.

e. Landscaping Requirement for Soil Moisture Retention (Town Manager)

Mr. Stabe said the Land Development Code includes a section regarding the use of emathlite and colloidal phosphate, and our Tree Protection Officer Gary Doyle brought it to his attention that the company that produces these products will only produce it on the magnitude of 200 tons per month. The Code includes a temporary suspension clause when someone comes to obtain a permit for landscaping, which could be easily done. We could also change the code eventually. Mr. Doyle recommends a suspension of the requirement to use these chemicals. Vice Mayor Weick said there is some controversy on this system, and has no problem with the suspension. Councilman Haverland asked that if the Town wanted to suspend the requirement for a specific period, and Mr. Stabe said since the manufacturer won't even make it anymore, it is an indefinite period. Councilman Haverland made **a motion to suspend the requirement to use emathlite and colloidal phosphate as required in our LDC**, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Weick and **passed 5-0**.

f. Appeal for Tree Removal (Mr. Crowley)

Mayor Barefoot noted that Mr. Crowley was present to discuss his appeal for approval to remove a tree in close proximity to his house. The Tree Protection Officer did not see that there was a reason to approve the removal, and the PZV Board denied the request. Mr. Crowley addressed the Council beginning by stating the tree is only about four feet from the house, next to their bedroom, and poses a danger to them in case of a hurricane. Has said he has nothing against trees, he just doesn't want to lose this tree on his house. Mr. Crowley offered to mitigate another oak tree anywhere. He emphasized that it had nothing to do with parking, it is just the house and life inside which concerns him.

Councilman Haverland asked if it is allowable to put a tree that close to the house with new construction, and Mr. Stabe said not to his knowledge. Vice Mayor Weick said the tree was there first, and John's Island has always been very protective of their trees. He asked Mr. Crowley if he had asked the homeowner's association about the tree, and he had not. There was discussion about the original developer prior to the tree ordinance. Vice Mayor Weick said it has withstood the last two hurricanes, and asked him how long he has lived there. Mr. Crowley said at John's Island for 24 years, and in this house for 2 ½ years.

Mr. Clem said the Code of Ordinances doesn't have a formal right of appeal on tree removal to the Council. The Tree Protection Officer and PZV Board have heard this appeal, and it could go back to PZV for further consideration with a recommendation. Mayor Barefoot asked why it was on the agenda, and Mr. Clem said there has been an informal precedence set. A recent review of our Code of Ordinances would force this to go to the County court.

Mayor Barefoot said there are many, including himself, who have oak trees that could fall on their house, and an exception could lead to a flood of requests. Councilman Cadden asked to hear both sides, and Mr. Stabe called on Barbara Palumbo, Co-Chair of the PZV, who said each member of the PZV Board visited the site and unanimously agreed it should be denied.

Mr. Clem said this supports the fact that all of our ordinances including penalties need to be reviewed, and the procedure is not to come to the Council, it should end at the PZV until our Code is revised.

Mayor Barefoot said based on this and the PZV Co-Chair's recommendation, the Council should not supersede this. This doesn't preclude a rewrite of the ordinance and then revisiting the issue. Mr. Clem said there is no right of appeal to the Council at this point, and he would be happy to draft a procedure for the right of appeal in the future. Mayor Barefoot and Vice Mayor Weick agreed this is opening Pandora's Box.

Mr. Crowley said there are a number of trees that are in close proximity to many cottages, and if the Town allowed them to be removed by mitigating with another, it would be fair. Mr. Clem suggested we could give more or different instructions to our Tree Protection Officer as another future solution.

The Mayor offered to work with the Town Manager and Tree Protection Officer to draft a policy. Even though the Council wants to be sympathetic, it is not within their rights to be granting this. Mr. Clem said sometimes you can't have mitigation, the PZV hears this type of case frequently. Mayor Barefoot suggested that he get with Mr. Doyle to see if there is something that should be considered.

At this time, the Mayor concluded, the appeal was denied, and that is how it stays. If there is a change, the Town will recommunicate with Mr. Crowley.

5. Town Attorney

a. Ordinance 512, Defined Benefit Pension Plan, 1st Reading

Mr. Clem deferred to Mr. Stabe, who said this ordinance is drafted with two parts, 1) to allow one current employee to remain as the only active employee, and 2) allow the other current active employee to exit the plan with \$74,935.87 credited to a newly established Defined Contribution plan account. This figure is calculated based on what would have accrued had she been in the Defined Contribution Plan from day one of employment with the Town. It has been verified by an independent actuary, Foster and Foster, as accurate.

Councilman Haverland said the Southern Actuary report suggests that this is more than she is entitled to. The Town Manager agreed, and Councilman Haverland asked how we could disregard the actuary's comment. This injures the plan, and creates an IRS liability for the employee as taxable income because it is a rollover plus a bonus. We should get the actuarial opinion, Councilman Haverland added. Mr. Stabe said this was inherited from the previous Town manager, who was instructed to negotiate with the two employees to see if they were willing to exit the plan. At the last meeting, we found out that the employees were not given any option, and Mr. Stabe was then asked to confer with these two individuals. The Council instructed him to get confirmation of the in-house figure from the actuary, which was verified. Councilman Haverland agreed with the facts, but said it is a flawed method. What she is entitled to in the pension plan is different than this amount, based on negotiations done in error, and that is what creates an issue. She has not been financially injured at this point, and can stay in the plan as the other employee is. If she wants to get out of the plan there is a legal way to get out. This is not the right amount of assets. Mayor Barefoot said you can't injure the plan at the expense of any others, and the bonus or additional monies can't be put into a DC plan without at least paying taxes on it, if at all. Councilman Slater said it would be helpful to understand what the difference is, and the Town Manager said the actuarial number was significantly less than what they had put into the plan individually. Councilman Haverland said that is totally possible, as this is a totally different type of plan. Mr. Stabe continued that he understood that Richard was tasked with negotiating these two participants to come up with an agreement that they would come out of the plan. Councilman Haverland said no one gave him authority to issue the money, and didn't believe he was given the authority to negotiate with them. Vice Mayor Weick said the goal is to close the plan and to fairly get people out.

Mayor Barefoot said with the assumption to leave one in the plan and cash the other out, he thought it should be delayed until more information is received. Mr. Stabe said the actuarial valuation was done based on them both being out of the plan. Councilman Cadden asked what the value is to the Town to have the other employee out of the plan. Councilman Haverland said nothing prevents the Council from giving the exiting employee a \$25,000 bonus, but not from the Plan money. The Town Manager said the funds from the plan are the actuary amount, and the Town could choose to come up with the difference.

Mr. Clem said this ordinance would have to be redrafted with two amounts, the actuarial amount plus a kicker if the Council desires. The **motion to table Ordinance 512** was made by Vice Mayor Weick with a second by Mayor Barefoot, which **passed 5-0**.

- b. Resolution 13-05, Vacate Replat of Fred R. Tuerk Drive Extension

Mr. Clem said that this was already informally approved, and the Resolution puts it in formal language. A **motion to approve Resolution 13-05 vacating the Replat of Fred R. Tuerk Drive Extension** was made by Vice Mayor Weick with support from Councilman Cadden, which **passed 5-0**.

- c. Resolution 13-06, Street Name Change from Roland Miller Drive to Sunrise Terrace

The residents of Roland Miller Drive asked the Town to consider changing the name of their street to Sunrise Terrace. It was named Roland Miller Drive by Resolution. Vice Mayor Weick asked if the Post Office has to be notified of this, and Mr. Clem said they will, and Laura has already done a lot of work on what names are available and who would be notified of the change. A **motion to approve the change from Roland Miller Drive to Sunrise Terrace** was made by Vice Mayor Weick and seconded by Councilman Cadden, which **passed 5-0**.

6. Town Manager

- a. Departmental Reports (Building, Financial Balance, Public Safety)

Mr. Stabe noted the addition to the Public Safety Department report, a second page referring to previous month's stats and the YTD averages.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Planning, Zoning & Variance (August 12 report)

Ms. Palumbo said the Board approved two fences, tabled a tree removal request, denied another tree removal request, and approved a setback variance. The Mayor thanked Ms. Palumbo for doing double duty with this Board, and she said she is enjoying it, even the controversial issues.

- b. Council Committee Reports (MPO, EDC, TCCLG, TCRPC, Others)

Vice Mayor Weick said the County Commission had changed their **fertilizer ordinance**, and asked the Council if they wanted to adjust our fertilizer ordinances to match theirs. It specifies that there not be any fertilizer use from June 1 to September 30. We still have the 10' buffer, he added. Mr. Clem was asked to review the County's ordinance and amend ours.

Councilman Haverland said when we approved the fertilizer ordinance last year, we were led to believe that the distance was the issue. He suggested that before we approve another amendment to this ordinance, we should understand the science behind this change. Vice Mayor Weick said he has been following this very carefully. Mayor Barefoot asked if they could choose to not to put a ban into place, and was told they could. Councilman Haverland said there is only one person in this area that is educated in this respect, Greg Pheneger, at John's Island, and suggested we get expertise involved.

Mr. Guanch asked about manpower to enforce this. Councilman Cadden said it would be on the books as against our law, and we said that if the Building Department approved licensing of applicators, there is enforcement. Mayor Barefoot asked Mr. Guanch to contact Mr. Pheneger and have him first on the agenda.

EDC. Vice Mayor Weick reported that he went to the meeting and they heard a presentation by Boyett Strategic Advisors out of Orlando on local branding and marketing for the County initiative to encourage business to locate here.

Beach & Shores, MPO and TCCLG had no report. There was no meeting of **TCRLC**.

8. Call to Audience

Ms. Christmas asked for confirmation that what they wanted to see in the final budget was for her to show it reducing the millage rate to 1.4731 and remove the \$125,000, and the Council affirmed.

9. Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the 9-25-13 meeting)