



MINUTES
THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
6001 State Road A1A, Indian River Shores, FL 32963

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, September 11, 2015

5:01 p.m.

PRESENT: **Brian M. Barefoot**, Mayor
Gerard A. Weick, Vice Mayor
Richard M. Haverland, Councilman
Michael B. Ochsner, Councilman
Thomas F. Slater, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: **Robert Stabe**, Town Manager **Laura Aldrich**, Town Clerk
Chester Clem, Town Attorney **Heather Christmas**, Treasurer
Shawn Hoyt, Public Safety Department Sergeant; and a PSD officer

RESIDENTS: **Bob & Nancy Auwaerter**, Finance Committee Chairman and wife; **John Porta**, Finance Committee; **Penny King** and **Charles Kimmel**, Bermuda Bay; **Caroline Ervin**, John's Island

OTHERS PRESENT: **Bob Solari**, County Commissioner; Reporters **Janet Begley & Lisa Zahner**

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call (*Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation given at 4 p.m. meeting*)
Mayor Barefoot called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. **Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget**

- a. Mayor Barefoot announced that the Town of Indian River Shores tentatively proposes an aggregate millage rate of **1.6786** per \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016.
- b. Continuing, he said the tentative millage rate of **1.6786** is **5.64 % MORE** than the rolled-back rate of 1.5890.
- c. The 2015/2016 tentative General Fund budget is \$5,970,050 he added.
- d. Mayor Barefoot announced that the other funds in the 2015/2016 budget are tentatively set as follows:
- 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$156,701 and
 - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund of \$484,500.

Mayor Barefoot asked if there was any comment, Councilman Ochsner noted that if we took out the budgeted electric litigation expenses, the budget would actually be decreased by about 5%. To be able to keep it the same and pursue the litigation shows the Town has done a very good job. Mayor Barefoot agreed with the commendation for the Mr. Stabe, Ms. Christmas and Chief Rosell, adding the comments at the Budget Workshop helped them all to be cognizant of the details in the budget. Everyone will face higher taxes with appraised values, school district and county taxes all having increased. We do hope that the electric litigation makes some positive progress.

3. **Receipt of Public Comment**

There were no comments.

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.

4. **Adoption**

a. Proposed Resolution 15-05 for Adoption of the Tentative Millage Rate:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF 1.6786 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Weick read the proposed Resolution 15-05 by title as printed above. There being no comments, he made **a motion** and was supported by Councilman Ochsner **to approve Resolution 15-05 as proposed**, which **passed 5-0**.

b. Proposed Resolution 15-06 for the Adoption of the Tentative Budget:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Vice Mayor read the proposed Resolution 15-06 by the title as printed above. With no comments, **a motion** was made by Vice Mayor Weick, again supported by Councilman Ochsner, **to approve Resolution 15-06 as proposed**, which **passed 5-0**.

It was announced that the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 24th at 5:01 p.m., to be preceded by the Regular Town Council meeting at 3:30.

5. **Adjournment**

Hearing no further comments, the Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the September 24, 2015 meeting)