



OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 – 9:00 AM

TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES

6001 HIGHWAY A1A INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FL 32963

The regular monthly meeting of the Indian River Shores Town Council was held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, in Council Chambers, 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores. Councilmembers present were Brian Foley, Mayor; Sam Carroll, Vice Mayor; Bob Auwaerter, Councilmember; Mary Alice Smith, Councilmember and James Altieri, Councilmember. Also present were Heather Christmas, Deputy Town Manager/Town Treasurer and Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk.

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call- All members present.

Mayor Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Vice Mayor Carroll offered the invocation. Mayor Foley led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present.

2. **Agenda Reordering, Deletions, or Emergency Additions-None**

There being no additions, deletions or substitutions to the agenda, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Auwaerter, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. **Presentations/Proclamations**

- a. Water Conservation Month –

Mayor Foley presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May Water Conservation month. The title was read into the record.

4. **Comments From the Public Regarding Agenda Items(s)**

None.

5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2024
- b. Approval of Special Call Town Council Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2024
- c. Approval of Work Authorization 2024-01 Schulke, Bittle, et al - Irrigation Engineering at JJ Cemetery
- d. Approval to Reschedule May Regular Town Council Meeting Date
- e. Approval of Franchise Agreement Administration
- f. Approval of PSD Patrol Vehicle Purchase Change
- g. Approval of Work Authorization 23-05B Kimley-Horn - Zoning Map Update Amendment
- h. Approval of Resolution 24-05 Municipal Election

Councilmember Auwaerter requested Item **5. i. Approval of Proposal for Baffle Box repair** be removed from the consent agenda. It was confirmed that the May meeting would be held on May 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Auwaerter, and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as amended.

- i. Approval of Proposal for Baffle Box Repair

Councilmember Auwaerter requested the matter be pulled from the consent agenda so he could point out that the original proposal, despite having a lump sum price of \$12,500, also contained a statement that due to current fuel price increases, Shenandoah would add a 4.5% fuel surcharge to each invoice for services performed. He brought this to the attention of staff and the proposal was updated to remove this language. A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the proposal from Shenandoah in the lump sum amount of \$12,500.00.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Foley requested residents be patient with the high volume of traffic along A1A. He reported that car carriers have already begun to arrive with seasonal residents returning to their summer homes. This should reduce the volume of traffic. He then reminded all that there is an adopted process for the loading and unloading of vehicles for transport.

Mayor Foley reminded all that the Town's website provided a comprehensive report on the Town Council's work to date towards beach renourishment and their efforts in receiving a critically eroded beach designation for Sector 4. They continue to closely monitor the situation.

7. Councilmember Items

Councilmember Auwaerter reported on working with Deputy Chief Mark Shaw and the FDOT representative out of Fort Pierce to obtain a pedestrian crosswalk along A1A at the 7-11 area. The FDOT had turned down the project but after an onsite meeting whereby the FDOT representative saw the pedestrian/vehicular traffic chaos firsthand, a pedestrian crosswalk will be installed. Councilmember Auwaerter expressed his appreciation to Deputy Shaw and the FDOT.

8. Discussion with Possible or Probable Action

None.

9. Staff Updates

a. Building Official Report & Statistics

Mayor Foley reported Building Official Fred Held was not present due to a family matter.

b. Town Treasurer Report

Heather Christmas, Deputy Town Manager/Town Treasurer addressed the Town Council. In addition to presenting her report for February, Ms. Christmas announced that the Town's Auditors would be presenting the Town's annual financial statements to the Finance Committee on April 10, 2024, and then to the Town Council on the 25th. She is also in the process of budget preparation for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and will have a budget amendment to come before Council at the April 25, 2024, meeting.

c. Public Safety Department Report & Statistics

Chief Stone addressed the Town Council. He reported the Department had been in St. Augustine to receive excelsior level of accreditation. He reported on the increase in fraud cases that three detectives are working on trying to determine from where the scams originate. The Department is close to being fully staffed. He noted that the quality of per diem hires has been impressive with all having completed their 14-hour shift evaluation training. He next reported that response times were down in January/February adding that getting out the door in less than one-minute, from call to departure, is the goal. All major equipment repairs have been completed.

Chief Stone also reported that he would be shifting staff responsibilities over the next few weeks.

d. Public Works Department Report

Director of Public Works, Larry Bryant, addressed the Town Council. He was collaborating with the contractor from the Pebble Bay project to finalize matters on the final punch list. He continues to work with FDOT on A1A completions.

e. **Code Enforcement Report**

Deputy Town Manager Christmas reported that Sgt. Maikranz was out in the field. She noted that item 4 in the report had been completed.

10. Town Attorney Report

None.

11. Town Manager Report

Heather Christmas, Deputy Town Manager reported that the County had held its first public meeting on the bids received for the Solid Waste and Recycling contract of which the Town was a party to. A second public hearing was scheduled for April 24, 2024, time to be determined.

12. Council/Committee Reports or Non-Action Items

a. **Call for Committee Reports, Informational Updates or Comments**

Councilmember Auwaerter reported that the Utilities Commission would be meeting next Tuesday. He would be asking for a cyber security update on the matter of the Iranian hackers that had gained access into the City's Utility accounts. He would also remind the City of their obligation under the Cyber-Security Act, specifically he will discuss the penetration test offered by Homeland Security. He will also address other specific items such as whether the City is required to hold a shade meeting to discuss their policies. He added that the newly hired Deputy County Administrator will be responsible for Cyber Security within the County.

Vice Mayor Carroll reported on attending the joint Treasure Coast Regional Planning Meeting held in Palm Beach County at the renovated courthouse. He reported the meeting was extremely informative and addressed such topics transportation including tri rail, homeowners' insurance, and a recap of the legislation session. There were specific questions about the Ethics Commission Form 6, and notwithstanding the lawsuit there could be a reprieve from the required July 1 filing. However, he strongly suggested the Town Council be prepared to file Form 6.

Mayor Foley reported he had attended the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities quarterly meeting. He would leave the handouts from the meeting with the Clerk. Legislative updates were discussed. He noted that the Florida League of Cities was relieved that the Brackett bill had failed, however, it will be taken up at the next legislative session. Mayor Foley commented that membership in the Florida League of Cities is valuable, however, he noted the divergent interests within the FLC.

Mayor Foley reported that he had done a ride along with the Senior Resource Association Meals on Wheels program. He commented that the number of recipients was staggering and not all participants were age driven.

Councilmember Smith reported on the status of Sector 4. The Beach And Shore Advisory Committee is still waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers report on the archeological findings. Right now, everything is progressing on time barring any foul weather events.

12. Call to Audience

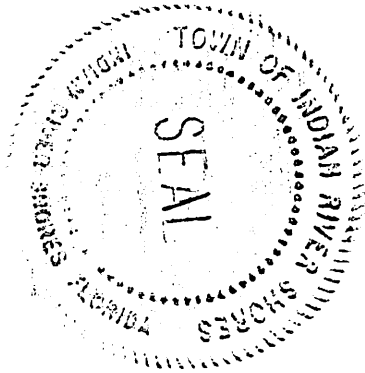
None.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Approved: April 25, 2024


Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk



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