

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPECIAL CALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 9:00 AM
TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
6001 HIGHWAY A1A INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FL 32963

A special call meeting of the Indian River Shores Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in Council Chambers, 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores. Those present were Brian Foley, Mayor; Bob Auwaerter, Vice Mayor and Sam Carroll, Councilmember. Also present were James Harpring, Town Manager; Heather Christmas, Deputy Town Manager/Town Treasurer; Peter Sweeney, Town Attorney and Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk.

1. Call to Order

a. Invocation

Mayor Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Carroll offered the invocation.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Foley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Roll Call

The Town Clerk called the roll. All members were present except Councilmember Altieri.

2. Selection of applicant to fill Town Council vacancy

Mayor Foley explained the purpose of the meeting was to select a councilmember to serve the unexpired term of Councilmember Dane, who passed away in December. The term will expire in November 2026. Mayor Foley further noted that in November 2026, two additional seats will be open for election due to the term limits affecting his position and that of Councilmember Carroll.

Councilmember Carroll addressed the Town Council. He explained his approach to evaluating the candidates. He concluded that applicant Robert Stevenson would be his choice.

Vice Mayor Auwaerter thanked all applicants for their interest and stated that although all three would be an asset to the Town, his recommendation was to appoint Peter Tedesco, who has served on the Town's Finance Committee since 2019.

Mayor Foley explained the rationale for his decision. He also thanked all the applicants, commending their interest and qualifications. He stated he was leaning toward Peter Tedesco due to his experience and ability to step into the role quickly.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carroll to appoint Robert "Rob" Stevenson to fill the vacant Councilmember seat. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter to appoint Peter Tedesco to fill the

unexpired Councilmember term until November 2026. The motion was seconded by Mayor Foley. The motion passed 2 to 1 with Councilmember Carroll voting against the motion.

3. Swearing in of applicant selected to fill Town Council vacancy

The Town Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to Peter Tedesco to serve until November 2026.

4. Audience Questions

None.

5. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Approved: February 17, 2026



Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk

