



THE TOWN OF *INDIAN RIVER SHORES*

OFFICIAL MINUTES **REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, August 27, 2026

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, August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores. Those present were Brian T. Foley, Mayor; Bob Auwaerter, Vice Mayor and Councilmember Peter Tedesko. Also present were James Harpring, Town Manager, Peter Sweeney, Town Attorney and Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk.

1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

Mayor Foley offered the Invocation then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll. Councilmember Carroll and Councilmember Altieri were not in attendance. A quorum was present.

2. Agenda Reordering, Deletions, or Emergency Additions

There being no reordering, deletions or emergency additions, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and seconded by Councilmember Tedesko to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0)

3. Presentations/Proclamations

- a. NPDES MS-4 Presentation

Maggie Giraldo, Kimley Horn and Associates narrated a power point presentation on the Town's NPDES MS4 Stormwater Program.

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

None.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Workshop dated July 23, 2026
- b. Approval of Minutes of Town Council Meeting dated July 23, 2026
- c. Approval of Vehicle Purchase Building Department
- d. Approval of Request for Variance – 131 Silver Moss Drive
- e. Approval of Request for Variances – 410 Arrowhead Trail

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter, seconded by Councilmember Tedesko and unanimously passed (3-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Foley congratulated three new Councilmembers Theresa Morgan, Patricia Brier and Rob Stevenson on their uncontested election to Council to be seated this November.

Mayor Foley expressed his disappointment over low voter turnout for the Primary and urged the public to exercise their right to vote.

7. Councilmember Items

Vice Mayor Auwaerter narrated a power point presentation on Sector 4 hardbottom conditions. Through aerial mapping, the close proximity of the hardbottom to the beach shore was highlighted. Vice Mayor Auwaerter explained that this was the reason sand could not be pumped in and had to be trucked in for replenishment to the beaches.

Vice Mayor Auwaerter gave an update on the sea turtle program. During the month of July, loggerhead sea turtles surpassed the 2023 record of 8,971 nests and they continue to nest into August.

Vice Mayor Auwaerter reported on the City of Vero Beach utility rate hearing and his concerns regarding Vero Beach's utility fund transfers. Using the City's proposed 2026-2027, he highlighted cost allocations from each city department into the utility fund. He emphasized that the Town needs to work with State legislators to address these transfers as residents of the Town cannot vote for City of Vero Beach Councilmembers who set the rates.

Mayor Foley agreed, adding that this could be viewed as a regressive tax.

8. Discussion with Possible or Probable Action

a. Approval of Resolution 26-06 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment for Solid Waste

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. Town Manager Harpring offered Staff's report. The Town Council expressed their appreciation to the Town Manager for his efforts in reducing the cost of solid waste and recycling. A motion was then made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter, seconded by Councilmember Tedesko and unanimously passed (3-0) to approve Resolution 26-06.

b. Ordinance No. 597 Parking in Residential Areas (Second Reading)

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. Town Manager Harpring offered Staff's report. There being no public comment, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and was seconded by Councilmember Tedesko to approve Ordinance No. 597 on second reading. The Town Clerk called the roll. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

c. Ordinance No. 599 Building Department Permits (Second Reading)

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. Town Manager Harpring offered Staff's report. There being no public comment, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and seconded by Councilmember Tedesko to approve Ordinance No. 599 on second reading. The Town Clerk called the roll. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Ordinance No. 600 Reorganization of departments (First Reading)

Attorney Sweeney read the title into the record. Town Manager Harpring offered Staff's report. There being no public comment, a motion was then made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter and seconded by Councilmember Tedesko to pass Ordinance No. 600 on first reading. The Town Clerk called the roll. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

d. Town Council Meeting Date for November and December 2026

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Auwaerter seconded by Councilmember Tedesko and unanimously passed (3-0) to schedule the Regular Town Council meetings for November and December as follows:

November 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

December 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

9. Staff Updates

- a. Building Department Report
- b. Code Enforcement Report

Jake Maikranz was present representing the Building Department and Code Enforcement Department. Mayor Foley reported the building department had garnered favorable compliments and expressed his appreciation to the department for its professionalism.

Officer Maikranz narrated a power point presentation on Sea Turtle Nesting Season May 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026. Three surveys have been completed. 6 infractions remain unresolved. Council expressed their appreciation for the update.

- c. Facilities Department Report

Facilities Director Lucy Scheidt addressed the Town Council. In addition to her report, she updated Council on the successful survival rate of the dune planting program confirming the effort has helped with erosion and protection over the beach access. The Town's dune planting program had received recognition from both the County and the FDEP.

- d. Finance Department Report

Finance Director Heather Christmas was available to answer questions from the Town Council.

- e. Public Safety Department Report

Chief Tad Stone reported on the successful school bus stop program.

10. Town Attorney Report

Town Attorney Sweeney reported that he continued to follow the progress of Proposition 3 – Tax Reform and other issues that may come before the legislators. He advised that he would be available to Councilmembers elect should they have questions.

11. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Harpring gave a brief update on the continuing Septic to Sewer project for Beachcomber and Pebble Lanes. The City of Vero Beach had adopted an Ordinance that will give credits to property owners converting from septic to sewer or STEP systems. In addition, there were credits to customers who would connect within a certain time frame. The City did apply for grants that would benefit Town residents. Town Manager Harpring once again reiterated the Town is doing everything it can to assist the residents.

13. Council/Committee Reports or Non-Action Items

- a. Call for Committee Reports, Informational Updates or comments

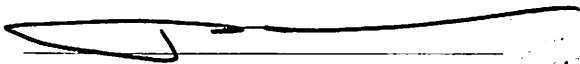
14. Call to Audience

None.

15. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Approved: September 22, 2026


Janice C. Rutan, MMC, Town Clerk