



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Indian River Shores**  
**Council Organizational Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2020, 2:00 p.m.**

6001 N. STATE ROAD A1A, INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FL 32963

**1. Call to Order**

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

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Foley at 2:00 p.m., with the Invocation given by Councilman Carroll and the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Town Clerk Aldrich called the roll, with those present as follows: **ELECTED OFFICIALS** Councilman Sam **Carroll**, Councilman Brian **Foley**, and newly elected Council members Christian **Hendricks**, John **McCord**, and Mary Alice **Smith**. **STAFF present** were Town Attorney Chester **Clem**, Deputy Town Manager/Treasurer Heather **Christmas**, Town Clerk Laura **Aldrich**, Town Clerk Assistant Chelley **Pallo**, Deputy Chief Mark **Shaw**, and Lieutenant Chris **Beaumont**. **RESIDENTS present** were Tom **Slater** (John's Island), Debbi **Peniston** (John's Island), Jerry **Weick** (Bermuda Bay), PZVB Chairwoman Patty **Gundy** (Pebble Bay) and Joe **Smith** (John's Island). **GUESTS present** were Frannie **Atchison**.

**2. Recognition for Outgoing Elected Officials**

Councilman Foley said this recognition is for our friends and esteemed colleagues. Town Manager Griffin is unfortunately a little under the weather this afternoon and decided to not attend the meeting in an overabundance of caution. Councilman Foley called former Mayor Tom Slater to the front and thanked him for his service to the Town of Indian River Shores, and for setting such a wonderful example for his fellow Council members. He then presented him with a framed advertisement that was placed in the Vero Beach 32963 weekly newspaper, which advertisement thanked the outgoing Council members for their service to the Town.

Councilman Foley then called former Councilmember Debbi Peniston to the front and presented her with the same framed advertisement, while thanking her for service to the Town. He said he learned a lot from sitting next to her on the dais. Councilmember Peniston said she knows that she is leaving Council in extremely capable hands.

Councilman Foley said that former Vice Mayor Auwaerter was unable to attend, but he was known for his work ethic and he will be a tough act to follow. He thanked him for his service to the Town as well.

Deputy Chief Shaw presented real fire helmets signed by the staff of both Public Safety and Town Hall to former Mayor Tom Slater and former Councilmember Debbi Peniston and thanked them for their service to the Town.

**3. Certification of Election Results**

- a. Presentation of Election Results (Town Clerk)

Mrs. Aldrich mentioned that there were three open positions on the Council this year, and three candidates who had qualified. They ran unopposed; therefore, no election was necessary for the Town this year.

- b. Motion to Accept Results

**A motion was made to accept the election-by-default of Christian Hendricks, John C. McCord, and Mary Alice Smith as Councilmembers for the Town of Indian River Shores, which passed with no objection.**

**4. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials**

- a. Christian "Chris" Hendricks
- b. John McCord
- c. Mary Alice Smith

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Chris Hendricks, John McCord and Mary Alice Smith were individually called to the front of the room and took the solemn oath of office, administered by the Town Clerk.

5. **Election of Mayor**

a. Receive Nominations (Town Clerk)

Mrs. Aldrich asked for nominations for the position of mayor. Councilman Carroll nominated Brian Foley, which was seconded by Councilmember Hendricks. Mrs. Aldrich asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none.

b. Selection by Council of New Mayor

**A motion to approve the nomination of Brian Foley for the position of Mayor** was made by Councilman Carroll with support from Councilmember Hendricks and **passed unanimously**. Mayor Foley thanked his fellow Council members, and said he was both humbled and honored by their selection. He promised to try his hardest to do his best.

6. **Election of Vice Mayor**

a. Receive Nominations (Mayor)

Mayor Foley made **a motion to nominate Sam Carroll for the position of Vice Mayor**, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hendricks.

b. Selection by Council of New Vice Mayor

A voice vote **was unanimous** in favor of Sam Carroll for Vice Mayor.

7. **Committee Considerations** (Town Clerk) (2:13 PM)

Mayor Foley said that the list of committees in front of them are those for which the Town Council provides a representative. Some of the committees meet more frequently than others. He said that the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG) provides an interesting opportunity to meet elected officials from other jurisdictions and school boards. Mayor Foley asked if anyone had any interest in a particular committee.

Vice Mayor **Carroll** said he would like to be the primary representative for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (**AHAC**) and he would like to remain the primary for the Economic Development Council (**EDC**). He was the primary on the **Beach & Shore** Preservation Advisory Committee, but as Councilmember **Hendricks is the Chairman of that Committee, he should be the primary**. Vice Mayor Carroll is happy to remain as alternate if needed. He would also like to be the primary representative for the Elected Officials Oversight Committee, (**EOOC**) would like to remain the **alternate for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)**, and the **TCRLC**, and he would like to be the primary for the Florida League of Cities (**FLC**) – **Intergovernmental Relations**.

Mayor **Foley** stated that he would like to be the primary representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (**MPO**), and would like to remain the primary for the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities (**TCRLC**) and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council **TCRPC**.

Councilmember **Hendricks** agreed to be the primary for the **Beach & Shores** Preservation Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman **Smith** said she would be the **alternate for Beach & Shores, AHAC, and the EOOC**.

Councilmember **McCord** said he will be the **primary for the CoVB Utilities Commission**. Mayor **Foley** volunteered as **alternate for the Utilities Commission**.

Councilmember **Hendricks** volunteered as **alternate for the EDC** and the **MPO**.

Mrs. Aldrich read back the list of Committee appointments and confirmed that everyone was agreeable.

8. **Sunshine Law Briefing** (Town Attorney) (2:20 PM)

Mr. Clem provided the Council with a handout regarding the Sunshine Law, explaining that almost any sort of contact between two or more Council members could be classified as a meeting. He asked that the Council members avoid any type of contact, whether via email, phone, etc., relating to matters that may come before the Town Council, as there are penalties involved for those who do not follow the Sunshine Law. The Sunshine Law Manual may be viewed online or ordered. He advised that the Council call him if they have any questions

9. **Adjourn** (2:22 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Town Council at the November 19, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting.

/s

Laura Aldrich, MMC, Town Clerk