



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

SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
FPL Potential Partial Purchase Participation & Building
Department Software Implementation Issues
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
8:30 a.m.

- PRESENT:** Brian M. Barefoot, Mayor
Michael B. Ochsner, Vice Mayor
Bob Auwaerter, Councilman
Debbi Peniston, Council-Elect
- ABSENT:** Richard M. Haverland, Councilman (excused)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Stabe, Town Manager Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Chester Clem, Town Attorney Rich Rosell, PSD Director
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Residents Andrew Sowers; Jim Moller, JIPOA; Dylan Reingold, IRC Attorney;
Reporter Colleen Wixon

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation – Councilman Ochsner
- c. Roll Call – Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barefoot at 8:44 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were recited and the roll call is as reflected above.

2. **FPL Potential Partial Purchase Participation**

Mayor Barefoot reminded them that a few months ago, when FPL made their offer to the Vero Beach City Council, our Council at the time approve participating in the offer up to \$3 million, with FPL offering \$27 million for the partial purchase of the Town’s share of the Vero Electric utility. It would be funded by FPL over a 3-year period roughly. Last week, the new City of Vero Beach Council spent hours listening to comments in favor of a partial sale, and most are ready to see the City sell the entire system. The roadblocks in the contracts that the City entered into with the FRMPA and OUC have been incredibly difficult to bypass, bond issues, and collateral bonds. Councilman Auwaerter revealed his analysis that he had done at the Utility Commission and at the August meeting of the Vero Council.

There was a 4-1 vote to consider an FPL offer to partially purchase the Town’s portion of the electric utility, which is expected to be received by the City before December 6.

The Mayor made a **motion to approve the Town’s participation in the anticipated offer by FPL to purchase Vero’s electric system in our Town in the amount of not more than \$3 million dollars to be recouped over a period of approximately 3 years by way of a temporary surcharge on customers in the Town that previously had been served by Vero Electric.** The motion was seconded by Councilman Auwaerter.

Hearing no questions or comments from the Council or audience, the vote was called which **passed the motion 4-0.**

3. **Building Department Software Implementation Issues & Recommendation Comment**

Mayor Barefoot said this item was withdrawn until some details are worked out.

4. **Adjournment**

Mayor Barefoot asked for further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the December 15, 2016 meeting)

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