

MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING – ISBA
Thursday, February 12, 2009
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Thomas W. Cadden, Mayor
E. William Kenyon, Vice Mayor
Frances F. Atchison, Councilmember
William H. Ahrens, Councilman
David J. Becker Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: Robert J. Bradshaw, Town Manager
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Chester Clem, Town Attorney

1. **Call to Order**

a. Roll Call

Mayor Cadden called the meeting to order at 900 a.m. The Town Clerk called the roll as reflected above.

2. **Discussion**

Mayor Cadden said that this workshop is to discuss the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement, which effort began about a year and a half ago as an alternate solution to the County having a Charter form of government as a better way to control growth.

The total change in the business climate and economy in the County and the nation, Mayor Cadden added, has caused him to question the necessity of this particular interlocal agreement. The County needs to encourage growth and industry, and this agreement adds another hurdle for potential businesses to cross. The effort in developing the document has been worthwhile in opening lines of communication between the local governing entities. The Mayor continued that since this Council has been involved in the whole process, and he and Dr. Becker are now getting ready to leave the Council, he desires to conclude the decision of the Council on this effort.

One concern was the 20-year commitment term required in the document, and another was that it seems to be more of an economic development impediment in the County. Private discussions with other participants have led some to believe that the support is waning, but they seem hesitant to withdraw. Letting the agreement die a natural death, stopping the effort to save further expense, and successful interlocal agreements in other municipal areas that are between the county and one political subdivision were briefly discussed.

The Town Attorney gave examples of change that the Town had experienced since 1978 on development and challenges that were thought insurmountable that were overcome. He commented on how the agreement had gone from a 2-page agreement when it first began to one that now identified properties by name, and was appalled at what it had become. He agreed that it does not appear to have been wasted time spent by the County, Sebastian and Fellsmere, in particular. A two or three-way agreement would be very beneficial for them. There are issues coming up in the Committee, Mr. Bradshaw added, that are not relevant to the Town or Orchid,

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but votes must be made with all committee members. It can be detrimental to future interactions the Town has with any of those involved in this agreement.

The discussion then turned to whether a resolution or letter from the Council was called for, and Mr. Clem said that there could be a vote to not go forward with the agreement with a letter advising of the decision, or a resolution followed by a letter. Mr. Bradshaw said that a Joint Planning Agreement was brought up the first day of the committee meeting by Fellsmere, so it is not a new idea. Councilman Becker asked to draft the resolution or letter, stating the reasons we are withdrawing and the reasons we participated in the process, which was agreed to by the Council. The 20-year length, unanimous agreement requirement, political ramifications of the Town's vote in the event of dissent among participators in the agreement, and the economy were cited as reasons for concern in continuing the process. The Mayor agreed to draft a Town position statement, and to commend the progress that the committee has made thus far.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the 2-26-09 meeting)