

MINUTES
THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
6001 North Highway A1A, Indian River Shores, FL 32963

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 26, 2010
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: E. William Kenyon, Mayor
William H. Ahrens, Vice Mayor
Frances F. Atchison, Councilmember
Gerard A. Weick, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Jefferson, Town Manager
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Chester Clem, Town Attorney
Bill Schauman, Director, Public Safety

OTHERS PRESENT: 6 Residents; 2 Guests, VB 32963 Reporter

ABSENT: Michael B. Ochsner, Councilman (Excused)

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation – Vice Mayor Ahrens
- c. Roll Call

Mayor Kenyon called the meeting to order at 3:30, with the Invocation given and Roll Call as reflected above.

2. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of July 22, 2010 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of July 22, 2010 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of August 9, 2010 Special Call - Ordinance 501 Town Council Meeting Minutes

A **motion to approve the consent agenda as presented** was made by Councilmember Atchison and seconded by Vice Mayor Ahrens. It **passed 4-0** with no discussion.

3. **Mayor's Items**

- a. Indian River Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development/Jobs (Helene Caseltine)

Mayor Kenyon said that in our county, the Indian River Chamber of Commerce is charged with the task of economic development. Bill Penny, President of Marine Bank and Trust, Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce and also the Chairman of Economic Development Division, thanked the Council for allowing them to present this information about jobs. Indian River County has the fourth highest unemployment rate in the State, and Florida is among the highest in unemployment in the nation. He affirmed the Mayor's comment, adding that Helene Caseltine is the Director of Economic Development at the Chamber.

Mrs. Caseltine had a PowerPoint presentation about jobs and how they are attempting to attract businesses to our area in partnership with the State agency, Enterprise Florida. In addition to promoting the area by advertising, the Chamber assists in retaining and expanding businesses already in place, helps with working through the various agency's requirements for businesses, provides familiarity with existing available commercial buildings and land, and provides a skilled workforce (Workforce Solutions and IRSC training). Meaningful incentives, friendly/fast regulatory process, a business friendly environment, and cooperation between public and private sector are important factors that draw businesses here. She reviewed the target industries, marketing tools and activities, local jobs grant criteria, and initiatives and results of the most recent Community Leaders Summit. Active projects and goals were also discussed.

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Councilman Weick asked how many businesses have taken advantage of the impact fee reduction, and she said no one so far has met the criteria. He asked if the program might be extended, and she did not know. The Mayor asked if anyone else had questions, and hearing none, thanked Mrs. Caseltine for the information.

4. **Planning, Zoning and Variance (PZV) Board**

(No meeting in August)

5. **Town Attorney**

a. Ordinance 501: Communication Services Tax, 2nd Reading

Mr. Clem said that this ordinance is intended to bring the Town's receipts in line with what the other communities in the County are receiving. The Town currently receives 2.8% of a 5.22% entitlement. Other than scrivener's changes, the intent of the ordinance is the same. He proceeded to read the title of the subject ordinance as written below.

Title of Ordinance 501

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES ADOPTING A NEW LOCAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW LOCAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENT OF TAX RATE FOR PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If this is adopted by Council, Mr. Clem said that it has to be received by September 1st by the State. Vice Mayor Ahrens **made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 501**, seconded by Councilmember Atchison, **which passed 4-0**.

6. **Town Manager**

a. Weekly Recycling - Treasure Coast Refuse (Todd Westover)

Mr. Jefferson said that there has been a 50% increase in recycling over the past six months, so we have worked out a deal with Treasure Coast Refuse to increase our recycling. This will be on a trial basis to see how it works out, and it should be what everybody is looking for. The entire town will have recycling picked up on Tuesdays, and John's Island, Bermuda Bay and The Estuary will be on Tuesday (for garbage pick-up). The rest of the Town will be on Friday (garbage pick-up). Councilman Weick asked how this will be communicated to the residents, and Mr. Jefferson said that there is a communication for each subdivision that will be provided. He asked if the newspaper also will help to get the word out, and Lisa Zahner, Vero Beach 32963, affirmed.

b. Update on GAI Findings

There are not enough findings yet, as facts and figures are still being gathered, Mr. Jefferson continued.

c. Florida League of Cities Annual Meeting August 19-21 Report

Last week at this meeting the majority of discussion concerned budgets, shortfalls, and how to find new ways to save money.

d. Budget Workshop Items

1) Assessment of an Impact Fee for Fire and Police Service

2) Fee for Ambulance Transport

Mr. Jefferson said asked Director of Public Safety Bill Schauman to address this, who said that several bids for transport fees were received, with McKesson being tentatively selected. They have had a great track record working with the County for a long time. The process to set up will not likely be completed before January 2011. A **motion to contract with McKesson for billing for ambulance transport** was made by Councilman Weick and supported by Councilmember Atchison, which passed 4-0.

7. **Call to Council**

a. Committee Reports

Beach and Shores. No report.

MPO. Councilmember Atchison said there was no meeting.

TCRLC. No meeting.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Vice Mayor Ahrens reported that he attended this meeting

on the 18th of August, and Sasan Rohani presented a review of this year's activities in a comprehensive budgetary report. The SHIP State housing program has provided 948 loans here in this county since its inception: 375 to very low income families, 427 to low income, and 146 to moderate income families. The Florida Housing Opportunity Program provided 16 loans for down payment assistance in conjunction with the Federal first time homeowners tax credit program. These loans must be repaid within 18 months of closing or when the applicant receives their first-time homebuyer credit back from the government. The Hurricane Housing Recovery Program was closed out in June 2010 after expending 448 loans, of which 114 were for extremely low income, 107 to very low income, 162 to low income, and 35 from moderate income households.

Indian River County is currently assisting very low and low income first-time home buyers with a down payment closing cost loan with zero percent interest. Since it started, 7 loans have been closed and 4 applicants have received eligibility letters. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program purchases foreclosed homes. The County has contracted with the Indian River Housing Authority and the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC). Houses purchased by the Housing Authority will be sold to income-qualified applicants who do not currently own a house. Houses purchased by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council will be owned by the same agency and used as rental units. The TCHSC has nothing to do with the homeless. Each of these two organizations has purchased 14 units, which are all being rehabilitated. There is also a Hurricane Wilma CDBG program for replacing entry doors or installing storm shutters, and replacing roofs on single family homes. To date, 27 homes have been rehabilitated through this program with eight additional houses in various stages of rehabilitation. Many people do not know the extent to which Indian River County has started a very significant affordable housing program, Vice Mayor Ahrens concluded.

Elected Officials Oversight Committee. Councilman Weick said that he attended this meeting regarding public school planning, with the 5-year plan indicating that there is flat or limited growth. No new schools are planned, and Fellsmere Elementary will have the cafeteria and classrooms expanded as it is overcrowded. Vero Beach Elementary School will be rebuilt on the same site. The warehouse will be moved to 66th Street where the middle school currently is, and Oslo Magnet school will be moving to Point West around 2012.

Economic Development Council (EDC). Mayor Kenyon said the earlier report from the Chamber revealed what is going on with this organization. He also announced that he is stepping down from the EDC and Councilman Weick will be assuming the responsibility due to (the Mayor) terming out next February and continuity is needed.

TCCLG. Mayor Kenyon said that he is tasked with providing a speaker at the September meeting of the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, and was able to engage Ralph Poppell. He is terming out, and the Mayor thought he would be able to speak more freely in advising how to get help from Tallahassee.

United Way. Mr. Jefferson added that the campaign kickoff is September 1, and the collection can will be placed in the Postal Center.

7. **Call to Audience**

Commissioner Flescher and Commissioner Solari were present, with Commissioner Flescher being successful with the primary election this month. Comm. Flescher thanked everyone for their support, trust and faith in him. He mentioned assistance to Councilmember Atchison about recycling, and Mr. Jefferson's involvement in making it happen. Commissioner Flescher added that the repairs on 46th Place will be completed by January 1, 2011.

Commissioner Solari said it is always a pleasure to be here.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further comments, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, CMC, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the 9-23-10 Meeting)