

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

SPECIAL CALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
1st Reading Ordinance 501, CST Increase
Monday, August 9, 2010
11:30 a.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: **Richard Jefferson, Interim Town Manager**
 Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
 Chester Clem, Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: **Jack Mitchell, Resident**

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Kenyon called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. The items below were performed, with the roll call as reflected above.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Invocation – Councilman Ochsner
 - c. Roll Call

2. **Ordinance 501: First Reading**

Mayor Kenyon turned the floor over to the Town Attorney, who stated that our Treasurer and Finance Committee reviewed this last month, and discovered that we were receiving 2.8% tax and Fellsmere and Sebastian were getting 5.28%. The intent is to be on equivalent basis with other municipalities and increase our income, taking pressure off the ad valorem tax. Mr. Clem said he researched Florida Statute Chapter 202 that allows the Town to collect 5.1%, and another statute permits an additional 0.12, which is 5.22%.

This meeting was called because the adoption has to be by ordinance to change this rate, which has to be submitted to the Department of Revenue on or before September 1. The second reading can be on August 26 at our regular meeting, and the first reading has to occur before publication, then ten days later we could have second reading. Any changes will be reflected before publication, which is by title only.

Mr. Clem then read the Ordinance by title as follows:

Ordinance 501

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX OF CHAPTER 202, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF 5.1 PERCENT TAX PLUS AN ADD-ON PERMITTED IN FLORIDA STATUTE 337.401; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

He said it is very simple, in Section 1 we adopt the 5.1% and then in Section 2 adopt the additional 0.12%, then this is submitted to the Department of Revenue. **A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 501** by Councilmember Atchison, supported by Councilman Weick. Councilman Ochsner asked what rates the City of Vero Beach and the County enforced, which were

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