



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

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 11, 2014

5:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Gerard A. Weick, Vice Mayor
Thomas W. Cadden, Councilman
Thomas F. Slater, Councilman (*telephonic attendance approved*)

ABSENT: Brian M. Barefoot, Mayor
Richard M. Haverland, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Stabe, Town Manager
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Chester Clem, Town Attorney
Heather Christmas, Treasurer
Mike Jacobs, Acting Director, Public Safety Department

RESIDENTS: John Porta, Finance Committee
Janet Begley, Reporter

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation (Town Manager Stabe)
- c. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Weick called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation performed as reflected above. Mr. Clem said this was an emergency situation with Councilman Slater's attendance, who had planned to be here but had a medical surgery out of town this morning.

2. Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget

- a. Vice Mayor Weick announced that the Town of Indian River Shores tentatively proposes an aggregate millage rate of **1.6786** per \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015.
- b. Continuing, he said the tentative millage rate of **1.6786 is 16.83 % MORE than** the rolled-back rate of 1.4368.
- c. The 2014/2015 tentative General Fund budget is \$5,592,791, the Vice Mayor added.
- d. The other funds in the 2014/2015 budget are tentatively set as follows:
 - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$337,481 and
 - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund of \$381,400.

Councilman Cadden said this looked like a good budget, to which Councilman Slater added that it was fully vetted by the Finance Committee, and they and others worked very hard on this.

Mr. Porta, Finance Committee member, said the Committee had recommended that the Council move the evaluation period from January 1 to June 30 before hiring more Public Safety Officers, as they felt that it was much too short a period.

Ms. Christmas said the Committee had asked also to delay the hiring of three officers in January, as confirmed by Mr. Porta. Mr. Stabe said he had sent notice of this request via

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memo to Council, and it was specific that they unanimously approved the budget with the recommendation that the hiring of three full time PSO's be delayed until June 30.

3. **Receipt of Public Comment**

There were no comments.

4. **Adoption**

a. Proposed Resolution 14-06 for Adoption of the Tentative Millage Rate:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF 1.6786 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Weick read the proposed Resolution 14-06 by title as printed above. There being no comments, **a motion** was made by Councilman Cadden, supported by Councilman Slater, **to approve Resolution 13-07 as proposed**, which **passed 3-0**.

b. Proposed Resolution 14-07 for the Adoption of the Tentative Budget:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Vice Mayor read the proposed Resolution 14-07 by the title as printed above. With no comments, **a motion** was made by Councilman Cadden, supported by Vice Mayor Weick, **to approve Resolution 14-07 as proposed**, which **passed 3-0**.

Councilman Slater asked how this proposed millage rate impacts the homeowners, and Mr. Stabe said there was a breakdown of how much the increase would be to homeowners provided to the Council. For a \$250,000 home, the increase would be \$51 annually; for a \$750,000 home, which is roughly the average home value in Town, it is an increase of \$154; for a \$1.5 million home, it would be a \$308 increase; and for a \$2 million home, it is \$411 per year.

It was announced that the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 25th at 5:01 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**

Hearing no further comments, the Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the September 25, 2014 meeting)