



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

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Gerard A. Weick, Vice Mayor
Thomas W. Cadden, Councilman
Thomas F. Slater, Councilman

ABSENT: Brian M. Barefoot, Mayor (*excused*)
Richard M. Haverland, Councilman (*excused, Telephonically Connected*)

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Stabe, Town Manager
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk
Heather Christmas & Darlene Wiltzius, Finance Department

RESIDENTS: Jerry Solin & John Porta, Finance Committee
Reporter Janet Begley

1. **Call to Order**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Weick called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation foregone, as they were performed at the preceding meeting. The roll call by the Town Clerk is reflected above.

2. **Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget**

- a. The Town of Indian River Shores tentatively proposes an aggregate millage rate of **1.4731** per \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014.
- b. The tentative millage rate of **1.4731** is **0.60 % MORE than** the rolled-back rate of 1.4643. The Vice Mayor paused and asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Slater said we are not changing the millage rate, and through property values the amount of income to the Town changed. He was puzzled why it is an increase. Both the Vice Mayor and the Town Clerk said it is the percent change over rolled-back rate, or what it takes to provide the same operating income as last year. Usually the assessed rate has gone down and this year it has gone up. The numbers are correct, Mr. Solin added, but the word “percent” was left off the agenda. The correction was noted. Vice Mayor continued by reading items c and d in their entirety.
- c. The 2013/2014 tentative General Fund budget is \$5,567,142.
- d. The other funds in the 2013/2014 budget are tentatively set as follows:
 - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$79,479 and
 - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund of \$380,200.

3. **Receipt of Public Comment**

There were no comments.

Please Note: The Town of Indian River Shores does not routinely keep verbatim minutes. Any party interested in such an appeal relating to any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is responsible to record the meeting and include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

4. **Adoption**

a. Proposed Resolution 13-07 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 1.4731 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Weick read the proposed Resolution 13-07 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 13-08 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, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Vice Mayor read the proposed Resolution 13-08 by the title as printed above. There being no comments, **a motion** was made by Vice Mayor Weick, supported by Councilman Slater, **to approve Resolution 13-08 as proposed**, which **passed 3-0**.

An extended discussion regarding taxes changing, publishing the notice of increase, and rolled-back rate ensued for about ten minutes. Since it is the same tax rate, Councilman Slater resented calling it a tax increase, which was explained as a formula driven number. The difference was noted between the rolled-back rate of 1.4643 and 1.4731 as an increase. The definition of rolled-back rate was read from the TRIM manual by the Town Manager.

5. **Adjournment**

Hearing no further comments, the Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the September 25, 2013 meeting)