

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES
1st BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009
5:01 p.m.**

PRESENT: E. William Kenyon, Mayor
William H. Ahrens Vice Mayor
Michael B. Ochsner, Councilman
Gerard A. Weick, Councilman

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

ABSENT: Frances F. Atchison, Councilmember (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Kenyon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the Proposed Budget for the Town of Indian River Shores. The following were performed, with the roll call as reflected above:
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Invocation – Councilman Mike Ochsner
 - c. Roll Call

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

Mayor Kenyon noted that the Town is maintaining the 1.3923 millage rate, which has been incorrectly reported by the media in the Town. Most residents will receive a slight decrease in their taxes. He then asked Councilman Ochsner to announce the following:

- a. The tentative millage rate of 1.3923 per \$1,000 is proposed for the Town of Indian River Shores for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.
- b. The millage rate of 1.3923 is 2.6840 % *less* than the rolled-back rate of 1.4307.
- c. The 2009/2010 General Fund tentative budget is \$4,376,289.
- d. The other funds in the 2009/2010 budget are tentatively set as follows:
 - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$41,744
 - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund of \$352,936 and
 - 3) Postal Center Enterprise Fund of \$354,275.

Councilman Ochsner said that he is pleased with the whole process, and extended his thanks to Town Treasurer Judy Lewis and all of the Department Heads, especially with Chief Schauman and his excellent work in keeping costs under control. He also is delighted that they are able to maintain the same millage rate as FY 09. Overall, the FY2010 budget is 2% less than FY09 budget; however, the FY10 is 8% higher than what projected spending is for FY 09. This is primarily due to the cost of living increases built into the FY10 budget, the increased health care costs, the increased costs associated with the Defined Benefit program, and the final payment of the Public Safety building project. The Town is fortunate in that there are sufficient reserves which allow us to keep a balanced budget and maintain same millage rate. Looking forward to next fiscal year, one project Councilman Ochsner intends to pursue is the reevaluation of both the Defined Benefit Plan and Health costs associated with the Town.

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.

3. **Receipt of Public Comment**

Mayor Kenyon asked that it be noted that there are no members of the public present for comment.

4. **Adoption of:**

a. Proposed Resolution 09-03 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 1.3923 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Laura Aldrich read the title of the Resolution as printed above. The Mayor then called for discussion, and there being none, asked for a motion. Councilman Ochsner made a **motion to approve and adopt Resolution 09-03 for the FY 09/10 budget**, which was seconded by Councilman Jerry Weick. The motion passed 4-0.

b. Proposed Resolution 09-04 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, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Aldrich read the above title of Resolution 09-04 as printed above. A **motion** made by Councilman Weick and seconded by Councilman Ochsner **to approve Resolution 09-04 adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 09/10** passed 4-0. There was no discussion or comments.

5. **Adjournment.** Mayor Kenyon, hearing no further discussion, announced that this meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s
Laura Aldrich, CMC
Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the September 23, 2009 meeting)