

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

2nd BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 23, 2010

5:01 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Frances F. Atchison, Councilmember (Telephone Conference)

OTHERS PRESENT: Vero Beach 32963 Reporter

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Kenyon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the proposed final budget for the Town of Indian River Shores. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were foregone as they were performed at the previous meeting. The roll call is reflected above.

2. **Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget**
The Town Clerk announced the following:
 - a. The millage rate of 1.4105 per \$1,000 is proposed for the Town of Indian River Shores for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.
 - b. The millage rate of 1.4105 is *equal to* the current year rolled-back rate of 1.4105.
 - c. The 2010/2011 General Fund proposed final budget is \$4,367,369.
 - d. The other funds in the 2010/2011 budget are set to be adopted as follows:
 - 1) Roads and Offsite Drainage Fund of \$72,264;
 - 2) Planning, Zoning and Building Fund of \$191,575; and
 - 3) Postal Center Fund of \$331,800.

Councilman Ochsner had questions regarding the ambulance transport fee and the Communications Services Tax (CST), of which neither were incorporated into this budget.

Chief Schauman said that the ambulance transport fee will be discussed at a workshop next month. Most of the transportees, possibly 95%, are Medicare recipients and are not subject to having a bill sent to them. Also the verbiage of any letters that are sent to those with only private insurance is controlled by the Town, and this is a one-year trial agreement.

Councilman Ochsner continued that any revenues that we derive from either of these sources will reduce the amount of transfer from the surplus, with Chief Schauman noting that once the agreement is signed, it will take six to nine months to get our Medicare license to bill. The CST income will begin in January. Mr. Jefferson said that at 3 p.m. on October 28th we have a tentative workshop set up for discussion about the ambulance transport fee.

Councilman Weick asked how much was transferred from the Reserve Fund at the beginning of this year, and the Town Treasurer said it was \$126,288, and in addition to that we

are now transferring approximately \$260,000 from the Reserves, for a total of about \$386,000. We had planned to move only \$120,000 this year, and now we are projecting to take \$320,000, Councilman Weick stated for the record.

3. **Receipt of Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions.

4. **Adoption of Ad Valorem Millage Rate & Budget for FY 10/11:**

a. Resolution 10-06 for Adoption of the Final 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 1.4105 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OPERATING EXPENSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **motion** was made by Vice Mayor Ahrens, supported by Councilman Ochsner, **to approve Resolution 10-06 as presented adopting the millage rate of 1.4105 for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, which passed 4-1.** Councilman Weick dissented, based on the fact that the Town is taking too much out of the Reserves.

b. Resolution 10-07 for the Adoption of the Final Budget:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Ochsner made a **motion to approve and adopt Resolution 10-07 to adopt the FY 10/11 budget as presented**, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Ahrens. The **motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Weick dissenting** for the reason previously stated.

5. **Adjournment.** Mayor Kenyon, hearing no further discussion, announced that this meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

(Approved by the Town Council at the 10/28/10 meeting)

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