

**MINUTES — JUNE 30, 2020**  
**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH**  
**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

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The Indian Rocks Beach Regular City Commission Meeting was held on **TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020**, in the City Commission Chambers, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of former City Commissioner Connie Allen.

**PRESENT:** Mayor-Commissioner Joanne Moston Kennedy, Vice Mayor-Commissioner Philip J. Hanna, Commissioner Diane Flagg, Commissioner Edward G. Hoofnagle, and Commissioner Joe McCall.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Randy D. Mora (telephonic), Daniel A. Carpenter, CGFO, and City Clerk Deanne B. O'Reilly, MMC.

**ABSENT:** City Manager Brently Gregg Mims.

*(To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.)*

**1A. Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.**

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) submitted written Crime Analysis Reports for the months of May 2020 for the City of Indian Rocks Beach.

**1B. Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District:** (Written report below):

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy mentioned that Fire Commissioner David Ardman will continue as the City's Fire Commissioner as he ran unopposed.

**Monthly Report from the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District**  
**David Ardman, Commissioner – Seat 2 Indian Rocks Beach**  
**For City Commission Meeting June 30, 2020**

- As of June 25, 2020, the District has 11 out of 36 staff that are on long-term sick issues, with nine of them being COVID related. There is one COVID positive paramedic, and a number of exposure related absences from the associated exposures. A few are out due to signs and symptoms, and one is out as his spouse has tested positive. It is estimated that all will be out for a minimum of 14 days.

So far, service levels are being maintained with overtime staffing, but ranks are thin and overtime may not be sustainable. Chief Burton has discussed the situation with counterparts in Seminole and Largo and both are prepared to help with staffing and operations as needed.

Most staff who are able to do so are again working remotely.

COVID-19 monitoring continues daily and District Administration stays in frequent contact with Pinellas County EMS leadership. Some operational changes from COVID-19 have been relaxed, such as daily wellness checks and the exclusion of public visitors. All staff that was working remotely have returned to the office on a full- or part-time basis.

- Fireboat training has been completed and the boatlift at the IRB public docks is awaiting the final electrical hookups.
- Finance Director David Martin continues to work tirelessly in an effort to recover any extraordinary costs related to COVID-19.
- The pace of EMS call volumes in Indian Rocks Beach has returned to more normal levels, with 58 EMS calls in the last 30 days.

## **2. COMMENTS:**

**Don House, 2104 Beach Trail**, stated he wrote a letter to the City Attorney concerning his issue with a commissioner living outside the City boundaries. He has not heard anything back from the City Attorney, and he hopes this issue has not been swept under the rug.

**Mic Knight, 475 Harbor Drive South**, spoke on the parking and traffic problems throughout the City. He stated he is having a hard time parking at the resident beach access parking spaces as they are always filled by non-residents. He expressed his concern with the amount of litter being left by beach-goers for the City and the residents to clean up after them. The residents are paying to keep the beach clean; the beach is free for the visitors, and they leave it a mess. He suggested the City should try parking meters.

**3A. REPORTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

**3B. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:** (Written report below):

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT OF JUNE 30, 2020**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of JULY.** Electronic signs will be placed at each of the three entrances to IRB; postcards were mailed to residents; banner at the GTE building; 40+ signs along

Gulf Boulevard and in the neighborhood; additional deputies on the beach; PSFRD in IRB neighborhoods; code enforcement officer, and other public services staff deployed; additional no parking signs added on 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 27<sup>th</sup> Street; additional no parking signs added on 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- **GULF BOULEVARD UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT.** On schedule to be completed by October 1, 2020.
- **SOLAR POWER PROJECT (CITY HALL & IRB MUSEUM).** Purchase order issued for the installation of solar panels for the City Hall Complex and the IRB Museum.
- **KOLB PARK GAZEBO PROJECT.** Minor punch list items remain.
- **MAXWELL DRIVE/HARBOR DRIVE DRAINAGE PROJECT.** Purchase order issued for drainage project at the intersection of Harbor Drive South and Maxwell Place. Work to begin the end of July 2020.
- **JULY 23, 2020 WORK SESSION TOPICS.** The IRB City Commission and Administration will conduct a work session on July 23, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. to discuss, park hours, golf carts, on street parking, residential permit review fee, items on the beach (no trace ordinance).
- **FY2020-21 PROPOSE BUDGET.** Delivered to the IRB City Commission ahead of schedule. Budget Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **COVID-19.** City Manager is involved in regular conference calls with city managers, the county administrator, the health department, and the PCSO. Parks are open with restrictions. No pavilion rentals or outside use of the auditorium until further notice. City Hall and Library are open with restrictions.
- **GULF BOULEVARD VISIONING REPORT.** Gulf Boulevard Visioning Meeting set for August 11, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Thanks to the PSFRD and the PCSO for the outstanding services they provide to the City of Indian Rocks Beach. Both agencies provide proactive services that reduce public safety events and save lives.

### **3C. REPORTS OF THE CITY COMMISSION:**

**COMMISSIONER HOOFNAGLE:** (Written report below):

I would like to express gratitude to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for their professionalism. The deputies that protect our city and enforce our laws display an attitude towards reducing kinetic interactions and calming tense situations while ensuring that our laws get enforced. I believe that such behavior is a result of excellent training, diversity, and a culture of positivity in the sheriff's department.

I am proud of our law enforcement team, and believe that they promote high ethical standards, enforcement excellence and compassion for the people with whom they interact.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER KENNEDY:** (Written report below):

**Mayor's Report  
Few Thoughts As We Reach The Halfway Mark In 2020**

First, a reminder to residents to fill out the Census 2020. One can visit the website 2020census.gov, complete the form sent, or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census. IRB has a completion of 43% of our citizens. In 2010 IRB response rate totaled 53.5%.

We'd like to acknowledge the passing of Connie Allen, an Indian Rocks Beach resident and former commissioner in our city from 1989-1993. We send our condolences to her husband David and their sons.

I'd like to thank our residents for their support of our city and complying with the requirements set forth by IRB, Pinellas County, and the State of Florida during COVID-19. We appreciate your diligence in washing hands, social distancing, wearing masks, and continuing to keep each other safe.

I appreciate all of you.

**4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS.** None.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. APPROVAL OF** the May 12, 2020 Regular City Commission Meeting minutes.
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06.** A Resolution of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, adopting the 2020 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy providing a framework for a unified Countywide pre-disaster mitigation and post-disaster redevelopment effort.
- C. AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to dispose of City property that has become unnecessary or unfit for the City's use.
- D. REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AS REGULAR BOARD MEMBERS FOR TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING IN MAY 31, 2022.**
  - 1. Richard Antepenko.
  - 2. Peter Sawchyn.

City Attorney read the Consent Agenda, consisting of Agenda Item Nos. 5A through 5D, by title only.

***MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOOFNAGLE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER HANNA, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.
7. OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: None.
8. WORK SESSION ITEMS *[DISCUSSION ONLY]*: None
9. OTHER BUSINESS. None.
10. ADJOURNMENT.

***MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER FLAGG, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER HANNA, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:12 P.M. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

July 14, 2020  
Date Approved

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Joanne Moston Kennedy, Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanne B. O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

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