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CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH BUDGET PROCESS AND GUIDE

A budget is a city's financial and operating plan for a period called a "Fiscal Year," and is mandated by Florida Statutes. The City of Indian Rocks Beach's Fiscal Year begins October 1 and ends September 30. The Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, is referred to as "Fiscal Year 2018-19" or sometimes as FY19. The City Commission is required to adopt the budget on or before September 30 each year for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

The City cannot spend money unless appropriated within the budget. An appropriation is the legal approval given by the City Commission to the City staff to spend money. The budget also contains an estimate of revenues to be received by the City during the same time period. The legal authorization to collect revenues, such as the property tax and user fees, is established by State Statutes and the City Charter and is enacted by the City Commission by ordinance. Also included in the budget is the estimate of monies remaining from the prior fiscal year, called unassigned fund balance, which can be appropriated in the next fiscal year. The City Charter and State law require that expenditures not exceed the combination of available fund balance and revenues. The City cannot borrow money to operate, as does the Federal government. The City can only borrow money for major capital projects, such as the purchase of land, major equipment, or the construction of buildings. ***The City of Indian Rocks Beach does not have any debt.***

The budget process is a year-round activity. The FY 2018-19 Budget is adopted and becomes effective October 1, 2018. The next fiscal year's budget preparation process intensifies after receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which this year occurred in March 2018. The audited figures in the CAFR serve as the basis for preparing the forthcoming fiscal year budget. The staff develops a capital improvement plan (CIP) for review with the City Commission and the Finance & Budget Review Committee.

The City Charter requires that ninety (90) days before the beginning of the next fiscal year, the City Manager and Finance Director submit the proposed new fiscal year Budget to the City Commission. During July, the City Commission establishes a maximum proposed property tax rate to be levied for the new fiscal year. This rate is included in the TRIM (Truth in Millage – Notice of Proposed Property Tax) notices the Pinellas County Property Appraiser mails to all property owners in August. During the month of July, the City Commission also reviews the budget during special work sessions which are open to the public.

In the month of September, two public hearings are held regarding the proposed property tax and budget for the new fiscal year with the City Commission voting on the tax rate and proposed budget at both public hearings. An appropriation ordinance is also passed by the City Commission at this time.

The City Manager mailed a post card to the home of every registered voter in Indian Rocks Beach requesting budget priority suggestions. The Administration appreciates the responses received. On the next page you will find the remaining 2018/19 Budget Calendar.

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Administration
727/595-2517

Building/Planning & Zoning
727/517-0404

Library
727/596-1822

Public Services
727/595-6889



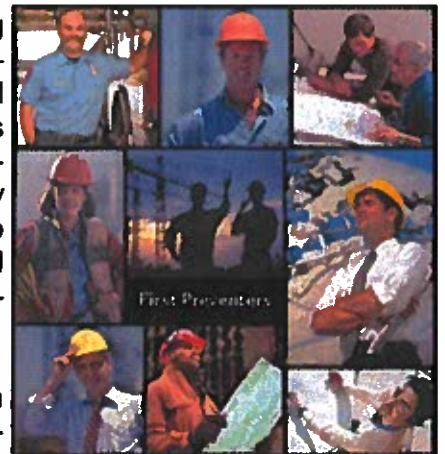
FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET CALENDAR

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

July 9, 2018 Monday	Preliminary budget delivered to City Commission and Finance and Budget Committee
July 18, 2018 Wednesday	Finance and Budget Committee Review CIP and Preliminary Budget
July 24, 2018 Tuesday	City Commission CIP and Preliminary Budget Work Session 4:00-7:00pm
July 24, 2018 Tuesday	City Commission Meeting - Commission sets tentative millage rate 7:00pm
August 10, 2018 Friday	Tentative budget delivered to City Commission
September 4, 2018 Tuesday	City holds FIRST Public Hearing to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate
September 18, 2018 Tuesday	City holds FINAL Public Hearing to adopt final budget and millage rate from 2-5 days after ad appears

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In the aftermath of 9/11, the world became more keenly aware of the extraordinary role that “First **Responders**” play in saving lives and mitigating loss following a disaster. Since that time, much emphasis has been given to increasing the recognition and support of those heroes; the police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who selflessly give of themselves to serve and protect others. What goes unrecognized are the tragedies that never occur, the people that never become victims and the property that is never damaged because “First **Preventers**” diligently administer fire and building codes to protect the built environment and those who utilize it. First Preventers include building officials, inspectors, plan reviewers and fire inspectors. All have a common mission: *“to prevent harm by ensuring compliance with building safety codes before a disaster occurs”.*



The City of Indian Rocks Beach Building and Code Enforcement, along with other local “First Preventers”, are committed to providing our residents the protection and security that comes from a well implemented public safety program. We are here to help provide you the benefits of a safer, better built environment!

Remember, “An ounce of first preventers is worth a pound of first responders”!



PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The N.P.D.E.S. (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) regulations require municipalities to demonstrate adequate legal authority to prohibit illicit discharges to our storm sewer systems, provide maps of our storm sewers and outfalls, provide monitoring data showing the quality of runoff from local areas of various land use types, propose a management program that includes control measures to reduce pollutants in runoff, provide a program to detect and remove illicit discharges to our system, provide a program for monitoring compliance and the success of our programs, and provide an accounting of our fiscal resources available for carrying out this program.

In April 1994, the City of Indian Rocks Beach participated, along with other cities in Pinellas County, in jointly applying for our N.P.D.E.S. permit through Pinellas County.

The cities, FDOT and Pinellas County desire to continue to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare through the management of stormwater runoff, and to continue the existing relationships and responsibilities for control of discharge to municipal storm sewer systems (MS4) as outlined in 40 C.F.R., Section 122.26.

The City of Indian Rocks Beach made a conscious decision, rather than creating new city positions to track and investigate illicit discharges to our storm sewer system, to utilize existing staff to carry this out as part of their normal work. **This is where you, as a resident, can help.**

WHY ARE WE INSPECTING FOR ILLICIT DISCHARGES?

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is basically responsible to ensure that our stormwater discharges do not pollute the waters of the United States. The regulations require that we adopt an ordinance to prohibit illicit discharges. In May 1994, the City of Indian Rocks Beach enacted Ordinance 545 specifically dealing with stormwater sewers.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I FIND A SUSPECTED DISCHARGE?

You should report it to the City of Indian Rocks Beach Public Services Department, at 727/595-6889, or the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, at 727/582-6200. They will then decide whether to report it further and to whom. They will also decide, based on your observation, whether it is an emergency that needs to be stopped right away.

LEGAL DISCHARGES

Some discharges are not considered illegal under the City of Indian Rocks Beach's Ordinance. These include:

- Flows from firefighting
- Irrigation water
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising ground waters
- Water line flushing and other contributions from potable water sources
- Untampered pumped groundwater
- Foundation and footing drains
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Untampered air conditioning condensation
- Individual residential car washings
- Springs
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Swimming pools direct infiltration of ground water to the separate storm sewer system

The City of Indian Rocks Beach appreciates everyone's efforts in this most important issue.

You can view each recorded IRB City Commission meeting by following the link on the City's website at: www.indian-rocks-beach.com






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CITY COMMISSION

Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Mayor-Commissioner
Edward G. Hoofnagle, Vice Mayor-Commissioner

Phillip J. Hanna, Commissioner

Nick Palomba, Commissioner

Philip M. Wrobel, Commissioner

CITY MANAGER

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2018 QUARTERLY *EVENTS* CALENDAR

Wed	07/04	Independence Day	City Hall - CLOSED
Mon-Wed	08/06-08/08	Community Clean Up	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Mon	09/03	Labor Day	City Hall - CLOSED
Sat	09/08	Service Saturday	Action 2000, Inc.