



City of Indian Rocks Beach

Nov/Dec 2014

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City Commission

R. B. Johnson	Mayor
Jim Labadie	Vice Mayor
Terry Hamilton-Wollin	Commissioner
Phil Hanna	Commissioner
Cookie Kennedy	Commissioner

Administration

City Manager	Brently Gregg Mims
City Attorney	Jay Daigneault, Esq.
City Clerk	Deanne B. O'Reilly

1507 Bay Palm Boulevard
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2014 CALENDAR

Sat	11/08	4:00p	Taste of IRB
Mon/Wed	11/10 - 12		Community Clean Up
Tue	11/11		Veterans' Day - City Hall CLOSED
Wed	11/12	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Wed	11/19	Noon	IRB Employee Picnic - City Hall CLOSED
Thu/Fri	11/27 - 28		Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall CLOSED
Sat/Sun	11/29 - 30		Citywide Garage Sales
Fri	12/05	7:00p	Holiday Tree Lighting
Sun	12/07	1:00p	Holiday Street Parade
Tue	12/09	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Sat	12/20	7:00p	Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
Wed/Thu	12/24 - 25		Christmas Holiday - City Hall CLOSED

The City of Indian Rocks Beach 2014-15 Budget Includes Several Capital Projects and a Capital Projects Reserve Fund

Narrows Business District Upgrades

The City of Indian Rocks Beach has awarded a bid to overhaul/improve sidewalks, handicapped ramps and paving of all streets within the Narrows Business District. Funding for this \$500,000 project includes \$300,000 from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The project length for these improvements is 150 days.

Future phases of this project will include new pedestrian and automobile signage, which will be funded by Penny for Pinellas funds.

Whitehurst Beach Access Upgrade

This access, located at the extreme south point of Indian Rocks Beach, is the last IRB beach access to be upgraded. The budget for this project is \$50,000.

New Street Signs

Installation of all new street signs throughout the city will be completed within the next few months. The new street signs include the City of Indian Rocks Beach logo. Budget for this project is approximately \$30,000.

Roadway Resurfacing

The adopted budget includes \$300,000 dollars for road milling, resurfacing and curbing.

Signature Intersection Project

This project includes two phases. The first phase is reconstruction of the intersection to make it more pedestrian-friendly. The budget for this phase is 471,000. FDOT is providing \$100,000.

The second phase of this project, new landscaping, is budgeted for \$150,000. We are currently applying for grants, and if successful with securing a grant, we will reallocate a portion, or all, of the \$150,000 toward other capital projects.

Capital Reserve Fund

The 2014-15 budget established a first ever \$1,000,000 Capital Reserve Fund for future capital needs of the city.

Gregg Mims

City Manager

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IRB BOARDS ELECT LEADERSHIP

The City of Indian Rocks Beach has three Boards which advise the City Commission on development and zoning matters – the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the Planning and Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency.

On June 19, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Board elected Rick McFall as Chair and Patti Muneio as Vice Chair.

The membership of the Local Planning Agency is the same as the Planning and Zoning Board, but the functions of the two Boards are different. The Planning and Zoning Board discusses in detail proposed amendments to the land development regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. The Local Planning Agency holds a public hearing on each proposed amendment to determine consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

On September 16, 2014, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals elected Waldemar H. Clark, Jr. as Chair and Rick Alvarez as Vice Chair. The Board of Adjustments and Appeals meets monthly, as needed, to hear applications for variances, special exceptions and administrative appeals.

The Boards are advisory only and make recommendations to the City Commission for final decisions. Membership is voluntary subject to appointment by the City Commission. Any interested Indian Rocks Beach **elector** may be considered for appointment by filling out an application available online or at City Hall.

For meeting agendas, agenda packets and minutes, check out the calendar on the city's website at: www.indian-rocks-beach.com.

Danny Taylor

Planning & Zoning Director
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FY2015 BUDGET

The city budget for fiscal year 2015 was unanimously approved by the City Commission during two public hearings held September 3rd and 17th. As in past years, the key focus of the budget approval was on the setting of the property tax mill rate. Property tax revenues make up almost half of the total \$3.3 million in funding available for general fund annual expenditures. The approved property tax mill rate of 2.0000 mills remains in place for the 7th consecutive year.

Property values within the city rose 7.51% over previous year valuations. Fiscal year 2015 marked the second consecutive year of property value increase after seven years of decline in valuations between Fiscal year 2007 and Fiscal year 2013. For comparative purposes, the Fiscal year 2015 city taxable property values currently fall in amount between Fiscal year 2004 and Fiscal year 2005 total amounts. City taxable property values peaked in Indian Rocks Beach in Fiscal year 2006 at \$1.2 billion or 43% higher than the current Fiscal year 2015 taxable value of \$836 million.

Dan Carpenter

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MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

The IRB Municipal General Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, to elect, at-large, qualified candidates to fill the vacancies of two City Commission Seats, each for a two-year term:

Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Commissioner Phil Hanna

Candidate Qualifying Date:
Noon Monday, Dec 15, 2014 through
Noon Friday, Dec 19, 2014

Voter Registration Deadline:
Monday, February 9, 2015

Qualifications to run for office requires that person be 18 years of age, a registered voter

of the City of Indian Rocks Beach and a resident of the City of Indian Rocks Beach for a period of at least one year.

Deanne B. O'Reilly

City Clerk
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IRB BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The construction industry is alive and well in Indian Rocks Beach!

Active projects include The Cove townhomes, at 601 Gulf Boulevard, and the Holiday Inn addition and water park. Recently completed commercial projects have included PJ's Oyster Bar relocation to the Munce Building, Chicago Jaqx Pizzeria & Tap House and Sweet IRB.

Many neighborhoods have seen significant improvement as residents have elected to either upgrade their existing home or demo and re-build. If you are contemplating any type of home improvement project, you are encouraged to call the Building Department to find out about the permitting requirements for your project. The Building Department hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Remember: Always use licensed and insured contractors!

Daniel Weigner

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IRB LIBRARY

Story Time for all ages begins again on Thursday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m.

The IRB Library's 40th Anniversary Celebration is Friday, November 7, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Enjoy pizza and cake and celebrate this milestone with the us!

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