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A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Gregg Mims, City Manager

## CITY MANAGER PRESENTS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE IRB CITY COMMISSION

On June 15, 2020, IRB City Manager Brently Gregg Mims submitted a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 to the City Commission. In this newsletter, you will see the transmittal letter, updated Capital Improvement Plan and Budget Schedule. The City invites everyone to become involved in the budget process.

In accordance with Section 5.3(6) of the City Charter, it is my pleasure to present to the Commission the Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed Annual Budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach. The proposed budget and updated Five Year Capital Plan is submitted for review ahead of schedule. This proposed Budget is balanced in all funds and presents a comprehensive plan for the City's spending activities as well as an overall plan for providing city services during the coming fiscal year. The appropriation levels reflect the requirement to balance the budget while maintaining conservative budgeting principles. The proposed Budget promotes accountability and tells the continued story of our successes.

The General Fund expenses total \$3,681,010. According to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office, our property tax assessed value is expected to increase by approximately 6.22% higher than last year's value. In total, the value of new construction exceeds \$5.8 million.

The proposed budget provides for maintaining the mill levy at 1.8326% which ensures our ranking among the lowest mill rates in Pinellas County, and one of the lowest in the State of Florida. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the estimated revenue generated from ½ cent sales tax and state revenue sharing has been reduced by 20%. Our reserve fund remains strong and is significantly higher than the national average. **All of this is accomplished without the benefit of a storm water fee or imposing a utility tax.**

The City's unassigned reserves balance is approximately \$3.4 million or 90% of General Fund expenditures. In addition to the General Fund reserve account, the Budget includes an updated IRB Five Year Capital Plan with an estimated reserve balance at the end of the five year period of approximately \$786,423.

### Highlights of the proposed General Fund Budget include:

- Continued reduction of 25% of the cost allocation from the Solid Waste Budget to the General Fund Budget*
- Elimination of (2) two full time positions in Permit & Inspections Budget while maintaining a minimum budget to close out city-issued permits*
- Additional 40% expense of executive secretary expense from Permit & Inspection Budget into the City Manager's budget due to phasing out of the Permit & Inspection Budget*
- Addition of (1) one part time code enforcement officer*
- Additional funding in the City Attorney's budget for the establishment of a Special Magistrate for the city*
- Maintaining insurance for all employees with no proposed raises for employees including the City Clerk and City Manager*
- 2.58% increase in our Pinellas County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Service Contract (down from 3.10% for last year's budget)*

### Highlights of the Solid Waste Budget include:

- Continued reduction of 25% of the cost allocation from the Solid Waste Budget to the General Fund Budget*
- No rate increases*
- 5.7% increase in Pinellas County Tipping Fee*
- CPI Increase for Recycling Contract*

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Administration  
727/595-2517

Library  
727/596-1822

Public Services  
727/595-6889

**Five Year Capital Improvement Plan - 2021 - 2025** (continued from front)



**Highlights of the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan:**

*Annual funding for road reconstruction (road milling, resurfacing, curbing & drainage)*

*\$600,000 for continued drainage enhancement projects*

*\$50,000 for dune walkover reconstruction*

*Annual funding for park maintenance and upgrades, including new energy efficient LED lighting for Campalong Field*

**City of Indian Rocks Beach  
Capital Improvement Project  
Five Year Plan 2021-2025**

	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>Total Funding 2021-2025</b>
Carry Forward Fund Balance	1,761,423	1,526,423	1,446,423	1,156,423	1,016,423	
LOST (Penny Funding) Fund Revenue Earned	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	2,200,000
Gas Tax Fund Transfer (Road Resurfacing)	-	60,000	-	-	60,000	120,000
Grants - PC Dune Walkovers	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Grants - SWFWMD	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	300,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>590,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>2,670,000</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>Total Cost 2021-2025</b>
Road Milling, Resurfacing, Curbing & Drainage	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,500,000
Stormwater Reconconstruction	-	-	300,000	-	300,000	600,000
Dune Walkovers & Upgrades	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
City Park Upgrades	175,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	495,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>675,000</b>	<b>630,000</b>	<b>880,000</b>	<b>580,000</b>	<b>880,000</b>	<b>3,645,000</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,526,423</b>	<b>1,446,423</b>	<b>1,156,423</b>	<b>1,016,423</b>	<b>786,423</b>	

**FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 - BUDGET CALENDAR**

May 5-8	Tue - Fri		City Commissioners provide initial 2021 Budget suggestions to the City Manager and Finance Director
June 1	Mon		Property Appraiser delivers certification of taxable value (DR-420) to City
June 22	Mon		Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) delivered to City Commission and Finance & Budget Committee
July 1	Wed	S	Property Appraiser delivers certification of taxable value (DR-420) to City
July 6	Mon		Preliminary budget delivered to City Commission and Finance and Budget Committee
July 15	Wed		Finance and Budget Committee Review CIP and Preliminary Budget
July 21	Tue		City Commission CIP and Preliminary Budget Work Session - 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
July 21	Tue		City Commission Meeting- Commission sets tentative millage rate - 7:00 P.M.
August 3	Mon	S	City notifies Property Appraiser of tentative millage rate and date/time/place of first public hearing completed DR420 returned
August 7	Fri		Tentative budget delivered to City Commission
September 1	Tue	S	City holds FIRST Public Hearing to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate
September 11	Fri		City advertises intent to adopt final budget and millage rate and final public hearing within 15 days of adoption of tentative budget
September 15	Tue	S	City holds FINAL Public Hearing to adopt final budget and millage rate from 2-5 days after ad appears
September 18	Fri	S	City forwards to Property Appraiser the millage rate within 3 days of adopting the Ordinance
Legend:		S = Set Date	
			Meetings with City Commission
			Finance and Budget Review Committee
			City Staff

**FEMA — COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM**

**DID YOU KNOW** that the City of Indian Rocks Beach participates in FEMA’s Community Rating System? The system rewards those communities that participate in flood mitigation-related activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction of 20% is available to all residents and business owners in the city located in the Special Flood Hazard Area. That’s any flood zone beginning with the letters “A” or “V”. Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policyholders in the city more than **\$597,000** in premium discounts annually.

It is important to note that a reduction in flood insurance rates is only one of the rewards communities like ours receive from undertaking the activities credited under the Community Rating System; others include:

- √ *increased public safety*
- √ *reduction of damages to property and public infrastructure*
- √ *avoidance of economic disruption and losses*
- √ *reduction of human suffering, and*
- √ *protection of the environment*

If you don’t already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents, please consider purchasing a policy today! Call your insurance agent, or (888) 379-9531 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the 20% discount. You can find more information about flood insurance at [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov) or the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at [www.indian-rocks-beach.com](http://www.indian-rocks-beach.com) and click on *Flood Information*.





# City of Indian Rocks Beach

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## CITY COMMISSION

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 Mayor-Commissioner

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 Vice Mayor-Commissioner

Diane Flagg  
 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

Joe McCall  
 Commissioner

## CITY MANAGER

Brently Gregg Mims

YES

# RECYCLING ONLY

## Deposit Only These Clean Items:



Clean paper, Milk Cartons,  
 Cardboard (limit 18 x 24)  
 Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons,  
 Cereal Boxes



Newspapers  
 Magazines, Catalogs  
 Phone Books



Plastic Bottles and Jugs  
 (no caps)  
 Plastic Dairy Tub (yogurt  
 margarine, etc.) no lids



Aluminum Cans  
 Steel or Tin Cans



Loose Glass Bottles  
 and Jugs

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NO



No Pizza Boxes



No Aerosol Cans



No Hoses



No Plants



No Toys



No Dishes/  
 Paper Plates



No Juice Boxes  
 or Pouches



No Tires



No Styrofoam



No Clothes  
 Textiles/Carpet



No Batteries



No Plastic Bags



No Electronics