

MINUTES

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024- 6:00 PM
1507 BAY PALM BOULEVARD INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL 33785**

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

City Clerk, Lorin Kornijtschuk, swore in the newly appointed City Commissioner, John Bigelow.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor-Commissioner Joanne Kennedy, Vice-Mayor Commissioner Jude Bond, Commissioner Denise Houseberg, and Commissioner Janet Wilson and Commissioner Bigelow

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Randy Mora, City Manager Gregg Mims, Finance Director Dan Carpenter, Public Works Director Dean Scharmen and City Clerk Lorin A. Kornijtschuk.

For continuity, items are listed in agenda order, although not necessarily discussed in that order.

1 A. REPORT OF Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

A PCSO representative reviewed the monthly report.

1 B. REPORT OF Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.

A Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District representative reviewed the fire district's monthly report.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

John Thayer, 1819 Bay Blvd., asked what happened to the electric charging stations in front of City Hall.

Diane Daniels, 309 10th Ave., stated she launched a new Facebook page named IRB Green. She requested the City to consider starting up an advisory committee to discuss environmental issues.

John Phanstiel, 448 Harbor Drive South, congratulated John Bigelow. He thanked the City officials and City staff in their enforcement and activities including the Special Magistrate. He stated the Florida State Vacation Rental Bill is to be heard by only 1 more committee.

Nancy Obarski 708 Beach Trail #B, requested the Commission to discuss the possibility of holding a special election for the open Commission seats, rather than appointing them.

Don House, 2104 Beach Trail, stated the Mayor-Commissioner failed to file Form 8 B when she recused herself for a portion of the November 14, 2023 regular city Commission Meeting.

3 A. REPORT OF the City Attorney.

City Attorney Mora stated the Legislative Session began January 9, 2024 and will continue through March 8, 2024. Mediation regarding the city short-term rental ordinance began earlier this week and updates will be given as it progresses.

3 B. REPORT OF the City Manager.

City Manager Mims stated this March the city will be issuing a request for proposals from contractors for the three possible drainage projects and a bid for recycling . The current recycling contract expires December 31, 2024.

City Manager stated the 14th Ave. reconstruction project from Gulf Blvd. to Bay Palm Blvd. is complete. The reconstruction of the beach accesses are complete and all accesses are open. The playground equipment in Kolb Park will be completed in a couple of weeks.

City Manager stated the city is finalizing the claims with the city's insurance provider for the damage from the hurricane and will file a claim with FEMA for the costs not covered by insurance.

City Manager stated the electric charging stations were removed because the 3-year pilot program with Duke Energy expired.

City Manager Mims read the Code Enforcement Report for December 2023.

3 C. REPORT OF the City Commission.

Commissioner Bigelow thanked the other City Commissioners.

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy, Vice-Mayor Commissioner Bond and Commissioner Wilson welcomed Commissioner Bigelow.

Commissioner Houseberg provided an update to the new City Website and thanked Diane Daniel for her assistance.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS. None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. APPROVAL** of December 1, 2023, Closed Executive Session.
- B. APPROVAL** of December 12, 2023, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.
- C. APPOINTING** Phil Hanna to the Finance, Budget & Review Committee as a regular board member for a three-year term.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Houseberg and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Agenda item nos. 5 A through 5 C. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **PUBLIC HEARING.** None.

7. **OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.** None.

8. **WORK SESSION ITEMS.** None.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.** None

Motion was made by Commissioner Houseberg and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, City Clerk

Memorandum

To: City Manager – Greg Mims

From: Code Enforcement & Finance Departments

Date: 01/03/2024

Re: Vacation Rental Registration Numbers, Code Violations,
Parking Tickets , Fines, & Court Hearings

269 Total VR Registrations approved thru Finance Dept.

19 VR Registrations pending in Finance Dept

185 VR Property inspections completed by Code Enforcement

72 VR Properties pending on scheduling inspection

18 VR Property Inspections Scheduled

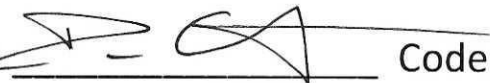
3 Parking Violation Tickets Issued

48 Code Violation Letters Sent

2 Fines / Notice to Appear (Circuit Court)

6 Notice to Appear (Magistrate Court) 3 – Repeat 3 - New

Finance



Dan Carpenter

Code Enforcement



Mike Kelley



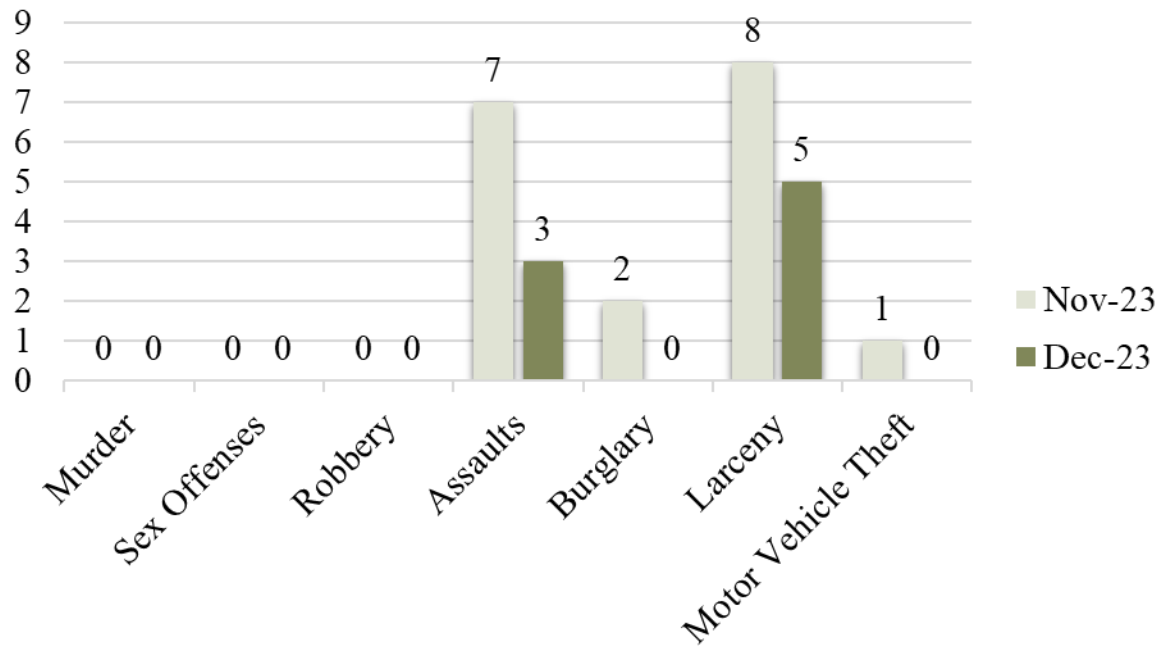
STRATEGIC PLANNING DIVISION

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH ANALYSIS

Select UCR Property & Person Crimes

December 2023

Select UCR Property & Person Crimes	November 2023	December 2023	December 2022 YTD	December 2023 YTD
Murder	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	1	3
Robbery	0	0	3	2
Assaults	7	3	46	69
Burglary	2	0	14	6
Larceny	8	5	63	94
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	7	8
GRAND TOTAL	18	8	134	182



Arrests

December 2023

There was a total of **10** people arrested in the City of Indian Rocks Beach during the month of December resulting in the following charges:

ARREST TYPE & DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Felony	6
Possession Of Concealed Weapon While Committing Felony	1
Possession Of Controlled Substance	2
Possession Of Firearm/Ammo By Felon	1
Possession With Intent To Sell/Distribute A Controlled Substance	1
Tampering With Electronic Monitoring Device-Adult	1
Misdemeanor	4
Assault-Domestic Related	1
Petit Theft-Shoplifting	1
Trespass After Warning	2
Warrant	1
Warrant Arrest	1
Traffic Felony	1
Felony Habitual Traffic Offender	1
Traffic Misdemeanor	1
Driving Und The Influence	1
Grand Total	13

*Information provided reflects the number of arrests (persons arrested) as well as the total charges associated with those arrests.

Deputy Activity

There was a total of **671** events in the City of Indian Rocks Beach during the month of December resulting in **879** units responding.

The table below reflects the top twenty-five events to include both self-initiated and dispatched calls in the City of Indian Rocks Beach for the month of December. **CAD data is filtered by problem type.*

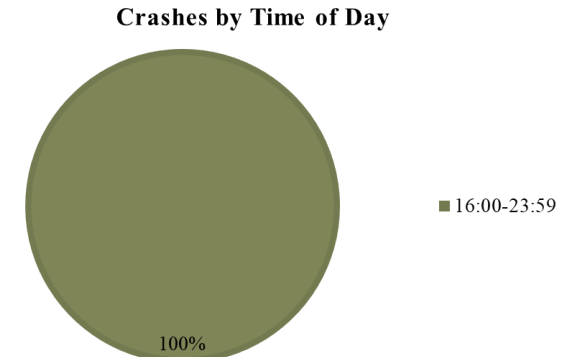
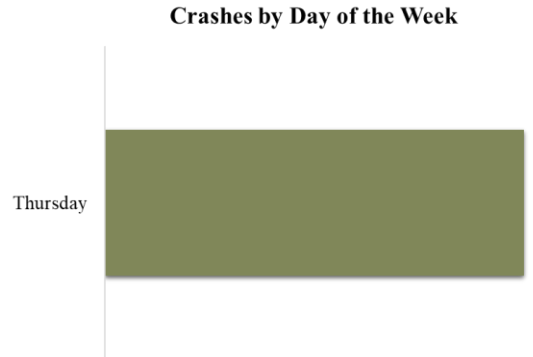
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DEPUTY ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Traffic Stop	204
Directed Patrol	157
House Check	75
Vehicle Abandoned/Illegally Parked	32
Assist Citizen	21
Contact	14
Suspicious Person	13
Ordinance Violation	12
Trespass	10
Noise	10
911 Hangup Or Open Line	10
Transport Prisoner	9
Information/Other	9
Disorderly Conduct	7
Building Check Business	6
Community Contact	6
Area Check	5
Traffic Hazard/Obstruction	5
Domestic-In Progress	4
Alarm	4
Drug Call-Not In Progress	4
Assist Motorist	3
Lost/Found/Abandoned Property	3
Assist Other Agency	3
Suspicious Vehicle	3

Crash & Citation Analysis

There was **1** crash in the City of Indian Rocks Beach during December 2023. *Crash data is filtered by disposition type and may include “accident and hit and run” problem types.

CRASH LOCATIONS	TOTAL
311 Gulf Blvd	1



There were a total of **212** citations and warnings issued in the City of Indian Rocks Beach during December 2023.

TOP 10 TRAFFIC CITATION LOCATIONS	TOTAL
5th Ave & 2nd St	3
Gulf Blvd & 2nd Ave	1
2nd St & Walsingham Rd	1
Miami Ave & 2nd St	1
Gulf Blvd & 15th Ave	1
Gulf Blvd & 16th Ave	1
Gulf Blvd & 17th Ave	1
6th Ave & Gulf Blvd	1
Gulf Blvd & 9th Ave	1
74 Gulf Blvd	1

