

MINUTES- Amended 8/12/2024
CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024- 6:00 PM
1507 BAY PALM BOULEVARD INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL 33785

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor-Commissioner Denise Houseberg, Vice-Mayor Commissioner Janet Wilson, Commissioner John Bigelow, Commissioner Hope Wyant and Commissioner Jude Bond.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Gregg Mims, City Clerk Lorin Kornijtschuk, Finance Director Dan Carpenter, and Revenue Officer Gordana Kljucovic.

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 provided a report.

Commissioner Bigelow asked what the verdict was on the deceased body found at the beach access.

City Manager Mims replied that it was an overdose suicide of a female from Largo.

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

Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Fire Chief Jeffrey Davidson reviewed the fire district's monthly report.

1 C. PRESENTATION from resident of Redington Beach Jeff Fuller regarding flood preparation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Adrienne Dauses, 2008 Gulf Boulevard stated that she contacted the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to remove a squatter from the 21st Avenue beach access who was living out of their vehicle.

Don House, 2104 Beach Trail stated that this is the poorest commission we have ever had, no one owns property on the beach or the business district. He stated the Chevron ruling will affect our City and the County.

Mayor-Commissioner Houseberg closed the Public Comment.

3 A. REPORT OF the City Attorney. None.

3 B. REPORT OF the City Manager.

City Manager Mims stated the new City website launched Monday, July 7 and it includes an AI function. Adjustments will be made over the next few days. He thanked Mayor-Commissioner Houseberg for the hundreds of hours working with the IRB team and Planteria Media on the development of the new website.

City Manager Mims stated that IRB Home will sponsor a \$7,000 sculpture to be located near 26th Avenue. This will be the City's 6th installation of public art.

City Manager Mims thanked the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District for their assistance in public safety over the 4th of July. A large quantity of fireworks was seized and disposed of.

City Manager Mims reminded everyone that we are in hurricane season. Property owners should prepare and take their own protective measures. He thanked Jeff Fuller for his presentation.

City Manager Mims stated the proposed 2024-25 budget is available on the City's website. Budget meetings with individual City Commissioners are being conducted this week to review the proposed City Budget. Tuesday July 16th at 4:00 p.m. is the Budget Work Session in the City Hall Auditorium, followed by the Special City Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. to set the tentative mill rate. Budget public hearings will be September 4th and September 18th at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Mims stated that the August Regular City Commission meeting will include a work session item to discuss beach parking and specifically the consideration by the Commission to institute paid parking.

City Manager Mims introduced new team member Revenue Officer Gordana Kljucevic.

City Manager Mims asked for a consensus from the Commission to move forward with working with Forward Pinellas on Mixed Use Project. He stated that this could be managed under the current budget and possible overlap into the new budget.

Consensus to move forward.

Mayor-Commissioner Houseberg asked City Manager Mims where the City is with the Veto of SB 280.

City Manager Mims encouraged everyone to thank the Governor for vetoing the bill and the Florida League of Cities.

3 C. REPORT OF the City Commission.

Commissioner Bond, nothing to report.

Commissioner Wyant, nothing to report.

Commissioner Bigelow, nothing to report.

Vice-Mayor Commissioner Wilson thanked the Rotary for putting on Flag Day that was held in the City Auditorium. She stated IRB Homes implemented a new element by requesting people

to bring donations for the food pantry to each of their Mingles. She thanked A2K for the donated bench in Chic a Si Park to honor Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy. She also thanked Jeff Fuller for his presentation on flood prevention.

Mayor-Commissioner Houseberg stated she was shocked about the negative dialogue that continues on social media regarding the Tenney family starting a business on the beach to teach kids how to skim board. She stated that they were operating without a City license and insurance.

City Manager Mims replied when the City became aware of their plans to start the business, they were contacted three weeks before they started. Last week they came into City Hall and are now in compliance.

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

City Manager Mims read Consent Agenda 5 A through 5 D.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **APPROVAL OF** the June 4, 2024, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.
- B. **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to sign a one-year agreement to renew group health coverage with the Public Risk Management (PRM) Group Health Trust for FY 2024-2025.
- C. **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to dispose of surplus property/equipment which has become unnecessary or unfit for the City's use.
- D. **AUTHORIZING** the Mayor-Commissioner to sign a letter for the distribution of funds for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countrywide funds for FY 24-25.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Bond to approve the agenda Items 5 A through 5 D. Vote taken: Unanimous approval by acclamation.

- 6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
- 7. **OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:** None.
- 8. **WORKSHOP:** None.
- 9. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Bigelow adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, City Clerk