



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 24, 2022, IRB City Manager Brently Gregg Mims submitted a proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to the City Commission. The City invites everyone to become involved in the budget process. The proposed budget and updated Five Year Capital Plan is available for viewing on the City's website www.indian-rocks-beach.com. 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.

2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

Roadway Milling, Resurfacing, Curbing & Drainage

Concrete curb, base rehabilitation, and/or new asphalt surfacing and associated drainage for each of the five years. This continued designation of funds represents the City's commitment to maintain and enhance this major City asset. In 2021, \$126,490 was authorized to update the City's comprehensive stormwater plan. The update will guide the development of future drainage enhancement projects and ensure compliance with the unfunded mandates as part of recently passed House Bill 53. During the budget process the City will review the findings of the drainage study and the City Commission will authorize which projects will be completed with the balance of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Total available funds for these projects are \$2,019,668.

Stormwater Reconstruction

Reconstruction of basin stormwater collection and discharge facilities as required by NPDES. Half of the cost of these projects will be covered by SWFWMD grants. The 2023 projects are located near 206 16th Avenue and the South end of 601 2nd Street.



Scheduled for 2023 & 2025

City Park Upgrades

In 2023 the Plan provides for:

- \$100,000 allocated for the multiyear rehab of the IRB Nature Preserve Boardwalk. Wood decking and railing will be replaced with recycled composite material. In addition, support repair will be completed.
- Electrical improvements including decorative lighting at Chic-A-Si Park & the 12th Avenue Park to accommodate gatherings and events.
- Fencing replacements

Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding Phase II

Design, binding cost estimates associated with projects continues. This project will be completed by 2025.

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Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Works/Solid Waste
727/595-6889

City of IRB Community Garden

Community Garden is a member-run garden located in the Indian Rocks Beach Nature Preserve, between 9th and 10th Avenues on Gulf Boulevard. It was created as an area for neighbors to plant, learn, socialize, and enjoy nature in a shared community space. Gardeners use Earthboxes to sustainably grow vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs, and plants year-round.

The IRB Community Garden is maintained by the gardeners and City. The boxes are automatically irrigated by the City. No toxic sprays are allowed in the garden, and organic gardening is encouraged.

Earthboxes can be purchased from the internet and or at local home improvement stores. Earthboxes remain in the garden and are the responsibility of the gardeners to maintain, harvest, and replant throughout the year. All gardeners are responsible for purchasing their on-going Earthbox supplies and any gardening tools.

GreenTown Kids (GTK) - an Indian Rocks Beach based 501c3 environmental nonprofit - is the community garden coordinator. GTK holds several garden work days, events, and educational opportunities throughout the year for garden members, GTK members, and/or the community.

Seasoned and rookie gardeners, alike, are encouraged to try out Earthbox gardening in the community garden! IRB gardeners are welcoming to all and always excited to share their gardening tips, knowledge, and ideas with fellow gardeners.

Interested gardeners may contact Allie DeVore and Ann Hanna of GreenTown Kids at: greentownkids@gmail.com for more information. Interested garden volunteers or donors can go to www.greentownkids.org for more information.

All new gardeners must email a signed Community Garden Membership Agreement to the garden coordinator (greentownkids@gmail.com) prior to installing a box.

More information on Earthbox gardening: <https://www.earthboxstore.com>.

Helpful Florida gardening and planting guides: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/VH/VH02100.pdf>



FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET CALENDAR	
May 3-6, 2022 Tuesday-Friday	City Commissioners provide initial 2022 Budget suggestions to the City manager and Finance Director
June 1, 2022 Wednesday	Property Appraiser delivers certification of taxable value (DR-420) to City
June 20, 2022 Monday	Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) delivered to City Commission and Finance and Budget Committee
July 1, 2022 Friday	Property Appraiser delivers certification of taxable value (DR-420) to City
July 5, 2022 Tuesday	Preliminary budget delivered to City Commission and Finance and Budget Committee
July 13, 2022 Wednesday	Finance and Budget Committee Review CIP and Preliminary Budget
July 26, 2022 Tuesday	City Commission CIP and Preliminary Budget Work Session 4:00-7:00pm
July 26, 2022 Tuesday	City Commission Meeting- Commission sets tentative millage rate 7:00pm
August 1, 2022 Monday	City notifies Property Appraiser of tentative millage rate and date/time/place of first public hearing-completed DR420 returned
August 5, 2022 Friday	Tentative budget delivered to City Commission
September 7, 2022 Wednesday	City holds FIRST Public Hearing to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate
September 18, 2022 Sunday	City advertises intent to adopt final budget and millage rate and final public hearing within 15 days of adoption of tentative budget
September 21, 2022 Wednesday	City holds FINAL Public Hearing to adopt final budget and millage rate from 2-5 days after ad appears
September 23, 2022 Friday	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 Program (CRS)? The CRS rewards those communities that participate in flood mitigation-related activities that exceed the minimum federal National Flood Insurance (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction of 20% is available to all residents and business owners in the City. Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policy holders 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
- protection of the environment

If you don't already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents (renters, take note!), 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. Go to the website FloodSmart.gov for more information about flooding and flood insurance and the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at Indian-Rocks-Beach.com and click on Flood Information.



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Brently Gregg Mims

City of Indian Rocks Beach Library



Book Club

"On the Rocks" book club meets on July 26 th at 4 PM and August 30th at 4 PM at the library. The book selection is to be announced.

Join us!

Copies will be available at the library first come, first served.

Children's Story Time

We meet in the children's area for a story and a song on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM. Space is limited. This event is targeted for early and pre-readers, but everyone is welcome. The City of IRB Library continues to offer curbside pickup, please call the library for more information. Little lending libraries are located at 4th St., 12th St., and 22nd St. beach access and don't forget to check out the borrowers' boat outside City Hall. We are currently accepting donations of new fiction and paperbacks only.

The City of IRB Library is open Monday - Friday 10-4 PM.

We are located at 1507 Bay Palm Blvd.

between the art center and City Hall.

Phone- 727-596-1822 or email at indianrocksbeachlibrary@gmail.com