

MINUTES

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023- 6:00 PM
1507 BAY PALM BOULEVARD INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL 33785
(MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.INDIAN-ROCKS-BEACH.COM)**

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy 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 Joanne Kennedy, Vice-Mayor Commissioner Jude Bond, Commissioner Denise Houseberg, Commissioner Lan Vaughan and Commissioner Janet Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Randy Mora, Finance Director Dan Carpenter and City Clerk Lorin A. Kornijtschuk.

ABSENT: City Manager, Gregg Mims.

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.
Fire Chief Jeffrey Davidson reviewed the fire district's monthly report.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Diane Daniels, 309 10th Avenue, stated the fire inspection went with relative ease. She stated she is working with an online property service called Evolve. Ms. Daniels explained her non-profit organization called vacation donations.org.

John Phanstiel, 448 Harbor Drive South, congratulated Denise Houseberg on becoming Mayor-Commissioner. He stated that the upcoming Senate Bill 280 will make it harder for the City to enforce anything.

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy closed the public comments.

3 A. REPORT OF the City Attorney.

City Attorney Mora reported Senate Bill 280 was filed on November 30th, 2023. He stated that the City Manager with the Mayor's execution sent a correspondence on behalf of the City prior to the Regulated Industry's Committee meeting on December 13 expressing its displeasure with the proposal and will continue to monitor the developments.

City Attorney Mora reported that there are 8 pending lawsuits challenging the Short-Term Rental Ordinances, with 7 scheduled for mediation in early January.

City Attorney reminded the Commission one of the elements of the financial disclosure forms regardless of Form 1 or Form 6, is affirming that you have done your 4-hour training on Sunshine Law Ethics and Public Records.

Commissioner Houseberg and Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy asked what it means to the City if Senate Bill 280 passes.

City Attorney Mora read the proposed registration requirements.

- **Registration Requirements:** A city may *only* require seven (7) things as part of the registration process: (1) ID owner; (2) DBPR Registration; 3) Tax Registration; (4) Update required info; (5) Designated Responsible Party; (6) Maximum Occupancy based on sleeping accommodation; and (7) pay all liens.
- **Fifteen Day Review & Approval Process:** A city must review and accept or issue a written denial within 15 days of application – or it is deemed accepted

3 B. REPORT OF the City Manager.

Finance Director Dan Carpenter stated the City Managers report is included in the Agenda Packet.

3 C. REPORT OF the City Commission.

Commissioner Wilson thanked IRB Home and Beach Art Center for the Tour of Homes event.

Commissioner Houseberg stated she continues to work on the new website content.

Commissioner Vaughan announced his resignation as City Commissioner effective December 31, 2023. On December 18, 2023, he resubmitted his letter of resignation to the City Clerk with an effective resignation date of December 30,2023.

Vice-Mayor Commissioner Bond had no comments.

Mayor – Commissioner Kennedy congratulated Commissioner Houseberg on being unopposed for the Mayor-Commissioner seat.

Mayor- Commissioner Kennedy stated she felt terrible for Commissioner Vaughans resignation, and this is the 2nd Commissioner that has resigned because of Senate Bill 780.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS.

ADDITION a discussion of filing Commissioner Vaughans seat.

5. CONSENT AGENDA.

A. APPROVAL of November 14, 2023, Special City Commission Meeting Minutes.

B. APPROVAL of November 14, 2023, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vaughan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Agenda item no. 5 A. and 5 B. The Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING. None.

7. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Mayor Kennedy asked the Commission if they agreed to hold a Special City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 4 P.M. to fill Commissioner Vaughans seat until March 2025. She stated the City and Commission would go through the same procedure that was done in October to appoint an applicant.

Unanimous approval by acclamation.

8. WORK SESSION ITEMS. None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS. None.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan and seconded by Commissioner Houseberg to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

1/11/2024 Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, City Clerk