

MINUTES
CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Holiday Inn – Pelican Sandpiper Room
401 2nd Street, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida 33785
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Commissioner Hilary King
- Commissioner John Bigelow
- Commissioner Jude Bond
- Vice Mayor-Commissioner Janet Wilson
- Mayor-Commissioner Denise Houseberg

Also present: City Manager Gregg Mims, Finance Director Dan Carpenter, City Clerk Lorin Kornijtschuk, and City Attorney Matthew Maggard.

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

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

- The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office submitted a written crime analysis report for June 2025.

1 B. REPORT OF Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District. No report given.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Elizabeth Flynn, 914 Harbor House Drive, expressed concern about the impact of post-storm redevelopment zoning compliance, beach violations, wildlife disturbance, and golf cart safety. As a member of the Friends of the Library board, she thanked the City for increased library funding but questioned the librarian salary reduction.

Resident, 60 Gulf Boulevard, requested an exception to continue keeping his sailboat on the beach during the summer. He noted it is stored on private property and emphasized his long history of sailing in the Gulf without incident.

Paul Jenkins, Crabby Bill's Family Brands, thanked City Manager Gregg Mims for his 12+ years of dedicated service, noting his leadership and integrity.

3. REPORTS OF:

A. City Attorney- Matthew Maggard, Matthew Maggard. Requested to schedule an attorney-client executive session to discuss pending litigation (AP-6, LLC vs. City of Indian Rocks Beach). The City Clerk will coordinate potential meeting dates.

B. City Manager- Gregg Mims

- Reviewed highlights of the FY 2025–2026 proposed budget.
- Explained that the librarian had voluntarily requested part-time status, which impacted the salary line item.
- Updated FEMA reimbursement status: approx. \$2 million in pending requests.
- City Hall renovations are progressing well, with a return anticipated in September.
- Announced that the City secured state funding for an aquafence system, which will help protect against future flooding. Estimated project cost is \$625,000, with 75% covered by the State.
- The budget includes a 3% raise for City team members.
- Reflected on his 12 years of service and thanked City team members, commissioners, and the public for their support.

C. City Commission.

Commissioner King requested that a discussion be added to a future work session regarding the review of discretionary spending in the FY 2025–2026 budget to help rebuild reserves. She used recycling as an example, noting it's the largest solid waste expense after personnel, and suggested exploring more cost-effective options. She clarified that she does not want to eliminate the program.

Vice Mayor Commissioner Wilson suggested scheduling a Red Cross presentation this fall to help residents better understand their disaster response efforts.

Commissioner Bigelow thanked City Manager Mims for his 12 years of service.

Commissioner Bond nothing to report.

Mayor-Commissioner Houseberg read an email from a new resident of Mexican descent expressing feelings of exclusion in the community. She pledged to meet with the individual and work to ensure Indian Rocks Beach is a welcoming place for all. She also thanked City Manager Mims for his guidance and service.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS. None

5. CONSENT AGENDA: City Attorney Maggard read the Consent Agenda items 5 A- 5 E by title only.

A. APPROVAL OF June 10, 2025 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.

B. APPROVAL OF June 24, 2025 Special City Commission Meeting Minutes.

C. AUTHORIZING the City Manager to sign a one-year agreement to renew group health coverage with Public Risk Management (PRM) for FY 2025–2026.

D. AUTHORIZING the Mayor-Commissioner to sign a letter for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

E. RESOLUTION 2025-06 A Resolution Appointing an Acting City Manager.

Motion: Vice Mayor-Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the consent agenda, consisting of agenda items 5 A – 5 E..

Second: Commissioner King seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval by acclamation

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: None

8. WORK SESSION ITEMS: None

9. OTHER BUSINESS. None

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Vice Mayor-Commissioner Wilson motioned to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner King seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval by acclamation

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.