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WORKING TOGETHER

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Gregg Mims , City Manager

A Message from Brently GREGG Mims City Manager

I am both excited and sad that I will be leaving my position as IRB City Manager at the end of July 2025. The next chapter of my career will be with Pinellas County. It has truly been an honor to serve as City Manager of Indian Rocks Beach for the last twelve years. Working with our team at the City Hall and the various elected officials throughout the years we have accomplished much and improved the quality of our City. We survived a global pandemic, multiple storms and red tide events while continuing to provide outstanding services and programs to the public.

WORKING TOGETHER we have accomplished much while remaining debt free and reducing the City's mill rate three times. **Some** of our accomplishments include, sale of the City's aging sewer system, relocation of the City's Solid Waste operation out of the business district to an industrial location, successful settlement of BP Lawsuit, securing over two million dollars in grants, received the government in excellence in financial report award every year, establishment of a active and successful Code Enforcement Team, transparency/communication enhancements including the video recording of regular City Commission Meetings, quarterly newsletters, regular press releases, new city website, including AI features, textmygov program, re-imaged events including Hallow-fest, millions of dollars in capital improvement projects (rebuilding streets from the ground up), complete reconstruction of the Campalong field, including LED lighting, IRB Dog Park reconstruction, renovation of the Kolb Park Gazebo, reconstruction of the nature preserve boardwalk, construction of the IRB Pocket Park, construction of pickleball courts, completion of the Gulf Boulevard/Walshingham intersection project, Whitehurst beach access improvement project, Narrows Business District upgrades (parking and street overlay) LED lighting installation on all street lights, solar powered lights at beach accesses, solar panels installed at the City Hall Complex and Historic Museum, the renovation of City Hall (twice), working with A2K and IRB Home in the installation of public art, decorative street signs and consolidated decorative signage at beach accesses, enhanced beach maintenance, establishment of the decorative Gulf Boulevard seasonal street banner program and seasonal entrance decorations.

A sincere thank you to A2K, IRB Home and IRB Rotary for the partnerships on various programs and projects. These relationships should not be taken lightly by future City Managers and elected officials.

I have profound confidence in the city team we have assembled here over the last twelve years. I will miss every one of these dedicated individuals and know that they will continue to provide superior service to the public.

They provide services 365 days per year in the rain, sun, before, during and after natural disasters.

Thank you to the various City Commissioners I have served with during my time at IRB. I appreciate your support and always being available to me.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank my wife Michelle for her continued love and support. The originator of the seasonal entrance decorations and the recommendation to me to include snow at the annual IRB Christmas Tree Lighting. Thanks for always supporting me and understanding that a City Managers job is a 24/7 responsibility.

I am convinced that IRB will continue to thrive and have a bright future. It is more important than ever that EVERY-ONE WORK TOGETHER do what's right for all stake holders. Thank you for your support and collaboration over the past years. I have been blessed by my service to IRB and am thankful for the many friendships I have made.

In your service,

Brently Gregg Mims
City Manager

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FLOOD INFORMATION

Pinellas County and Indian Rocks Beach enforce specific building regulations in the Special Flood Hazard Area (all of Indian Rocks Beach is in the SFHA) to help protect people and buildings from flooding.

Here is some important information for you to consider:

- **Renovate Responsibly** - It is illegal to add plumbing or electrical or to convert the space below an elevated home into living space.
- **Be aware of substantial improvements/damage rule** - There are specific requirements if the cost of the improvement or damage repair is equal to or exceeds 50% of a building's market value prior to the improvement.
- **Plan for proper drainage and use low impact development (LID)** - Along with physical traditional facilities, practices such as rain gardens, pervious pavers, bioretention systems, green roofs, non-invasive vegetation on your property, and vegetative buffers can help reduce the impact of flooding.
- **Protect Natural Floodplain Functions** - Only Rain Down the Drain. It is illegal to dump anything into storm drains, waterways or waterbodies. Do not open manholes and allow water into the systems. This will overload the system and cause backups or overflows.
- **Do not remove sand from the beach or disturb dunes to fill sandbags** - Doing so will cause more harm to property owners. This message is very relevant to Pinellas County, which is home to some of the most popular beaches in the nation. Beaches and dunes provide a natural buffer from storm events to lessen flooding during coastal storms. In addition, removing sand from beaches or dunes may violate federal, state or local law.



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 (877)336-2627 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the discount, if applicable. Go to the website [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) for more information about flooding and flood insurance, and the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at [Indian-Rocks-Beach.com](https://www.Indian-Rocks-Beach.com) and click on *Flood Information*.

City of Indian Rocks Beach Launches Short Term Rental Hotline

The new short-term rental hotline uses Granicus' govService Host Compliance, a service that helps local governments easily manage short-term rental compliance and enforcement.

The new program provides a 24/7 hotline and weblink for neighbors to use to report short-term rentals that may not be compliant with local rules, and file complaints about problematic activities and conditions, such as excessive noise, illegal parking, or overflowing trash.

To make a complaint about a short-term rental in the City of Indian Rocks Beach, visit <https://secure.host-compliance.com/indian-rocks-beach-fl/complaints/type> or call (727) 472-9170, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City of Indian Rocks Beach Implements TextMyGov

TextMyGov is a proactive two-way text messaging service that enables residents to effortlessly receive important notifications, communicate with the City and easily find specific information by texting the City.

It allows residents to receive on-demand information 24/7 by texting 1-2 keywords to the City's TextMyGov number, 727-332-0106.

TextMyGov will be a highly crucial tool during emergency situations, allowing the City to disseminate important information quickly to residents.

If you did not receive the initial invitation message and would like to sign up, you can choose to opt-in by texting the keyword "IRB" to the number 91896. After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to reply "YES" to confirm opt-in. Residents may receive notifications for events, emergency information, etc.

Additional information can be located on our website, at <https://www.indian-rocks-beach.com/welcome-to-textmygov-notifications/>.

Sea Nesting Turtles

Marine turtle nesting and hatching occurs each year from **May 1st through October 31st**. Female turtles come ashore in the dark, dig a hole using their flippers, and lay 100 to 150 eggs at a time. During the course of a season, a single female lays three to eight nests. After a 45 to 70 day gestation period, hatchlings emerge from the nest at night and follow the moonlight reflecting off the Gulf. These turtles return to the beaches where they were born, sometimes decades before.

