

**TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Kapper, Vice Mayor Holmes, Mayor Adams and Attorney Denhardt.

Presentation by Sheriff's Department and Indian Shores Police Department Regarding Law Enforcement Services

Mayor Adams stated the contract for Police Services with Indian Shores Police Department is up for renewal as of October 1, 2016. To ensure due diligence to the residents, the Commission has asked for presentation for services from both Indian Shores Police Department and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). The vote for service will be at the April 13, 2016 meeting. Mayor Adams explained the procedure would be for both agencies to give their presentations, then any discussion, questions or comments from the Commission or public will be heard.

Chief Deputy Dan Simovich of the PCSO introduced himself to the Commission, along with Captain Mike Liner and Julie Upham, Contract Services. Chief Deputy Simovich explained Sheriff Gualtieri was not able to attend as he had a prior commitment. Chief Deputy Simovich explained the PCSO can save city monies and give increased services. The town controls the level of service as the services are customized to the town's needs, no personal touch lost. The PCSO contracts with 13 other cities and encouraged the commission to talk to those cities about their services. Chief Deputy Simovich reviewed with the Commission, Patrol Operations, Investigative Operations and Support Services of the PCSO. After review of services Chief Deputy Simovich reviewed with the Commission two proposals for services. Option One would be a contract between the Town and PCSO, offering one deputy per shift for an annual fee of \$476,279.66. Option Two would be a contract involving Redington Shores, North Redington Beach and Redington Beach, with two shared deputies on day shift and one shared deputy on midnights, for an annual fee of \$339,985.12. At this time the town pays Indian Shores \$434,938.00 for police services.

Mayor Adams asked for any questions. Vice Mayor Holmes asked if there is a built in percentage increase in the contract. Ms. Upham stated normally between two and three percent. Mayor Adams asked for the length of the contracts. Ms. Upham stated the contracts are yearly. Mayor Adams asked about special events. Chief Deputy Simovich explained cost for special detail is \$45.00/hr per deputy sheriff needed. The town can add that into their budget, so no additional contracts need to be created. Mayor Adams asked if there would be a charge for a deputy to standby as an employee collects the money from the parking monies. Chief Deputy Simovich stated there would be no extra charge.

Chief Hughes of the Indian Shores Police Department addressed the Commission with his presentation of services and budget. Indian Shores has provided Police services to Redington Shores for over 30 years. Two officers are on duty at all times. Indian Shores does provide extra officers and services at no additional charge for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, parking monies are collected and counted for the town at no extra charge. Indian Shores has updated their EOC and Redington Shores joins with Indian Shores during storm events.

Chief Hughes reviewed with the Commission qualifications and training. Some of the Officers training include; bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice, certified instructors by FDLE, traffic homicide investigator, NIMS certified, etc.

Chief Hughes reviewed with the Commission the budget proposal. Administrative cost is up by \$3,000.00 due to Labor Attorney Fees, all other administrative cost has stayed the same. Personnel Services are down by \$54,822.00 largely due to the elimination of an administrative position and hiring an Officer at a lower rate of pay. Operating Expenses are up by \$8,398.00, due to an increase from the PCSO for juvenile incarceration, maintenance of aging fleet and training and education. Overall budget for services is down by \$43,425.00 with a proposed annual fee for services at \$419,739.00

At this time Mayor Adams asked for any discussion or questions from the Commission or audience. Resident, Dean Fink approached the Commission stating he likes the Indian Shores Police Service, as they know the residents, who to check on, who are the problem residents, etc. and have always provided great service. Mr. Fink asked if there are any provisions that PCSO would hire the officers from Indian Shores. Chief Deputy Simovich stated they would be given the opportunity. Mayor Adams asked Chief Hughes if Indian Shores wanted to keep with a five-year contract. Chief Hughes indicated they would.

Mayor Adams thanked both agencies for their presentations and reminded everyone the vote for services will be taken at the April 13, 2016 Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC  
Town Clerk