

# Sebastian Inlet Tax District

Monday, March 30, 2020 4:00 p.m.

## SPECIAL CALL COMMISSION MEETING

Held in parking area west of the Sebastian Inlet District Office  
following social distancing protocol in response to COVID19  
114 Sixth Avenue, Indialantic, Florida

### Minutes

Present in-person at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Vice Chairman Michael Rowland, Commissioner Chris Hendricks, and Commissioner Lisa Frazier. Commissioner Beth Mitchell was present via call-in option provided.

Also present in-person at the meeting were Executive Director James Gray, and Contracts & Accounting Manager Dave Kershaw. Also present via call-in were SID Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, SID Public Information Associate Michelle Malyn and Margaret Sheffield, contracted court reporter.

#### Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Lawton Seal identified herself for the official record, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman noted this special call meeting was being held in compliance with the District Charter to conduct one item of business, the review and approval of Resolution No. 03.30.20-1. The meeting was noticed in the Florida Today, Indian River Press Journal, posted to the District website and managed social media platforms, and was posted physically on the District office door to meet all proscribed protocols for a special call meeting. Chairman Lawton Seal further noted call-in participation was offered as an option in partnership with Gray Robinson and as follows; 1-866-388-7725, Pin No. 933050#.

Chairman Lawton Seal proceeded with Roll Call for the official record and asked that all participants identify themselves before making comments for the benefit of the court reporter on the call.

Vice Chairman Michael Rowland; present, in-person  
Secretary/Treasurer Chris Hendricks; present, in-person  
Commissioner Lisa Frazier, present, in-person  
Commissioner Beth Mitchell, present, call-in

Chairman Lawton Seal noted having a quorum present and in-person to conduct official District business.

- A. Resolution No. 03.30.20-1 Recommended for Approval – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Sebastian Inlet District Authoring the Executive Director to make provisions for electronic attendance by elected officials at District Meetings during periods of a declared public health emergency; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date.

SID Executive Director James Gray identified himself for the record. On March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of the continued spread of COVID-19.

On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-69, suspending any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place and authorizes the use of communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)(2) Florida Statutes.

In the interest of public safety concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, Resolution No. 03.30.20.1 is before you to authorize the Executive Director to make provisions for electronic attendance by elected officials at District meetings during periods of a declared public health emergency.

Following the provisions of the Sunshine Law, meetings will be held virtually, enabling the District Commission and public to be able to attend meetings electronically and in compliance with the District's Charter and Florida Statutes.

This emergency resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall expire on August 31, 2020.

There are no additional District funding requirements for Resolution No. 03.30.20-1, and the recommendation of staff is for the Board to approve Resolution No. 03.30.20-1.

Mr. Gray asked if there were any questions and Chairman Lawton Seal opened the discussion period.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the resolution limited the electronic participation to the phone call-in line established for this meeting or limited the District to using specific software platforms. Mr. Gray referenced selecting the call-in option to be consistent with the format of public meetings the District typically holds, but that he would explore video conferencing options at the Commissions' pleasure. Commissioner Mitchell suggested exploring Zoom as an option for future Commission meetings.

After Mr. Gray's report explaining the Resolution, Chairman Lawton Seal called for a roll call. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve and adopt the Resolution.

Under Agenda Item II

Public Comment Period – No members of the general public in attendance or on call-in.

Under Agenda Item III

Commissioner Items – No further items noted.

Under Agenda Item IV

Adjournment – Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

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