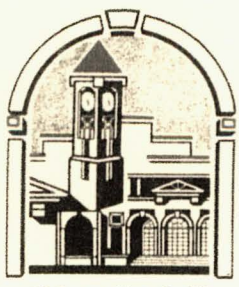


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Agenda - Topic: Fire Tax Assessment

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I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the evidence or factual representation, which I am about to give or present at the public hearing, held this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_ is truthful.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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January 24, 2008

Ed Martin, Mayor  
Venice City Council  
Venice City Hall  
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Venice, Florida 34285

RE: Proposed City Fire Tax Assessment

Mayor Martin:

In lieu of our meeting yesterday, this letter is intended to express my concerns and questions relative to the proposed City Fire Tax Assessment. On January 11, 2008, during our regular monthly meeting, Fire Chief John Reed made a presentation to the Board of Directors of the Bay Indies Homeowners Association, Inc.. Chief Reed's presentation, both in the form of verbal communications and written documentation were extremely well done. Members of the Board and residents attending the meeting voiced several questions and concerns following his presentation. Chief Reed responded to the questions and concerns and agreed to research responses to questions and concerns for which he did not have an immediate response. Chief Reed did so and responded via email with the results of his research. However, several questions and concerns remain an issue.

Specifically, the following reflects eight of the remaining questions and concerns:

1. It is my understanding that the State Constitution prohibits tax assessments on personal property; but authorizing tax assessments on real property. As our mobile/manufactured homes are taxed as a motor vehicle, our homes are then classified as personal property. Question—how can mobile/manufactured homes be assessed a special Fire Tax?
2. It is my understanding that single-family homes in Venice have an average density factor of two homes per acre. The Bay Indies community has a density factor of 6.2 homes per acre. Therefore, an assessment, comparable to single-family homes, on each mobile/manufactured home in Bay Indies would create a tax burden three times greater than that of a average single-family home.
3. It is my understanding that once a single-family home is assessed the City's Fire Tax Assessment of \$182, as proposed by the Fire Chief, than the City's property tax assessment for the General Fund would be reduced accordingly resulting in a reduction of the tax burden for the single-family home. The Fire Tax Assessment on the mobile/manufactured home and the pass-through assessment for the common properties within the park would increase the mobile/manufactured homeowner's tax burden. The resulting Fire Tax Assessment for each mobile/manufactured homeowner may be greater than that of the single-family homeowner due to the pass-through assessments.

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4. It is my understanding that the assessment may be based upon the number of residential lots within a specific mobile/manufactured home park. The residents of Bay Indies lease a section of land that their mobile/manufactured home is placed upon. As the property within the Bay Indies community has not been surveyed, individual lots do not exist. How can a fair assessment be calculated?
5. It is my understanding that similar Fire Tax Assessments in the County and neighboring cities are substantially less. Specifically, the County's Fire Tax Assessment for a single-family home is currently \$67.50 per 1,000 square feet under roof, North Port's assessment in \$78.00 per 1,500 square feet under roof, and Englewood's assessment in \$122.00 per unit. How did the Fire Chief arrive at his recommendation of \$182 per single-family home? The percentage of the Fire Department's budget within the total City's budget approximates 23%. The \$182 assessment factors to equate to 46% of the City's budget. Where is the fairness in this assessment of \$182?
6. If the Property Tax Relief Amendment is not successful, what is the need for such a Fire Tax Assessment?
7. If the City Council votes approval of the Fire Tax Assessment, what other City agencies will be next in line for other tax assessments?
8. Has the City Council considered or researched the concept of merging the City's Fire Department with that of the County? As the County currently has fire equipment and stations within the City, it appears that there may be substantial financial savings resulting from such a merger.

The above questions and concerns express my thoughts, those of Board members of the Homeowners Association and residents attending the board meeting. Representatives of the Board and residents are very anxious to meet with you and other members of City Council as individuals and/or as a Council. We are interested in your opinions and responses to the questions and concerns outlined above. Please let me know if and when it would be convenient to meet. Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Anthony V. Pinzone, President  
Bay Indies Homeowners Association, Inc.

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Rick Tacy, Council Member  
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Vicki Noren, Council Member  
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