

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call, Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong and Attorney Peck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – January 2007

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the bills for January 2007, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone is interested in being a judge for next year's boat parade and home decorating contest to please contact Town Hall.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams reported the Town Clerk Mary Palmer would be attending the International Municipal Clerks Conference in May 2007. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve Mrs. Palmer attending the conference, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Undergrounding – Vice Mayor Adams reported all poles have been removed on both 174th Ave. and 174th Terrace Drive and encouraged all residents to drive down the streets to view the results. Town staff has been helping residents with cutting the concrete under the meter cans to help clear the area for the undergrounding and asked if residents can please help out by having the area restored on their own.

Vice Mayor Adams reported complaints have been received in regard to the beach not being raked. The beach is scheduled to be cleaned this Friday.

Indian Shores Police Department – December 2006 – criminal reports, traffic citations and warning are down. Parking citations are up. Physical arrests are down by 54%.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported the large boring machines for the undergrounding will be moving out of District Two and moving onto District Three. The crew working on this project works very well with the residents. If by chance your driveway is blocked while the crews are working, just ask for them to move and they will. If anyone has any concerns during the project they should contact Town Hall.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik reminded all the residents while there will be some inconveniences during the undergrounding project, the outcome of the project is well worth it.

Commissioner Wojcik reported he would be completed with the Emergency Management Certifications by the end of March. Commissioner Wojcik is working with Mayor Armstrong in regard to having WiFi in our area.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus reported the Town is still waiting to hear if grant money will be awarded for Spitzer Park. The insurance company is still collecting cost estimates for the damage at Spitzer Park. Mayor Armstrong will be attending a hearing next week in regard to the vandalism.

OLD BUSINESSSecond Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-16 – Proportionate Fair Share

Attorney Peck read Ordinance 06-16 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 06-16, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Mayor Armstrong asked for any public comments. No comments were brought forward. Roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-17 – Amend Parking

Attorney Peck read Ordinance 06-17 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to adopt Ordinance 06-17, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Mayor Armstrong asked for any public comments. No comments were brought forward. Roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Street Sweeping Gulf Boulevard

Mayor Armstrong reported the town is not part of the FDOT program to sweep Gulf Boulevard. The Town will need to obtain a Memorandum of Agreement with FDOT, which could take about 6-months to complete. Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission if they want to pay and have the Boulevard swept while the process is in progress or just wait for the agreement. Consensus of the Commission is to wait for the agreement to be in place.

Selection of Engineering Services – Sewer Project 176th Avenue and 1st Street East

Commissioner Branch asked Building Official Steve Andrews to update the Commission. Mr. Andrews reported contract negotiations have just begun with the first engineer of choice and no agreement has been reached. Mr. Andrews stated a contract should be in hand and reviewed by the Attorney by the next workshop meeting. This item will be placed on the next workshop agenda.

NEW BUSINESSResolution 30-06 – Canceling March 2007 Municipal Election

Attorney Peck read Resolution 30-06 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 30-06, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 31-06 – January 21 27, 2007 – Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA)

Attorney Peck read Resolution 31-06 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to adopt Resolution 31-06, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Planning & Zoning Recommendation 18270 Sunset Blvd.

Attorney Peck stated the procedure that will be followed would be a quasi-judicial procedure. Anyone who wishes to speak will be sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Commission has received the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board. The applicant will be given the opportunity to address the Commission and then anyone in the audience will be allowed to address the Commission and it is requested that comments be limited to three minutes. At this time the Town Clerk swore in those who wished to address the Commission. Applicant Mr. Eaton addressed the Commission stating that himself and his architect met several times with Building Official Steve Andrews to ensure that all steps were followed correctly and codes were in compliance. Mr. Eaton is hopeful the Commission is in agreement with the proposed project. Attorney Peck asked Mr. Eaton to please state his name, address and if he had taken the oath prior to speaking. Mr. Eaton replied his name is Mr. Robert Kenneth Eaton, residing at 672 182nd Ave. East, Redington Shores, and did take the oath prior to speaking.

Next to address the Commission – stated name Mr. Jihad Antonious, 18298 Sunset Blvd., Redington Shores, and did take the oath. Mr. Antonious told the Commission he has lived in the Town for 20-years. Mr. Antonious stated all codes should be followed. Mr. Antonious objects to the last floor of the buildings proposed for the project and hopes the Commission will do the right thing. Mayor Armstrong asked Building Official Steve Andrews to address the Commission. Mr. Andrews stated the problem with the project being a duplex certain regulations for the setbacks for the duplex, refer to the RS-7 section of the code. Duplexes are also multifamily, and multifamily use is allowed in the RM District. Per the section 90-100 (d) bonuses can be earned by supplying extra parking, which the applicant has supplied. The Planning and Zoning Board took all into consideration and voted to recommend approval of the project. Vice Mayor Adams asked Mr. Eaton if he would be renting the top unit. Mr. Eaton told the Commission he would be living in the top unit and selling the bottom unit. Vice Mayor Adams asked Mr. Andrews if there would need to be a four-hour firewall. Mr. Andrews stated it is required to be fired separated. Vice Mayor Adams stated that all that has been reviewed and would like to make a motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Boards recommendation. Mr. Antonious asked to address the Commission again. Mr. Antonious stated issue of the height and the setbacks have not been discussed. Mr. Antonious told the Commission there is a dispute in regard to the survey. Vice Mayor Adams asked Mr. Antonious if he had a survey, Mr. Antonious told the Commission he does and submitted a survey to the Commission. Mayor Armstrong stated the minutes of the Planning and Zoning reflect that the town would not approve the construction until all setbacks are correctly documented. Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Antonious if he would like to submit his survey into evidence. Mr. Antonious submitted his survey to the Town Clerk, Mr. Eaton in turn also submitted his survey to the Town Clerk. Vice Mayor Adams again moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call, all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, January 30, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk