

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Kapper; Commissioner Holmes; Vice Mayor Branch, Mayor Adams

OLD BUSINESS

Distribution of Version 4.0 Flood Plain Management Plan

Commissioner Wojcik explained that the Committee updated the FPMP, mostly self-renewing areas to be date specific. Emphasis was placed on flood assistance for residents. Other areas Commissioner Wojcik addressed were incorporating the Pinellas County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan, and action plans for FEMA dollars to link the Town's broadcast system to Pinellas County. Commissioner Holmes asked about the use of "freeboarding" to increase CRS points. Commissioner Wojcik said that the FPMP has no legislative power to change the requirement for base flood elevation construction; Steve Andrews, Building Official, said the Ordinance for Land Development Codes would have to be revised, and would have to include both business and residential requirements. The Flood Plain Management Plan will be voted on at the February 9 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Updates to Employee Manual

Commissioner Wojcik provided information proposing accrual of vacation days, beginning the date of hire. Mayor Adams suggested that there be a 6 month probationary period at the beginning of employment, when vacation time can accrue but not be taken. Commissioner Holmes asked if more vacation time could be carried over to the next year, not just 10 days. There was further discussion among the Commission regarding interpretation of the current manual, and possible options. It was agreed that Commissioner Wojcik's proposed revision was acceptable, with a few minor changes. Commissioner Wojcik will present the proposed changes for approval at the February meeting.

Discussion – Request for Funds from the City of St. Petersburg – to support Pinellas Safe Harbor

Mayor Adams referred to a letter from Mayor Foster of St. Petersburg requesting funds for the new accommodations for homeless with criminal activity as an alternative to jail. Detective Jeff Rawson of the Indian Shores Police Department explained that this program is to house chronic homeless with criminal records or events, instead of the cost of incarceration. Det. Rawson said that Indian Shores and Redington Shores really don't have a problem with such homeless individuals – maybe 1 or 2 per year. Mayor Adams said that this issue was discussed at the BIG-C meeting on January 26, and asked if the Town wanted to be a team player. The cost per resident population would be about \$.40 per person if the Town contributed \$1,000. After some discussion regarding the safety issues of transporting the homeless, and whether this would be a bandaid for the problem, the consensus was to contribute \$1,000. to Safe Harbor.

Review Grant Application – Del Bello Park Addition

Mayor Adams explained that he had had discussions with John Christen, owner of the lots south of Del Bello Park, regarding purchase to expand the park. Steve Andrews said that the Town is applying for a grant with Florida Communities Trust as a possible joint acquisition. The project plan would include extended walking trails, a dock, pavilion, etc. Mayor Adams said that with a joint effort with the State there would be partial control on their part of the use of the land. The Town has the option to opt out of the agreement after the

appraisal, or to not combine the grant with FCT purchase. Discussions continued with regard to the possible use of the acquired land, such as a profit making marina, or as an emergency vehicle station. Mr. Andrews will continue to pursue the grant, which is due February 23.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams reported a beached sailboat in front of the Shore Mariner Condominium, that has been there since January 21. A letter was delivered to the owner, who, by Code, has 30 days to remove the boat. Raleigh Marine from Largo has offered to help pull the boat into the Gulf, and has not asked for any compensation. Mayor Adams suggested the Town offer \$300.00 to Raleigh Marine to help defray expenses. It was agreed to do so.

Commissioner Holmes reminded everyone of the Food for Thought event at the Gulf Beaches Library, March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk