

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present at Roll Call: Commissioner Kapper, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Branch, Mayor Adams.
Absent: Commissioner Wojcik

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Going Green

Mayor Adams began by informing the Commission that he will be out of town April 25 through May 2, and March 28 through April 2 for the Hurricane Conference.

Mayor Adams asked Commissioner Holmes to elaborate on the “going green” concept. Commissioner Holmes said that it is fact that there could be energy savings, and there will be more of this concept to come. The main purpose of the discussion is to be aware of options, and to be prepared. Commissioner Holmes explained that some green ideas may not be feasible for the Town, and the Town must exercise some control over what the residents plan to implement.

Steve Andrews, Building Official, referred to the Resolution that was recently passed regarding tree canopies, that was included with a grant application to the State. Mr. Andrews said there are no other ideas for options currently. The Town could adopt a Resolution for green buildings. Mr. Andrews also stated that the current Comprehensive Plan has some guidelines for green building. LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) offers rewards for green construction, but Mr. Andrews added that there may be consequences with the existing Town Codes, such as height, etc. Commissioner Kapper said there would also be a major savings on insurance. Mr. Andrews referred to the Model Ordinance provided to the Commission, and said it is a good example of outlining the various aspects that the Town’s Ordinance should contain. Mr. Andrews offered to prepare a proposed Ordinance draft by the April Workshop.

Commissioner Holmes suggested that they establish some ground rules now, as well as looking into the FEMA 50% rule for construction and possible penalties. The use of rain barrels was discussed, citing possible issues with setbacks and aesthetics. Commissioner Holmes said that Attorney Denhardt should be involved in the process to draft some “green” ideas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams said that, at the BIG-C meeting on February 24, the mayors are moving forward with the Gulf Blvd. beautification project, and asked that figures for the Redington Shores project be submitted by March 15. The efforts to lobby to keep the \$35 million commitment from the County are ongoing.

Vice Mayor Branch said that Phase 2, 3 & 4 stormwater project will be complete within a month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk