

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Mayor Beyrouti, Vice Mayor Lishamer, Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holmes, Attorney Hammonds.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Non-Conforming Use Ordinance: Mayor Beyrouti explained that there are currently no provisions for rebuilding structures damaged or destroyed by catastrophe on the Gulf side of Gulf Blvd. Attorney Chris Hammonds reviewed the existing proposed Ordinance and made changes with the PPC to allow an exact rebuilding of the structures. Commissioner Armstrong asked if there is a problem with the wording “shall” rather than “may” in the Ordinance. Attorney Hammonds said it does not matter so long as there is no greater than existing non-conformity. The proposed Ordinance will be on the March 20, 2006 agenda for first reading.

Public Works Position – Gary Windon: Mayor Beyrouti said that Gary Windon is currently working with the Public Works Department on a part time basis, and he would like to have him hired full time. Mayor Beyrouti explained that with the additional need for beach maintenance and Brad Kelley now devoting some of his time to the Building Department it is a good time to hire Mr. Windon. Commissioner Holmes added that funding shifts could be made if necessary to allow for another full time employee. Mr. Windon’s full time status will be approved at the March 20 meeting.

Beach Access Bids: Commissioner Armstrong met with Glenn from Oakhurst Construction regarding the recent beach access bids. The two bids that came in were more than double the grant amount, and Oakhurst Construction offered several solutions to decrease the costs. Discussion ensued regarding the need for retaining walls – the biggest part of the cost – and archways. Commissioner Armstrong said the grant money of \$97,000 will run out in August 2006; she will provide new designs for the March 20 Commission meeting so that new bids can go out.

Leasing – Poles and Fixtures – Undergrounding: Mayor Beyrouti said that the cost of leasing poles and fixtures for the undergrounding is the best way to go, and that the prices are regulated for 10 years on the federal level. The Mayor met with Mike Mozo, who heads the leasing department at Progress Energy. A cost of \$76,654. will be needed for the 199 poles required.

Update - Undergrounding Project: Mayor Beyrouti said that the Town has had ongoing problems with Progress Energy with regard to who pays for the survey for the right-of-ways. The Mayor explained that the original contract called for Progress Energy to pay; a second contract was offered but the Mayor signed the original contract, having been informed by the Town attorneys that it is a legal and binding contract. Mayor Beyrouti said that it could be a no win situation, since the contract also calls for a 10% raise in the contract amount by Progress Energy if needed. The Town did not agree to pay half of the \$150,000 amount. Mayor Beyrouti will meet with Nancy Loehr, public relations officer for Progress Energy, this week to try to resolve the issue. Commissioner Holmes reminded everyone that the Town’s agreement is to pay for any meter can change outs for single family or duplexes only; multi-family and commercial properties will have to absorb any costs themselves.

This information will be mailed to the affected properties.

Gulf Blvd. Beach Beautification Plan: Mayor Beyrouti said that the County plans to fund \$75 million for a \$131 million beautification project for Gulf Blvd. beaches undergrounding. The individual Towns will be responsible for streetscape and lighting easements. Several contractors will be involved per Mayor Beyrouti, and work will begin soon for the 11 municipalities involved.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Branch asked about the Special Master situation at 175 175<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Attorney Hammonds said that the injunction against the property has been filed, and is being served by the Sheriff's Office to Donald Brown. On March 22 foreclosure of the property will be filed. Commissioner Branch has also received concerns about the height of the fence around the Redington Yacht & Tennis Club development. Don Lusk said that the fence height was allowed to be measured from the owner's grade; but the new fence Ordinance states that a fence is to be measured from the lowest grade.

Commissioner Holmes announced an open house on March 18, 2006 from 5-8 p.m to honor the retirement of Mayor Beyrouti and Vice Mayor Lishamer from Town government. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to allow up to \$2,500. to be spent by the Town for the event. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; roll call: all yes with Mayor Beyrouti and Vice Mayor Lishamer abstaining.

Commissioner Armstrong announced a scoping meeting for the EAR Report to be held Friday, March 3 with the Planning & Zoning Board and the Pinellas Planning Council. Bob Holthaus, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board, said the 4 issues to be discussed are: redevelopment, transportation, drainage and shoreline dunes. Commissioner Armstrong moved to present the 4 issues to the external entities; Commissioner Holmes seconded. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Armstrong reported that Ed Curtin has resigned from the Board of Adjustment effective March 1, 2006. Commissioner Holmes said that Charles White has also resigned from the Board of Adjustment effective immediately. Local resident David Garcia has asked to be appointed to one of the Board of Adjustment positions. Commissioner Armstrong moved to appoint Mr. Garcia; Commissioner Holmes seconded. Roll call: all yes. Commissioner Holmes recommended that the Town advertise for the other vacant position on the cable channel and bulletin boards.

Commissioner Armstrong said that the grant application for the kayak launch at Del Bello Park is ready.

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr, Administrative Secretary