

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong and Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 11, 2009; Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2009; Special Meeting, Wednesday, February 25, 2009; Workshop Meeting, Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – March 2009

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the March 2009 bills, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong reviewed with the Commission and residents the past six-years as Commissioner and Mayor of the Town of Redington Shores. Projects completed – completion of Del Bello Park, 50th Anniversary events, annexation of the Parsley Property, beach access improvements and walkovers, continuation of Stormwater and Paving Projects, completion of the EAR and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Gulf Beaches Library negotiations, FDOT Palm Tree Grant Project, Undergrounding Utilities, Turtle Ordinance, Re-Entry Hang Tag Program, etc. Mayor Armstrong thanked each of the Commissioners for rising to the challenge and actively embracing their areas of responsibility. Mayor Armstrong thanked all the citizens stating “it has been my highest honor to serve you”. Advice to the incoming Commission, please be proactive to preserve the town, protect the beaches, deny construction or redevelopment variance request that would bring structures closer to coastal construction line than permitted by code, most important, read and follow the town’s Comprehensive Plan, it is the road map to the future. Mayor Armstrong wished the Commission good luck and best wishes.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Department – criminal and traffic citations, traffic warnings are up. Other calls with no reports were up. Vice Mayor Adams reported 14 unlocked cars have been burglarized and encourage all to lock their vehicles.

Vice Mayor Adams reported that Station 26 for emergency services will be closed in October due to budget cuts in Pinellas County. Emergency response will be provided from Seminole. Vice Mayor Adams encouraged the residents to attend a meeting on March 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., at the County Commission Chambers to support keeping the station open.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch thanked Mayor Armstrong and Commissioner Holthaus for what they have done for the town and expressed he has enjoyed working with them. Commissioner Branch expressed condolences on behalf of the Commission to Attorney Denhardt for the loss of his father-in-law.

The lift station alarm at 176th Ave. and First Street East has been repaired. The stormwater project is moving along, any issues that come up are taken care of immediately.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Flood Plain Management Plan – the committee has finished drafting the plan. The plan will be distributed to the Commission for approval at the April Commission meeting.

LMS – the town submitted two projects for funding, undergrounding the utility lines across Gulf Boulevard and two new crosswalks. The Gulf Boulevard project was rejected, but the crosswalks are being considered.

Gulf Beaches Library – the second annual Food For Thought Fund Raiser was a great success. Total monies made will be available after March 18th.

Emergency Management – Pinellas County has scheduled the first meeting for all municipalities on March 20th.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Del Bello Park – dead trees have been removed. One of the osprey nests has a family nesting.

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Denhardt administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials, Mayor Bert Adams, Commissioner John Branch and Commissioner Lee Holmes.

Mayor Adams presented gifts to both outgoing Mayor Armstrong and Commissioner Holthaus.

OLD BUSINESSSecond Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 09-01 – Time Constraints on Variances and Site Plans

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 09-01 by title. Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Ordinance 09-01 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESSAppointment – District One Commissioner

Mayor Adams explained an appointment needs to be made for district one. One letter of interest from Thomas Kapper has been received. Commissioner Holmes stated he has reviewed the letter, he has known Mr. Kapper for several years and his commitment to the community would make him an excellent choice as district one commissioner. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the appointment of Thomas Kapper to District One Commissioner for the remainder of the term, (March 2010), seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. Attorney Denhardt administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kapper.

Appointment – Vice Mayor

Mayor Adams would like to recommend Commissioner John Branch as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Branch has been very dedicated the past three years with projects in town with much dedication and hands on approach. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the appointment of Commissioner John Branch as Vice Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Appointment of Commission Supervisory Areas

Mayor Adams recommended the following appointments:

FINANCE / BIG-C / FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES / SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES / MAYOR'S COUNCIL/FLORIDA BEACHES AND SHORES/SOCIAL

Mayor Bert Adams

MAINTENANCE/PARKS & REC./CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Tom Kapper

SEWERS/STORMWATER/POLICE/SWFWMD/BIG C ALTERNATE 1

Vice Mayor John Branch

ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES/EMERGENCY MGMT/MITIGATION/PSTA

Commissioner Casey Wojcik

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL/LIBRARY/FIRE/BUILDING/BIG C ALTERNATE 2

Commissioner Lee Holmes

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the appointments as stated, seconded by Commissioner Kapper. Roll call: all yes.

Authorize Mayor and Commission to sign Checks and Legal Documents

Commissioner Branch moved to approve authorization for the Mayor and Commissioners to sign checks and legal documents, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

First Reading Ordinance 09-02 - Parking Ordinance – Parking Hang Tags

Tabled for the Workshop Meeting, March 25th, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams announced the following dates:

Workshop Meeting - Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wojcik asked to place on the workshop agenda for March: combining our Hurricane Awareness Meeting with Indian Shores, the Gulf Beach Library Interlocal Agreement and Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk