

TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

Present: Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Lishamer, Mayor Beyrouti and Attorney Denhardt.

Undergrounding Utilities – Leasing Poles and Fixtures

Mayor Beyrouti explained that Progress Energy does not normally have a written lease with municipalities, but since the Town had requested to have one, Progress Energy has provided one to the Town. The leasing agreement was originally for 199 poles and lights, this number will be increased as the west side of Gulf Boulevard was not factored into the amount, the new amount for leasing will be 203 poles and lights. The lease is a 10-year lease, at that time the Town will have an option to continue the lease or purchase the equipment, most cities lease the equipment. The rates for leasing can only be changed by the Public Service Commission. Mayor Beyrouti reviewed with the Commission the pricing for leasing, which has been previously submitted to the Commission. Commissioner Armstrong asked if the new lights being installed on the west side of Gulf Boulevard will be similar to the existing lights, as far as being turtle friendly. Nancy Loehr from Progress Energy told the Commission she is not familiar with the lights in the business district, but possibly they were painted to avoid the bright light. The pricing quoted is for 199 poles and fixtures, but this will be increased to 203, \$3,004.90 for lights, \$2,384.02 for poles, \$314.42 for maintenance and \$684.56 for energy & fuel, total monthly charge \$6,387.90. Resident Christy Herig addressed the Commission with figures on purchasing vs. leasing. Mayor Beyrouti thanked Ms. Herig for her comments. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the lease of the 203 poles and fixtures with the figure of total rent, maintenance and energy figure of \$6,387.90, which will be amended to include four more poles and lights, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Land Development Code Rewrite

Mayor Beyrouti explained that the Pinellas Planning Council would be using a consultant to complete this project. The Town does have an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Planning Council, which will remain the same as far as the money approved to complete the project. The Planning Council will start in a month. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to amend the contract with the Town and Pinellas Planning Council in regard to the Land Development Code re-write to allow the Pinellas Planning Council to contract with a consultant to complete the project, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

Engineering Phase 2 & 3 Stormwater/Paving Project

Mayor Beyrouti explained that the Town has been approved for the engineering grant for Phase 2 & 3. The Town has been working with Cumbeys & Fair Engineering with Phase 1 & 5. There was difficulty in the beginning, but as of now the relationship has been very good. Mayor

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Beyrouiti is recommending to use Cumbey & Fair for Phase 2 & 3 projects. Vice Mayor Lishamer asked if advertising is required. Attorney Denhardt explained the Town would need to follow the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, which would require the Town to advertise for qualifications of the project. Commissioner Armstrong moved to proceed to advertise for request for qualifications for engineering, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes. Commissioner Holmes will have Steve Andrews work on the advertisement.

Public Works Position – Gary Windon

Mayor Beyrouiti is recommending changing Mr. Windon from a part-time to full-time employee. Brad Kelley is working more with the Building Department and with the projects in Town, which is taking away from the maintenance department's function. Commissioner Armstrong told the Commission she had requested from the maintenance department justification for the increase, and she is comfortable with this change. Commissioner Holmes moved to change Gary Windon's employment from part-time to full-time effective Monday, March 20, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Vice Mayor Lishamer asked about the letter received from Attorney Denhardt in regard to the violation on the Don Brown property and asking if the fine could be reduced. Attorney Denhardt explained that the Commission could only approve this action. The property was slated for a closing on March 15<sup>th</sup>, but Attorney Denhardt is not sure if this has occurred. A lien has been filed and recorded. It was suggested to contact the title company to be sure it is understood that a lien is on the property.

Commissioner Holmes informed the Commission that the Police Contract would be up for discussion. Attorney Denhardt has reviewed the contract and sees no problem with the draft contract.

Mayor Beyrouiti explained that when the contract was signed with Progress Energy for the Undergrounding, it was not clear in the contract on who is responsible for staking of the right-of-ways. Progress Energy has received a quote of \$108,000.00 and they are willing to split the cost with the Town, the cost to the Town would be \$54,000.00. Commissioner Holmes moved that the binding cost estimate described in Article Six of the agreement between the Town of Redington Shores and Progress Energy be increased by \$54,000.00 for a total of \$2,199,714.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call: all yes.

Attorney Denhardt told the Commission that the election held on March 7<sup>th</sup> is being audited due to the problems that arose during the counting of the ballots. Attorney Denhardt thanked all the candidates for a good clean election race.

Attorney Denhardt gave his best wishes and congratulations to both Mayor Beyrouiti and Vice Mayor Lishamer tonight, as he will not be able to attend the farewell party or the meeting on

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, due to conflicts in his schedule.

Commissioner Holmes reminded everyone about the open house being held on March 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Mayor Beyrouti and Vice Mayor Lishamer.

Nancy Loehr also thanked Mayor Beyrouti for his leadership.

Mayor Beyrouti explained that he just received the Cost in Aid to Construction (CIAC), which is associated with the leasing of the undergrounding equipment. The cost to the Town is \$51,110.55. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the CIAC cost of \$51,110.55, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC  
Town Clerk