

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2006
CANVASSING BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Lishamer, Mayor Beyrouiti and Attorney Hammonds.

OPEN CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Mayor Beyrouiti opened the canvassing board meeting. Mayor Beyrouiti announced that the Canvassing Board members met at the Supervisor of Elections Office on Tuesday, March 14th at 9:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Beyrouiti announced the following:

Mayor

Jody Armstrong	290 + 99 absentee ballots – Total 389 votes
Thomas Kapper	248 + 25 absentee ballots – Total 273 votes
Registered voters	1,586, turnout 668 = 42.12%

Commissioner District Two

John Branch	96 + 6 absentee ballots – Total 102 votes
Donald Lusk	67 + 14 absentee ballots – Total 81
Registered voters	339, turnout 185 = 54.57%

Commissioner Holmes moved to certify the results as stated, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Mayor Beyrouiti asked if anyone had any objections, there being none; roll call: all yes.

Mayor Beyrouiti closed the Canvassing Board Meeting.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Beyrouiti opened the regular meeting. Mayor Beyrouiti addressed the Commission and residents thanking the residents for the honor of serving them. Mayor Beyrouiti thanked the staff members for their hard work and dedication and also thanked all of the volunteers who help whenever it is needed. Mayor Beyrouiti thanked both Vice Mayor Lishamer and Commissioner Holmes for their dedication to the Town. Mayor Beyrouiti also thanked his family for all their support during his tenure. Also, congratulations and praise was given to all of the candidates for running a very clean election race.

Commissioner Holmes presented plaques to both Mayor Beyrouiti and Vice Mayor Lishamer for all of their dedication and work throughout the years.

OATH OF OFFICE

Town Clerk Mary Palmer administered the oath of office to incoming Mayor Jody Armstrong, and Commissioners John Branch and Bert Adams.

Mayor Beyrouiti wished Mayor Armstrong, Commissioner Branch and Commissioner Adams good luck in their new venture.

Mayor Armstrong thanked all in attendance for their show of support to both the outgoing and incoming elected officials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 2006; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, 2006; Special Meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

Commissioner Holmes made a correction to the February 14th, 2006 minutes under the Building Official Position changing the second to the last line to read, “Mr. Andrews told the Commission he accepts the position subject to the contract.” Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – March 2006

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

Appointment Commissioner District Three

Mayor Armstrong told the Commission there is one resume on file for this position, but would like to wait to make the appointment so any others interested have time to submit a resume. Mayor Armstrong asked that the resumes be submitted by April 5th, and the Commission will make a choice at the April 11th regular meeting. This term is for one year.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Holmes reported that there was no major activity to report in regard to the police department.

Commissioner Branch thanked all of the candidates for a good clean election.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading and Advertise Public Hearing, Ordinance 06-03, Nonconforming Residential Use

Attorney Hammonds read Ordinance 06-03 by title. Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt 06-03 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Mayor Armstrong asked for any discussion, there being none, roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Public Works Position – Gary Windon

Mayor Armstrong explained that Gary Windon had been placed on full time employment with the Town at the March 15th Special Meeting.

Beach Accesses

Mayor Armstrong explained that the project has been scaled back and project will be re-advertised.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Mayor and Commission to sign Checks and Legal Documents

Commissioner Holmes moved to authorize the Mayor and Commission to sign checks and other legal documents, seconded by Commissioner Branch, roll call: all yes.

Appointment of Supervisory Areas

Mayor Armstrong started off by appointing the Vice Mayor. Mayor Armstrong appointed Commissioner Holmes as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Armstrong made the following Supervisory Appointments:

Mayor Armstrong: Finance/BIG-C/Florida League of Cities/Suncoast League of Cities/Mayor’s Council/Florida Beaches and Shores/Social

Commissioner Adams: Maintenance/Administration/Human Resources/Police/Fire

Commissioner Branch: Building Department/Sewers/Stormwater/SWFWMD

Vice Mayor Holmes – BIG-C Alternate/Emergency Mgmt/Mitigation/PSTA/Metropolitan Planning Council

Commissioner District Three – Gulf Beach Library/Alt Emergency Mgmt/Parks & Recreation

Appointment At Large Member Board of Adjustment

Mayor Armstrong announced resident Bob Phillips who is currently on the Finance Committee has asked to be appointed to the At Large Member of the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Armstrong nominated Bob Phillips to the At Large Member of the Board of Adjustment, Vice Mayor Holmes seconded the nomination, roll call: all yes.

Board of Adjustment Appeal – 17824 Lee Ave. – Daniel Sefair

Mayor Armstrong asked Hooch Ghovae, of Northside Engineering who is representing Daniel Sefair to address the Commission, and also asked all who would like to speak for or against the project to please limit their comments to those that have not been stated. Town Clerk Mary Palmer asked all who would be given testimony to please stand so that they may be sworn in. Mr. Ghovae addressed the Commission explaining that Northside Engineering has done many projects in Town. The building is a two story duplex structure, similar to townhomes. The lot size is 50 feet; each townhome is less than 19-feet wide. The side setbacks are not 15 as stated in the request. The correct setback is 10-feet. Before the customer purchased the site, the former building official, Mike Nadeau, had given the setback as 5-feet. Mr. Ghovae asked Building Official, Steve Andrews for his opinion based on his understanding of the code. Mr. Andrews mentioned that the use is allowable, but the variance request is improper based on reviewing the code. Mr. Ghovae stated they are just trying to build a duplex, two-stories above parking. Many residents who have opposition to the project addressed the Commission with concerns of losing their views, project being to large, no special conditions exist, reasonable use of the land can be achieved without variances. Mr. Ghovae addressed the Commission stating that they will not be taking over any beach easements, he would like to work with the neighbors and maybe continue this meeting at another time to be able to work with the neighbors. Vice Mayor Holmes stated he has looked at the minutes of the Board of Adjustments stating the variance request of the setbacks, the request has now changed, and the Commission can only act on the appeal as presented at the Board of Adjustment meeting. Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing. Attorney Hammonds explained this appeal comes before the Commission with a presumed correctness. Vice Mayor Holmes moved that the Board of Commissioners support the findings of the Board of Adjustment on the hearing dated March 8, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation – 209 176th Terrace Drive – Lot Split

Mr. Newlin owner of the property addressed the Commission stating he has received a recommendation from Planning and Zoning to allow the lot split. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to uphold the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 04-06 – Supporting HB 949 and SB 1608

Attorney Hammonds read Resolution 04-06 by title. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to adopt Resolution 04-06, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Comm Mtg.

March 20, 2006

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

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

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 11th, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk