

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon Roll Call: Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong, Steve Andrews, CBO

OLD BUSINESS

Prior to Old Business Mayor Armstrong introduced April Hemby, who represents various publishers – not just the St. Petersburg Times - regarding the placement and style of news racks. April explained that as newsstands are placed the need for publishers to add to the boxes for their own publication grows, and becomes an unsightly problem. Clearwater is the only city that has an Ordinance regulating news racks. Ms. Hemby works with 15 other municipalities, and would like to help resolve the Town's problem racks without the need to have an Ordinance. She has already arranged for the news racks at the Pier to be replaced and put in a better spot. Mayor Armstrong asked what the time frame would be to improve the 5 most unsightly racks; Ms. Hemby said it would be approximately 2 weeks to initiate some changes. Ms. Hemby will have some definite information on positions and new racks at the April Workshop.

Visitor Center Town Hall

Mark Neter, President of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, returned for a second meeting to discuss the placement of a Visitor's center at the front of Town Hall. Mr. Neter said his plan is still to have informational material and a volunteer 5 days per week to assist tourists. Mr. Neter reiterated that signage out front is essential to attract visitors, and would like at least 6 months trial period. After discussion among the Commissioners – most of whom had concerns about the Town Hall staff being interrupted during work time – the idea was tabled indefinitely.

Turtle Protection Ordinance

Mayor Armstrong said that several suggested revisions to the proposed Ordinance have been given since the last Workshop, and those revisions have been forwarded to Attorney Jim Denhardt. The proposed Turtle Ordinance will be placed on the April 24 Workshop.

Town Canvassing Board

Mayor Armstrong explained that the makeup of the Town's Canvassing Board needs to be addressed now in order to have a referendum item in place before the March 2008 elections. There is a problem with using Commissioners on the Board, in the event there are 3 seats up for re-election. Those seats would prevent a quorum being present. It was recommended that the Town Clerk and 2 residents comprise the Canvassing Board. Mayor Armstrong asked for ideas on residents who may participate for the April Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

FY Budget Review

Mayor Armstrong said that the current budget figures show the Town at the half-way point, and this is a good time to review the budget for possible amendments. Specific line items that were mentioned were building fees (under projected income), parking meter revenues, and ½ cent sales tax. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone

was concerned about the Capital Improvement Fund revenues not being there as projected. Vice Mayor Adams said it could be in part to the additional spending for the Undergrounding project caused by sewer and water line hits, and their repair. Vice Mayor Adams also said the reduction in parking revenues could be in part to the period of time that the parking spaces were not clearly marked, so no parking money could be collected. Mayor Armstrong said it may be necessary to cut some of the planned items under expenditures.

Discussion – Request to Amend Land Development Regulation CTF Permitted Uses

Diana Riggs, owner of property on Lee Avenue, which is zoned CTF, and Phil Charnock, Building Official and Ms. Riggs' consultant, were present for the discussion. Steve Andrews, Building Official for the Town, explained that the current uses in CTF do not allow for multi-family use, and may need to go through a zoning change. A memo from Mike Crawford of the Pinellas Planning Council stated that the intended uses in the CTF lean more for tourist use than multi-family. Phil Charnock spoke for Ms. Riggs, and suggested there may be a scrivener's error in the Code stating something different than what the Town had intended for that area. A lengthy discussion ensued, with varied interpretations of the CTF, and how it conforms to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed by the Commission and Steve Andrews that Ms. Rigg's request should be heard by the Planning & Zoning Board as a zoning and/or land use change.

Discussion – Newsrack Ordinance

Discussed at beginning of Workshop

Emergency Management Discussion

Commissioner Wojcik referred to a recent meeting held with the Public Works crew, addressing any upcoming actions that need to be resolved before hurricane season, including identification of primary debris removal streets, P.O.D.'s (storage containers), and walkie-talkie phones. Commissioner Wojcik also announced upcoming meetings with Public Works and with Mayor Armstrong.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Branch asked about the status of a short term rental Ordinance. Mayor Armstrong said it will be reviewed at the April Workshop. Commissioner Branch also said the plans from Cumbey & Fair for the new lift station were received.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
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