

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

MINUTES

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL: Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Branch, Vice Mayor Holmes, Mayor Armstrong, Attorney Denhardt

OLD BUSINESS

Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project

Commissioner Bob Stewart, Keith Wicks, Pete Yauck and Joe DeMoss were present to update the Commission on the Gulf Blvd. undergrounding and streetscape. Mr. Yauck, Director of Transportation for Pinellas County used a handout to review the 2 main components for the project, which includes 11 beach communities: improvement of Gulf Blvd. with underground utilities; and streetscape enhancement. Mr. Yauck said there is no definite funding source for the project yet, and the initial cost estimates, due to inflation, have increased from \$74 million to \$131 million for the whole project. Redington Shores' costs will have increased from \$4,584,883 to \$7,981,260. The project will include amenities such as crosswalks, mile markers, benches and landscaping. When asked about the time frame for completion, Commissioner Stewart said that by mid 2007 to 2008 the design should be done, and construction should begin by mid 2008, with a completion date of 2111. Commissioner Stewart said the County is hoping for funding from Pennies for Pinellas, but to "sell" the project the interlocal agreements from the communities should be in place. Monies for the project would be available by 2010; The Town would have to borrow ahead to begin the project.

Pinellas By Design

Dave Healey, Deputy Director of the Pinellas Planning Council, spoke about the need for economic and redevelopment in Pinellas County. Mr. Healey provided handouts outlining the 3 areas under review: economic/job needs; real estate; and urban design. The goal is to help local municipalities make changes that are beneficial for their needs without a major County wide amendment required. Mr. Healey explained that the need for tourism will generate high wage employment, and that growth needs to be directed by the towns. Mike Midel with the Pinellas Planning Council said that the County will meet soon to negotiate allowing more units per acre, which would in turn allow more hotel units for tourists instead of condo's. Mayor Armstrong asked if the project is more suited to the larger communities such as Clearwater Beach or St. Pete Beach. Mr. Midel said those cities would have more opportunity to build out than smaller towns. The Resolution showing support should be voted on at the next Commission meeting to accommodate the time frame by the Pinellas Planning Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Boards

Mayor Armstrong listed the positions that need to be filled for the following Boards and Committees: Planning & Zoning – 4 seats; Board of Adjustment – 4 seats; Parks & Recreation – 4 seats; Financial Advisory – 5 seats. Several resumes have been submitted for various positions. Vice Mayor Holmes asked that the Chair position for the Board of Adjustment, which has been temporarily filled voluntarily by Tom Kapper, be appointed at the

April 11 Commission meeting. District 3 Commissioner will also be appointed at that time.

Beach Walk- Over

Mayor Armstrong reviewed the previous work to improve the beach accesses with grant money, and indicated the project will go out for bid again. There is a problem with encroachment of the accesses by property owners. Mayor Armstrong said that the accesses should be 10 ft. wide, and some are only 2 ft. wide. Indian Rocks Beach has received grant money for dune walkovers. Mayor Armstrong has given Building Official Steve Andrews a design approved by the FDEP to review, and recommends the Commission also review it. A resident asked about placing working showers at each access; Mayor Armstrong will revisit the issue, but said the showers cannot be included in the grant money.

Refuse Contract

Mayor Armstrong explained that the current contract with Waste Services, which has an automatic renewal clause, is up for renewal in September 2006. Attorney Denhardt suggested that it is a good idea to periodically send contracts out for bid, to encourage the contractor to be competitive and honest. Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission to review the current contract with Waste Services, and decide at the April 11 meeting whether to go out for bids.

Meeting Times

Mayor Armstrong said that the various Boards meet at different times, as do the Workshop and regular Commission Meeting. Mayor Armstrong proposed that the Workshop Meeting be moved to 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and possibly have the meetings on a different day to accommodate residents and/or other Town meetings. The Commission will make a decision at the April 11 meeting.

Hurricane Preparedness

Mayor Armstrong reported that the Governor's Hurricane Conference will be held May 8 to 12, 2006, and asked that Commissioners Adams and Branch attend as well as herself. Mayor Armstrong stressed the need for each District Commissioner to be involved with the residents in his/her district who may decide to stay during a hurricane, or who may need some kind of assistance. Mayor Armstrong will be the Emergency Coordinator, and announced the Town's Hurricane workshop – "Evacuation and Recovery" – on May 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong said that the Hurricane Hunter airplane will be at the Tampa International Airport on May 5.

A resident asked about the status of Town-wide recycling being implemented again. Mayor Armstrong said a grant for the project may be possible, and she is waiting on a response.

Attorney Jim Denhardt reported that the Special Master hearing on Donald Brown's property at 175 175th Terrace Drive has concluded. The property was sold, and the outstanding lien was paid to the Town in the amount of \$30,600.00 due to the owner's noncompliance with the order to remove the structure over the roof.

Attorney Denhardt suggested that, due to the number of new Commission members and Board/Committee members being elected or appointed, a workshop should be scheduled to explain the Sunshine Laws. Mr. Denhardt said anyone with questions about the Sunshine Laws can call him, or read the Sunshine Law regulations in the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr