

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong, Attorney Denhardt, Steve Andrews, C.B.O.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion Transient Rental Ordinance

Attorney Jim Denhardt said that he has prepared an Ordinance for transient rentals in the residential districts of the Town, that will correspond with the verbiage for the county wide Ordinance being prepared by the Pinellas Planning Council. Mr. Denhardt said that Town Code currently disallows transient rental – defined as rental less than 30 days – only in the RM-15 district; but there is concern about its use in the other lower intensity districts (RS-7, RS-10, RD-15). Mayor Armstrong asked if any areas of Town are grandfathered in for transient rental; Mr. Denhardt said no. Some discussion ensued regarding allowing some transient rentals in certain areas of the same zoning district. Mr. Denhardt explained that it would be difficult to split up zoning areas. Mr. Denhardt added that the proposed Ordinance as well as code enforcement proceedings would suffice to abate the situation. A Resolution will be prepared for the June 12 Commission meeting.

Discussion Finalization of Transfer of Azzarelli Easement 1986

Attorney John Phillips, representing Mr. Azzarelli, explained that in 1986 there was an exchange of easements approved by the Commission for 17626-17708 Lee Ave., but that the official survey was never recorded nor a Resolution prepared. Mr. Denhardt added that the exchange of easements must reflect equal foot and car traffic. A Resolution will be prepared for the June 12 Commission meeting.

Discussion Canvassing Board

Mayor Armstrong asked for input regarding the makeup of the Town's Canvassing Board, and said the verbiage needs to follow Florida law. Mr. Denhardt said that the Canvassing law should really not be in the Town Charter, but would allow more flexibility if changed by Ordinance. Mr. Denhardt added that most local canvassing boards do very little now and the Supervisor of Elections does most of the work. Options are to have the board comprised of the Town Clerk and 2 residents, or the Clerk, Town Attorney and the Mayor or 1 Commissioner not running for office. After further discussion it was agreed that the verbiage would be prepared for the June 26 Workshop, and that a decision must be provided to the Supervisor of Elections by November 2007.

Discussion Gulf Beaches Library Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Wojcik reminded the Commission of his recent investigation into library costs, with the Gulf Beaches cost at \$15.27 per resident, and all other options higher. At issue also is the length of the agreement – 3 years. Commissioner Wojcik said that 3 out of 5 communities signed the agreement at the last Library meeting. Of the Town's 2,338 residents 889 have a library card, which is good for all area libraries. Mayor Armstrong stated her appreciation of Commissioner Wojcik's efforts, and asked the Commission to wait until after June 15 to make a decision due to state budget issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Code Violation Penalties

Mayor Armstrong explained that this issue stemmed from the May 8 Commission meeting regarding complaints about barking dogs and the lack of enforcement to stop the barking. Attorney Denhardt said that there are limitations to the amount of fines that can be imposed, and the Town already has the not-to-exceed amount of \$500.00. Mr. Denhardt added that the Courts usually handle a large percentage of complaints, but the fines are less than the Town's. Code enforcement, documentation by neighbors or lawsuits by private citizens are choices that may help. Mr. Denhardt described prosecuting ordinance violations as a "no win" situation. It was agreed to further discuss the issue at the June 26 Workshop.

Discussion Purchase and Contract Procedures, Section C-16 of Town Charter

Mayor Armstrong said that currently the Town needs informal bids to purchase \$2,550 - \$5,000, and sealed bids to spend over \$5,000. In comparing bid expenditures from other towns Mr. Denhardt said the Town's Charter is too limited, and a change in the monetary limits or a change by Ordinance as needed would be advisable. Commissioner Branch expressed concerns that if an Ordinance is required the contractor or project may be affected by the wait for a Commission meeting. Mr. Denhardt said that a change to the Charter language needs a referendum, and that he will prepare proposed verbiage for such a referendum to enact an Ordinance to be discussed at the June 26 Workshop.

Discussion Neighborly Care Network Funds

Mayor Armstrong said that the Town had given \$5,000 to Neighborly Care last fiscal year, and currently has 8 residents who benefit from the service. Some discussion ensued about the matching County funds, and the length of time it takes to respond to new requests for recipients. Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission to wait until after June 15 due to State budget concerns. The consensus was to discuss funding at the June 26 Workshop.

Proposed Resolution to Ord. 06-17 - Parking

Mayor Armstrong explained that there have been complaints about the limited space for emergency vehicles due to parking in the area of 176th Avenue W., north on Lee Avenue to 177th Avenue W. There was some concern among the Commission that resident and beach parking may be severely restricted, but the necessity to allow space for emergency equipment is the most important issue. Attorney Denhardt prepared a Resolution for the no parking area in question, and it will be voted on at the June 12 Commission meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong referred to a recent P & Z hearing for Louis Sanchez at the property at 103-105 176th Ave. W. Mayor Armstrong had a meeting with Mr. Sanchez and offered him several options to resolve his concerns, including revisiting the Board of Adjustment without a fee. Mr. Sanchez has suggested that the Town purchase his property, issue a permit for 4 units, or face a lawsuit. Mr. Denhardt explained that the Board of Adjustment had the authority to consider density issues, but cannot vote to authorize density bonuses. Mr. Denhardt also suggested that Mr. Sanchez could be allowed to appeal to the Commission directly without penalty for the "10 day rule."

Mayor Armstrong recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, and said the organization is soliciting donations to honor best sand management practices, mentioning Nicole Elko, Senator Dennis Jones and Nick Frisch as some of the most diligent stewards in the County.

Attorney Denhardt reminded the Commission that during the employee appreciation baseball game on June 1 the staff cannot discuss Town business due to the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Denhardt said that with the upcoming request to rezone the Redington Long Pier he cannot personally help in the preparations and must remain neutral. Mr. Denhardt suggested that the Pinellas Planning Council be hired to get involved because of its expertise in large scale amendments. Mr. Denhardt will be available for individual questions. A preliminary hearing of the P&Z as the LPA is scheduled for August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, June 26, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Administrative Secretary