

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Kapper; Commissioner Holmes; Vice Mayor Branch; Mayor Adams; Commissioner Wojcik entered at 6:10 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion FY 2009/2010 Budget**

Mayor Adams began the discussion by stating that the numbers are still changing, and just today the taxable value has gone down from 14.2% to 14.8%. Mayor Adams also said that Commissioner Wojcik was running slightly late but would be at the meeting. Mayor Adams said that the Financial Advisory Committee, at their last meeting, had decided that a 10% utility tax might have to be the way to go. Mary Palmer, Town Clerk, explained that the first reading for a utility tax would have to be at the July meeting, and there would be a hold on initiating the tax until January 1, 2010, with a possible hold on funds. Mayor Adams added that another new expense will be to repair the Town's emergency generator, with an approximate cost of \$7-8,000. Additionally Mrs. Palmer informed the Commission that a new requirement for each city to come into compliance for auditing purposes, mandated by the State Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), will cost about \$3,000.

Commissioner Wojcik first made some recommendations regarding budgetary solutions, including no purchases of new machinery; no cost of living increases (COLA), reduction in travel; no newsletter, no Christmas bonuses and elimination of some Building Department expenses, including subscriptions; and possible elimination of Library funds. Mrs. Palmer reminded the Commission that the Town's telephone system is not in good condition, with some phones not working at all. Parts for repairs would not be possible due to the age of the phone system. Commissioner Wojcik also suggested diverting beach access paver improvement monies and some LDU monies, and possible selling the Town's sewer system to Pinellas County.

Commissioner Kapper proposed a savings with an outside lawn service, possibly after the retirement of some of the Public Works crew who are close to retirement. Commissioner Kapper then suggested elimination of bonuses, newsletter, and possible Library funds.

Commissioner Holmes mentioned the request from Neighborly Care Network to receive \$2,500 this year in funds, and suggested that \$1,500 would be appropriate. Commissioner Holmes recommended that the staff not receive COLA, but said it would be beneficial to keep the Town's special events since they are such a large part of the Town's atmosphere. Commissioner Holmes also proposed using the rollback millage rate and some unrestricted reserves to balance the budget.

Mayor Adams asked the Commission to pull all of their thoughts together to make some general proposals regarding the budget: the agreement is to eliminate COLA for this year; when asked about the utility tax the consensus was to avoid that if there are other alternatives. With regard to the rollback rate, the Commission was somewhat divided on the issue, but agreed to take the rollback rate to match ad valorem monies in order to avoid a utility tax. The consensus is to use \$100,000 from LDU restricted reserves toward the loan payment, and to eliminate the beach access pavers. The Town would only transfer \$320,411.00 from the general fund for the loan payment. When asked about Town events the Commission was again mixed, but agreed that the Fourth of July and the Town picnic would be best kept. Mary Palmer reminded the Commission that the millage rate has to be decided at the July 8 meeting per TRIM notice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr  
Deputy Town Clerk