

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong and Attorney Ed Peck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2007; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, May 29, 2007.

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS - MAY 2007

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong announced she attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference and is now a Certified Volunteer Coordinator. Leon County has sent a volunteer package to the town. Mayor Armstrong will review the package. Town staff will be meeting next week for a "Table Top Exercise" of the town's Hurricane Evacuation and Recovery Plan.

Mayor Armstrong attended the quarterly Florida Shore and Beach Preservation meeting. It was announced that Fort Walton County lost their court case concerning not wanting the beach renourishment.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams announced he attended the Florida League of Cities Conference this past weekend, which discussion did evolve around the tax reform and budgets. The Town of Redington Shores is expected to take a 9% advalorem deduction. The special session ends June 22nd.

Indian Shores Police Department – criminal reports and physical arrest are up, traffic citations are down.

Undergrounding – work has started on the west side of Gulf Boulevard. Vice Mayor Adams announced the completion date for the undergrounding work in the District Two area and on 175th Ave. has been moved to the end of July/first of August.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch asked all residents to please be patient with the undergrounding project. Complaints are being made concerning transformers being crooked, etc. If the residents will wait until the project is complete and the crews are moved out of the area.

Sewer Rehab 176th Ave. East and 1st Street East – waiting for engineering plans, hopefully plans will be ready by the end of the month.

Commissioner Branch asked residents who live on the water to please be aware of trash blowing off their docks into the water.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik thanked all the speakers who participated in the Town's Hurricane Awareness Meeting and staff for setting up for the meeting and making the arrangements.

Commissioner Wojcik announced he also attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference and is now certified in the Incident Command System 300. Commissioner Wojcik reviewed with the Commission and residents the Incident Command System. Commissioner Wojcik has been meeting with County staff on a monthly basis establishing priorities for road clearing debris removal and opening the roads for access to our municipality. Commissioner Wojcik reminded all citizens that the town is responsible for removal of public debris; citizens are responsible for their own debris removal.

Gulf Beaches Library – the town still has not committed to sign the renewal agreement, due to the tax reform issues. Discussion on signing the agreement will continue through the tax reform and budget process.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Spitzer Park – repairs from the fire are completed. A grant application has been sent to the County for expansion.

Del Bello Park – kayak launch is complete and is in use. Exercise stations are in the process of being installed and drinking fountains will be installed in a few weeks.

Constitution Park – plans are complete and now in the hands of the building department. Three standing grills have been purchased and we are waiting for the maintenance staff to install them.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 07-01 – First Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Sea Turtle Protection

Attorney Peck read Ordinance 07-01 by title. Mayor Armstrong reported turtle nesting is down, with the cause possibly being the bad red tide break a few years back. This ordinance enforces and helps the town to be aware of the sensitive environment. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 07-01 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Mayor Armstrong asked for any comments or discussions, there being none, roll call on the motion and second: all yes. Commissioner Wojcik suggested information on this subject should be placed in the town's newsletter.

Resolution 08-07 – Proposed Ordinance 07-03, Transient Rental to Local Planning Agency

Attorney Peck read Resolution 08-07 by title. Mayor Armstrong announced the Commission has spoken on this subject at workshop meetings and at this time, this resolution would send the proposed ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Board as the Local Planning Agency for review and recommendation to the Commission. Resident Dave Browning addressed the Commission concerning the RD-15 zoning district and many owners who now rent on a daily and weekly basis and if this ordinance were passed, would bring their property values down. After discussion, Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 08-07, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 09-07 – Complete Easement Transfer

Mayor Armstrong explained this transfer was agreed upon by the Town and the Azzarelli family roughly about 20-years ago, but was never completed and recorded, and this action will accomplish the completion of the transfer. Attorney Peck read Resolution 09-07 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 09-07 incorporating an amendment to Section 2(a) of the Grant of Easement and Release of Easement as follows, The right and easement for the purposes of ingress and egress for pedestrians and the use of such easement by governmental or emergency vehicles and equipment as may be necessary for access to the beach, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes. Commissioner Wojcik told the Commission and public how important the beach accesses are to the town and residents and it is the elected officials' duties to protect these accesses. Attorney John Phillips, Jr. representing the Azzarelli family thanked the Commission for completing this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Proclaiming June 2007 Hurricane Awareness Month

Attorney Peck read the Proclamation and declared June 2007 as Hurricane Awareness Month.

Resolution 10-07 – Parking West Side of Gulf Boulevard

Attorney Peck read Resolution 10-07 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 10-07, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Vice Mayor Adams read a letter from the Indian Shores Police Department asking for the no parking signs to be installed to help with emergency vehicle access. Roll call on motion and second: all yes.

Ordinance 07-02 – First Reading – Amending Charter Section C-16; Purchase Procedures

Attorney Peck read Ordinance 07-02 by title. Mayor Armstrong explained this ordinance is amending Section C-16 of the Charter pertaining to sealed bid requirements and increasing the amount from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Projects are being stalled with the \$5,000.00 requirement. The other requirements in this section will still be followed. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 07-02 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Annual Review Flood Management Plan

Mayor Armstrong announced the Town does have a Flood Plain Management Plan. Building Official Steve Andrews submitted to the Commission a progress report on the Flood Plain Management Plan. Commissioner Branch announced Charles Speights from Tallahassee called the Town and stated the Town has one of the better plans and would like to share it with others. Commissioner Branch thanked former Vice Mayor Lee Holmes and residents for putting this plan together back in 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Louis Sanchez reiterated with the Commission the streets that will have no parking on the west side of Gulf Boulevard.

Multiple residents addressed the Commission with concern of the speeding cars on 175th Avenue and 175th Terrace Drive. Vice Mayor Adams will speak with Chief Williams and ask for more enforcement in this area. Mayor Armstrong will also place an article in the newsletter.

Resident Louis Sanchez asked the Commission who he would approach in regard to the Town purchasing his two properties on the west side of Gulf Boulevard for parking. Mayor Armstrong suggested Mr. Sanchez to come to the next workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

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

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Armstrong announced the July 4th fireworks will be held at the County beach access again this year.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk