

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon Roll Call: Mayor Armstrong, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik, Vice Mayor Holmes, Attorney Hammonds

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2006; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2006; Special Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – July 2006

Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to approve the bills for June 2006; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong: Mayor Armstrong expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in the fireworks display on July 4. The recent Big-C meeting discussed re-entry post disaster for the Towns, as well as debris management and pedestrian safety. Mayor Armstrong thanked Mr. Campisi, Mr. Phillips and Martha Holthaus for assisting in the distribution of the Town newsletter.

Mayor Armstrong then read an excerpt from the injunction on the Redington Pier, stating that the westerly 500 ft. of the Pier is to remain closed, and only 333 people are permitted at one time. A second hearing is scheduled for July 12.

Vice Mayor Holmes, Commissioner District No 4

Vice Mayor Holmes reported on the Parks & Recreation meeting held on June 29. It was decided that the new area annexed to Spitzer Park will need new playground equipment, including basketball court, water fountain, and a new fence. It was agreed that Building Official Steve Andrews will move forward for an RFP for the improvements. Commissioner Branch moved to accept the request for RFP; Commissioner Wojcik seconded. Roll Call: all yes. The Committee also discussed removing the deteriorating grill at Constitution Park and modifying it as a serving area.

Commissioner Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Commissioner Adams reported that the Police Report showed some increase in citations; all other areas were about the same.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch said that most residents in District 2 are very pleased with the undergrounding project.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik said there was a Disaster Planning meeting with Town staff on July 7. A preliminary list of staff responsibilities before, during and after a storm event was discussed. A followup meeting will be held Monday, July 17.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-04 – Utility Easements on Gulf Boulevard

Attorney Hammonds read Ordinance 06-04 by title. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to approve Ordinance 06-04 as read; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-05 – Redirecting Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Monies

Attorney Hammonds read the Ordinance by title. Commissioner Adams moved to approve Ordinance 06-05; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-06 – Authorizing Declaring a State of Emergency

Attorney Hammonds read the Ordinance by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve Ordinance 06-06; Commissioner Adams seconded. Resident Don Lusk objected to the approval of the Ordinance, stating that it is illegal for the Mayor to do so according to the Charter. Attorney Hammonds quoted from Town Charter Section 15 stating that the Mayor has such authority, and that he and Attorney Denhardt are satisfied the requirements of the Charter are being met. When asked for clarification of why the Ordinance is needed if there are 4 others, Mayor Armstrong explained that Ordinance 06-06 allows the other 4 Ordinances to be put in place. Roll Call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-07 – Establishing a Curfew – State of Emergency

Attorney Hammonds read the Ordinance by title. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to approve Ordinance 06-07; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-08 – Regulating the Use of Water – State of Emergency

Attorney Hammonds read the Ordinance by title. Commissioner Adams moved to approve Ordinance 06-08; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 06-09 – Prohibition of Price Gouging – State of Emergency

Attorney Hammonds read the Ordinance by title. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to approve Ordinance 06-09; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

First Reading Ordinance 06-10 – Regulating the Sale of Alcohol – State of Emergency

Attorney Hammonds said that this Ordinance had some changes made to reflect enforcement during a mandatory evacuation, and read it by title. Vice Mayor Holmes moved to approve Ordinance 06-10 on first reading; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes. Don Lusk asked that for the record he opposes Ordinances 06-06 through 06-10 due to what he said is a conflict with the Charter, and asked that the Attorney General be consulted.

Resolution 18-06 – Vacation of Easement Lee Avenue

Attorney Hammonds read by title Resolution 18-06. Commissioner Wojcik asked if the public access easement would be affected by the vacate; Mayor Armstrong said the access is clearly delineated and is not affected. When asked what the reasons are to vacate easements, Mr. Hammonds said that it is usually done when the piece of land is no longer needed for government purposes. Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to approve the Resolution to vacate; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Adams voted yes; Commissioner Branch voted yes; Commissioner Wojcik voted no; Vice Mayor Holmes voted yes; Mayor Armstrong voted yes.

Resolution 19-06 Vacation of Easement Wall Circle

Vice Mayor Holmes asked Steve Andrews, Building Official, if the terms of the court order for mediation were in compliance. Mr. Andrews and Attorney Hammonds both said that the owners complied with all terms. Mayor Armstrong explained the reason for the request to vacate. Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to approve Resolution 19-06; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Cumbey and Fair Engineering Services – Phase 2, 3 and 4

Mayor Armstrong explained that Phase 2 and 3 engineering for the paving and drainage project – District 2 – has a cost of \$196,000. Phase 4, which includes 180th and 182nd Avenue areas, will cost \$156,000. The amount from SWFWMD is \$190,000. to be matched by the Town. The total cost will cost \$352,000. Commissioner Wojcik made a motion to accept the contract; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal Board of Adjustment Decision – John Page

John Page explained that he had received a permit to install a driveway from the former Building Official, with the intent to place a pergola on part of it. Mr. Page said the Board of Adjustment had recently denied his request. Mr. Page asked for cover for his car, and claimed the former building official said he could have one. When asked why Tom Kapper abstained from voting on the Board of Adjustment decision, Mr. Kapper explained that he had heard negative feedback from Mr. Page's neighbors and felt he could not be impartial. After further discussion by the Commission Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to uphold the findings of the Board of Adjustment; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

FY 2006/2007 Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget

Mayor Armstrong referred to Page 3 of the tentative budget regarding the Building Department expenses. Mayor Armstrong said the Financial Advisory Committee thought it would be prudent to add extra money for contracting services if needed, due to the increase in new construction. Mayor Armstrong then explained that since the Building Department cannot make a profit there is \$191,940 allocated for rollover. Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to approve the millage rate at 1.68, and to accept the tentative budget; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation – Replat LaVistana 17720 and 17730 Gulf Blvd.

Mayor Armstrong explained that the developer has decided to combine the two condominiums into one address for permanency of address and ease of recognition. The Planning & Zoning Board had reviewed the replat on July 5, 2006 and had recommended to approve it. Vice Mayor Holmes asked about the public easement involved; Building Official Steve Andrews said the easement will be recorded at the time the replat is recorded. Pete Chiapella, representing SIMDAG Development, said there is a plan to put a sign at the public easement asking the residents not to use it after dark. The Commission unanimously opposed any sign except one that says "Public Easement." Commissioner Adams moved to approve the replat; Commissioner Branch seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Employee Increase – Gary Windon

Mayor Armstrong said that Gary Windon has been with the Town for a year, and it is standard to give a \$1.00 raise at that time. Commissioner Branch made a motion to raise Mr. Windon's salary to \$9.00 per hour; Vice Mayor Holmes seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

Discussion Salary Increase for Elected Officials

Mayor Armstrong explained that there has been no raise for the Commission since 1996, and the current salaries are mostly below the surrounding municipalities. Attorney Chris Hammonds said the Ordinance for the salary increase is being prepared, and the proposed salary increase needs to go to referendum for the August 18 County elections. Dave Eldridge, representing the Financial Advisory Committee, said that the Commission cannot be paid what they're worth, but that there is money available from the former Town Administrator position. After some discussion from the residents and Commission Vice Mayor Holmes proposed setting the new salaries for referendum at \$800. per month for the Mayor, \$650. per month for the Commissioners. Attorney Hammonds reminded the Commission that they also have to designate an effective date with a different motion. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the proposed salaries for referendum; Vice Mayor Holmes seconded. Roll Call: all yes. Vice Mayor Holmes made a motion to make the salary increases effective January 1, 2007; Commissioner Adams seconded. Roll Call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident praised the fireworks display as excellent.

Vice Mayor Holmes thanked the Town for its support during his service, and said he was delighted to have served. Mayor Armstrong presented the Vice Mayor with a plaque honoring his service. Bill Queen, Mayor of North Redington Beach, read a Declaration for Vice Mayor Holmes and thanked him for his service to the community. Former Mayor J. J. Beyrouti spoke of his years of working with Vice Mayor Holmes, and praised him for his dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Administrative Secretary