

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Kapper; Commissioner Holmes; Vice Mayor Branch; Mayor Adams

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance – Variances and Special Magistrate

Mayor Adams asked for comments from the Commission regarding the proposed Ordinance for variances heard by Special Magistrate. Commissioner Holmes said it was well prepared, and limiting variances to 1 year is good. When asked what the annual fee for a Special Magistrate would be Mayor Adams said he was not sure, but there is \$200 per hour allotted in the budget. Mayor Adams said he will ask Jim Denhardt to help solicit possible candidates. Mayor Adams explained that the Ordinance would take effect at the hiring of the Special Magistrate. Commissioner Wojcik asked about a time frame for the contract, and was told there would be one; furthermore, the Special Magistrate would be insured by the Florida League of Cities. Vice Mayor Branch asked about §90-48 C., referring to “exceptional hardship” as a criteria for granting a variance. Mayor Adams said this would be determined by the Special Magistrate and the Commission. Commissioner Wojcik expressed approval based on variances being considered with consistent judgments by the Special Magistrate. The first reading of the Ordinance will be at the August 11 Commission meeting.

Discussion – FY 2010/2011 Proposed Budget

Mayor Adams indicated that there are only a few changes to the budget; the numbers for health insurance are not in yet, but there is an increase of 10% added in just in case. Mayor Adams said that under special events there may be some assistance from North Redington Beach for the fireworks for next year. Commissioner Holmes commended the Finance Committee, Mayor Adams and Mary Palmer for their work on the budget. Mayor Adams said the budget overall is better than last year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams reported that at the BIG-C on Wednesday there was \$35 million committed for Gulf Blvd. improvements, to be paid out over a period from 2012 to 2016. As soon as there is a contract with Pinellas County in place, the Town will start some facets of the project.

Mayor Adams informed the Commission that he is looking into investments for some of the reserve monies to gain a better interest rate.

Commissioner Holmes said that the Commission should consider the growing popularity of the green initiative campaign vs. what is allowed in the residential neighborhoods. Commissioner Holmes will discuss this topic with the Building Official.

Commissioner Wojcik will prepare an electronic version of employee evaluation forms for the August Workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk