

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007**

7:00 P.M.

Immediately Following Special Meeting
MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong, Attorney Jim Denhardt

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance – Charter Amendments – State Election Requirements

Mayor Armstrong said that the proposed Charter Amendment is necessary to have the Town's Charter comply with the State's regarding election laws. Jim Denhardt, Town Attorney, further explained that the Town's Charter is not currently consistent with State law, and some language must be changed to comply each year with the State election laws. Mr. Denhardt also said that Charters must be amended through referendum. Mr. Denhardt will prepare the document revisions for first reading for the August 22 meeting.

Proposed Ordinance – Transient Rentals

Mayor Armstrong said that, since the last Commission meeting, there have been several emails, telephone calls, etc. regarding the Transient Rental Ordinance, and asking for more strict consideration in the RS-7 zoning district. The requests ask for a rental period in RS-7 of not less than 181 days. Fred Hajjar, member of the Planning & Zoning Board for the Town, expressed concerns about enforcement of any rental laws. Attorney Denhardt explained that there already some penalties and restrictions in Ordinance 07-03, which include the Town's use of Special Master proceedings, fines or Circuit Court.

Mayor Armstrong said that the RS-7 district needs most support as a single family, low density zoning area, and so the Commission is taking a different direction from Ord. 07-03. The use of special use permits for rentals in the other zoning districts mentioned in Ord. 07-03 was discussed as well. Mr. Denhardt said he will prepare an amended transient rental ordinance, but may not have it ready for the August 22 meeting.

Discussion FY 2007/2008 Proposed Budget

Mayor Armstrong explained that the Commission and Financial Advisory Board have reviewed the budget several times in the past months, and have made cuts to the "bare bones." When asked about ongoing Town projects being cut, Mayor Armstrong said that these projects are funded from the current fiscal year, and will continue on schedule. The Ad Valorem rate will be 1.5229, down from 1.68.

NEW BUSINESS

Amending Resolution 10-94 - Commission Meeting Dates and Notices

Mr. Denhardt explained that because he is also the attorney for Pinellas Park, there has always been a conflict with each city's meetings, and he hates to miss meetings. Mr. Denhardt requested that the Commission meetings be held on Wednesdays. There was discussion regarding the Workshop day as well, and whether the Workshop times should start earlier than 7:00 p.m. It was agreed the Workshop should be held on the same day of the week as the regular meeting. Mr. Denhardt will have a Resolution prepared for the Aug. 22 meeting.

Discussion July 4th Fireworks

Mayor Armstrong said that due to budget cuts both North Redington Beach and Indian Shores have decided not to participate in the cost of the annual fireworks display, and offered the possibility of private donations. Mayor

Armstrong suggested a committee, overseen by her, to solicit monies. The cost of this year's display was \$16,000. The use of an off shore barge was discussed, such as Madeira Beach is planning, but was considered too expensive. It was agreed that a decision will be voted on at the August 22 meeting.

Request for Town To Purchase Two Privately Owned Lots – Louis Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez proposed to sell his property, located at 103/105 176th Avenue E., to the Town for use as parking and beautification as an alternative to his "right to develop." Mr. Sanchez presented 3 designs, allowing from 14 to 23 parking spaces, and various amounts of landscaping. Mr. Sanchez also offered to research any grant money available for such projects. When asked about the price of the purchase Mr. Sanchez quoted \$1.3 million, but is willing to negotiate. After some discussion the Commission agreed that the asking price – in light of budget cuts – is prohibitive, and that location is not as good an option as the old Town Hall lot for parking. Mayor Armstrong thanked Mr. Sanchez for his efforts, and added that grant money for small projects is very limited, as the Town has discovered.

MISCELLANEOUS

A resident asked about the beach access project at 176th Ave. W., and whether it will widen the access. Commissioner Branch assured the residents that the access improvements will remain according to the RFP, at 6 feet in width.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2007

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Administrative Secretary