

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon Roll Call: Mayor Armstrong, Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Holthaus, Steve Andrews

OLD BUSINESS

Town Lot 178th Ave. West and Gulf Boulevard

Vice Mayor Adams indicated that the old lot at 17798 Gulf Blvd. is currently not being used, and it has been discussed recently to have it made into a public parking lot. A proposal was presented to allow 35 parking spots, free to residents with a parking sticker, and at a cost to non-residents. Vice Mayor Adams said the proposal, at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00, could include a shower source, a beach easement nearby, shell surface and dumpster. The cost of the parking renovation would come from Transportation Impact Fees. Vice Mayor Adams also confirmed that the Indian Shores Police have already committed to monitoring the lot, and that a special use zoning must be in place. Commissioner Wojcik suggested that alternate uses might be considered, such as a substation for the fire department. Steve Andrews, Building Official, said that such a use may have restrictions due to it being in a flood zone. It was agreed that Attorney Jim Denhardt will have an Ordinance prepared for first reading at the September 10 Commission Meeting.

Sewer Rehab 176th Ave. East and 1st Street East

Mayor Armstrong introduced Tim Bourne and P. J. Shah of Cumbey & Fair, who provided diagrams and cost breakdown for the sewer lift station at 176th Ave. and 1st Street. Commissioner Branch said that this lift station controls a large area, and the plan was to relocate it to the side of the street. Mr. Shah explained that soil tests indicate that the proposed location has soil that is too soft to permit installation, and this will increase the cost of the job to approximately \$400,000. Commissioner Branch said that he preferred to place the lift station out of the road if possible, which was the original intention. Mayor Armstrong asked about the projection time frame for the project; Mr. Shah said it would be 60 days to onset of bid, 120 days to construction commencement, and about 9 months to complete. Mr. Shah also said the lifespan of the new station would be “indefinite.” The funds used to pay for the project are from the Sewer Fund only. It was agreed to vote on the scope of the project at the September 10 Commission Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Waste Services Contract

Shari Rheuble, Regional Sales Manager, and Mike Koniaroki, Government account representative for Waste Services, presented two options to extend the current contract for the Town, one extending the contract with 2 years having no CPI increase; and one with 4 years having no CPI increase. Ms. Rheuble stated that the long term association with the Town is a motivating factor in the optional contracts, and would also include exclusive collection services for construction or demolition roll off dumpsters. The Town would benefit from a franchise fee for the dumpsters, at an approximate profit of \$5-\$10,000. per year. Mayor Armstrong offered the Town's appreciation for Waste Services' excellent service to the Town. The Commission will vote on the option of choice at the September 10 meeting.

Pinellas County Density Bonus

Mayor Armstrong explained that there has been a glut of new condominiums in the county, to the detriment of hotel rooms. The areas of Town that could be affected are Resort Facilities Medium (30 to 45 units per acre); Commercial General (40 to 60 units per acre); and Residential/Office/Retail (18 to 45 units per acre). Mayor Armstrong said that the Town can choose to make changes different from the County's proposal; and that it would require amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, public hearings, etc. – a long process. It was agreed to further discuss the issue at the September 25 Workshop.

Discussion – Request to Purchase Newlin Property 176th Ave. East

Mayor Armstrong said that Mr. Newlin had previously sold a portion of his property to the Town as an addition to Spitzer Park. Mr. Newlin is offering the rest of his lot, including the house, for \$400,000. Mayor Armstrong explained that there is no grant money currently available, and the Town during budget cuts cannot afford such a purchase. The Commission was in consensus that it is not feasible to purchase the land at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Administrative Secretary