

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting; Monday, September 11, 2006; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2006

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – October 2006

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

Appoint Vice Mayor

Mayor Armstrong explained that the Commission approved the recommendation to appoint Commissioner Adams as Vice Mayor, but a formal vote does need to be taken. Commissioner Branch moved to appoint Commissioner Adams as Vice Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong attended the Florida Shores and Beach conference and shared with the Commission and audience the statistics on values of properties where beaches had been renourished vs non-renourishment. The property values increases were much higher where renourishment had occurred.

BIG – C - Mr. Healey of Pinellas Planning Council spoke to the BIG-C on possible density changes along the coastal area to encourage hotel rooms not condominiums. The BIG-C will have a subcommittee studying the possibility of WI-FI along the beaches. Senator Jones gave an update on insurance issues. A meeting will be held on October 12th at the Epi Center, 13805 58th Street North, Largo, this meeting will be in regard to property and causality insurance reform.

Crosswalk – A safety study has been done and the conclusion from the Town, County and DOT is that a crosswalk should be installed at the north end of town by the 7-11 area. The engineering on the crosswalk will be conducted. DOT has no funds for these crosswalks and many other cities are paying to install these crosswalks. Mayor Armstrong will keep the Commission informed on the progress.

Mayor's Council – The Mayor's meeting centered around the Charter Review Amendments to be placed on the November ballot. There have been flyers placed in the absentee ballot envelopes promoting the amendments, the municipalities have joined forces to present the municipal side and flyers will be placed in the envelopes as well. Flyers also will be given to Redington Shores residents. Attorney Hammonds reported that an extremely stepped up time table is in place as the Judge who is hearing the litigation wants to have a decision before the election. A final hearing is set for October 20th, the courthouse has not been chosen as of this date. These changes are on the County Charter changes only.

Mayor Armstrong reported she has just returned from a summit held by the Florida Communities Trust in regard to the grant process. The Town has acquired Del Bello Park through this grant and also has a grant application in for Spitzer Park. A two-mile section of the CSX rail way was purchased with FCT funds to tie in U.S. 19 into the downtown St. Petersburg area. They are asking for support of their program.

The Pinellas County Traffic Advisory Committee proposed to the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPO) that the Florida Statute in regard to crosswalks be clarified, as now it states you must yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, the change would be to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. A 2-mile section of the CSX rail line was purchased to tie in U.S. 19 into the downtown St. Petersburg area.

Gulf Boulevard Improvements – The County is searching for grant monies. In early November a draft full design of the services will be available, with a full design available in late November.

Mayor Armstrong reminded everyone that Town Picnic and Recycling Rally is Saturday, October 14th and encouraged all to attend.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams reported he had attended the hearing on September 14th in regard to the CRC litigation. The arguments for the 24 municipalities were lead by Attorney Denhardt and Vice Mayor Adams reported to the Commission that Attorney Denhardt did an excellent job and the Town should be very proud.

Indian Shores P.D. – Comparison from last year – criminal reports are down, physical arrest and traffic accidents remain the same, traffic citations were up.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported on 176th and 1st Street East lift station. Moving the lift station out of the road and the upgrading of the system is still in the engineering phase. Commissioner Branch will keep the Commission and residents informed of the progress.

Undergrounding – The town is assured at each meeting that the project should be finished on time. The new street lights have been installed on 174th Ave. and 174th Terrace Drive – Commissioner Branch encouraged all to take a look.

Stormwater – Phase 2, 3 and 4 are in the engineering stage.

Commissioner Branch asked if the workshop could be changed from October 31st as he has had request from residents. The Commission was in consensus to move the workshop to Monday, October 30th.

Commissioner Branch would like to workshop the possibility of a new ordinance controlling rentals in residential areas. Mayor Armstrong said this item would be placed on the workshop agenda.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik will be attending a Debris Management meeting held by Pinellas County and will report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Wojcik reported that he and Building Official Steve Andrews would be meeting in regard to Emergency Management Grant Funds for the Town to assist in Emergency Management Response capability. They will be concentrating on monies for Pre Disaster Mitigation.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Constitution Park - Commission Holthaus reported the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to modify the brick grill at Constitution Park and to install pedestal grills and for the picnic tables to be repaired.

Del Bello Park – Water coolers are in and the decking has been completed.

Spitzer Park – Waiting for final approval for the grant. Commissioner Holthaus has received phone calls from residents with concern in regard to the recommendation of installing a half basketball court. This will be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment to Planning and Zoning Board District Four – Regular Member and Alternate

Commissioner Holthaus moved to appoint Charles Donovan to the Planning and Zoning Board as the District Four representative, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes. No alternate is needed at this time.

Appointment to Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation is in need of an Alternate to the Board, anyone interested please contact Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Debris Monitoring

Mayor Armstrong explained that the Town has an option to piggyback on the Pinellas County contract with Patton Harris Rust & Associates (PHR+A). Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve piggybacking with the Pinellas County contract, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Undergrounding – Switchgear

Mayor Armstrong explained Progress Energy has brought to the attention that easements have been obtained from two properties on 175th Ave. for the switchgear to be placed. Progress Energy is providing information to the Commission for a possible upgrade to the equipment. The upgrade would be a smaller unit and contains newer salt resistant material. If the Town wants to move forward it would cost the town an additional \$13,000.00 and it has been told to Mayor Armstrong this unit is the only one in Town. Mayor Armstrong explained to the Commission the initial cost of the Undergrounding Project was 4.4 million, there have been change orders previously approved roughly in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Mayor Armstrong strongly feels Verizon will take their additional 10% option for cost, which leaves about \$200,000.00 for other incidents that may arise. The advantage of changing would only be for aesthetics and better reaction to salt intrusion. Progress Energy repairs the units when needed. It was asked if this location could be moved. It was explained that this location is part of the original design and cannot be changed. Commissioner Wojcik asked why is there a purchase price if the town does not own the equipment. Mayor Armstrong explained it is an upgrade from the original contract price. Vice Mayor Adams moved to keep the original switchgear box, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 26-06 – Supporting Florida Forever

Attorney Hammonds read Resolution 26-06 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve Resolution 26-06, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus.

Proclamation – October 2006 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Attorney Hammonds read the Proclamation in its entirety.

Resolution 27-06 – Correcting Resolution 19-06 – Scrivener's Error

Attorney Hammonds explained there was an error in the previous resolution in regard to the number of parcels. Attorney Hammonds read Resolution 27-06 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve Resolution 27-06, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

First Reading Ordinance 06-14 – Amending Code – Occupational License to Business Tax Receipt

Attorney Hammonds explained that a new Florida Statute effective January 2007 mandates that Occupational License be changed to Business Tax Receipt. Attorney Hammonds read Ordinance 06-14 by title. Vice Mayor

Adams moved to approve Ordinance 06-14, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Phase 1 & 5 Basin Filters

Drain basins need to be purchased. The Commission has a quote of \$5,427.98 for the three basins. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Establish License Fee for Veterinary Clinic

Mayor Armstrong explained that a fee for a Veterinary Clinic is not established in the License fees and the Commission was asked to establish a fee. Vice Mayor Adams moved to establish the fee at \$50.00, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Del Bello Park Change Order

Mayor Armstrong explained when replacing the decking on the fishing dock it was determined that the hand railings need to be replaced. The additional fees will amount to \$3,765.00 to replace the handrails. The project would still be under budget. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the change order, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Lauber, the race director for the holiday beaches half-a-thon, briefed the Commission on last years race. Mr. Lauber explained to the Commission a new event "The Endurance 50" is being scheduled. This event is being run by a single man who will run 50 marathons in fifty consecutive days in fifty states. DOT does not require a permit for this event as no lanes are being closed. Mr. Lauber is also working with Indian Shores Police Department. The event will be held October 28th and will be in the Redington Shores area around 9:30 a.m. The Commission is in support of this event.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong announced the following dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, October 30, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk