

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsrack Ordinance

Mayor Armstrong had asked Steve Andrews, Building Official, to take photo's of the racks along Gulf Blvd. that are in the right-of-ways. Mayor Armstrong said the racks are visual obstructions, and often in the line of sight when exiting onto Gulf Blvd. Attorney Jim Denhardt has expressed some reluctance toward such an Ordinance due to First Amendment rights, and drafted a memo that was discussed at the meeting. Mayor Armstrong commented that ample First Amendment coverage would be in place if the newsracks are placed appropriately along the 1 ¼ mile length of Town. Discussion ensued among the Commission, with the consensus that something reasonable should be done, short of removing all racks, but eliminating clutter and improving public safety. It was agreed that the St. Petersburg Times representative who has worked with the Town in the past will be contacted to discuss the issue further at the November Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan

The Commissioners discussed the Capital Improvement 5 year plan by line item, with some areas of interest being park funds for Constitution Park roof, T.V. upgrade under Office Upgrade, and sewer amendments due to emergency repairs. Steve Andrews said he is working on plans for more beach access improvements, and will have some information for the November Workshop. Commissioner Holthaus asked if there were grant monies available to improve the new area of Spitzer Park, but was told there are none. Currently residents are enjoying the additional park space for a soccer field. With regard to T.V. upgrades, Commissioner Wojcik said the current equipment is unreliable, and a new system would reasonably cost about \$10,000. Gulf Blvd. beautification is not an option at this time until more options are available. Commissioner Wojcik asked if it would be better for the County to own the Town's sewer system; Commissioner Branch responded that with the Town's crew maintaining the sewers there is immediate response to any problems, as opposed to waiting for the County crews to schedule work. A budget amendment for the sewer account will be addressed at the November 12 regular meeting.

Resolution 12-08 – Amending Resolution 10-94 Meeting Dates and Posting Time

Mayor Armstrong described this Resolution as a "cleanup resolution," designed to formally make board meeting dates on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and changing the time required to notice a meeting from 7 days to 3 days. Voting for Resolution 12-08 will be at the Nov. 12 regular meeting.

Parking Violations

Vice Mayor Bert Adams explained that Pinellas County's list of parking violations/fines differed from the Town's list, and the Clerk of Courts needs a revised list from the Town. Mayor Armstrong said that she objects to the fines levied for "keys in the ignition" and "motor running with no attendant" due to personal choice or circumstances at the time. There was discussion among the Commissioners and Detective Routzahn regarding Mayor's objections, with the consensus that these fines should be left in.

Gated Communities Emergency Access

Mayor Armstrong explained that an Ordinance for emergency vehicles to gain access to gated or secured properties would make such entries consistent and avoid problems, which according to Detective Jason Routzahn have occurred periodically with some gated condominiums. Vice Mayor Adams said that he has discussed the issue with Attorney Denhardt, and stated that such access – in whatever form decided – should be made a mandatory part of site plans when presented to the Building Department. To prevent access to police or emergency personnel is obstruction of justice. It was agreed that an Ordinance for such access be prepared by Attorney Denhardt for first reading at the Nov. 12 regular meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong encouraged everyone to participate in the Team Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, to be held on the beaches April 17 & 18, 2009.

Due to a possible conference scheduled for November 11-14, Mayor Armstrong asked Vice Mayor Adams to chair the November 12 Commission meeting. Vice Mayor Adams agreed if necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk