

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – December 2008

Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the December 2008 bills, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams reported the Annual Tree Lighting was well attended and thanked all who attended.

Vice Mayor Adams explained that the Access Channel is down, so no information or meetings can be viewed at this time.

Indian Shores Police Department – Physical arrest are down, traffic citations are up and parking citations are down.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported work has begun in District Two on the Stormwater Project. There have been complaints made about not enough notice. Commissioner Branch explained the project has been ongoing for three years and notice has been continual in the newspapers, access channel and information boards. The Contractor also passed a letter out to all households about the upcoming work.

Commissioner Branch explained there is \$29,100.00 in additional engineering fees for the Stormwater project that need to be approved. The Commission approved Engineering Services for Phase 2, 3 and 4 in the amount of \$352,000.00 in July 2006. Commissioner Branch moved to approve additional services for Phase 2, 3 and 4, payable to Cumbey and Fair, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik reported he has two appointments to the Flood Plain Management Committee, which he will ask for approval for later on in the meeting. The Committee will identify potential targets of flood damages and to mitigate those damages before they are incurred via flood waters. The goal for the Flood Plain Management Committee is to develop activities and solutions to lessen our losses and to link the activities to the Local Mitigation Strategy plans for funding loss mitigation actions. Commissioner Wojcik would like to present the first activity to the Board of Commissioners and then to the Local Mitigation Strategy Board, which is to replace the Access Channel equipment, which is now non functional. This new system will be a contemporary system that will provide meaningful information to the residents. There are three major components to the system, which are the hardware/software, cameras and switcher. It does not appear that the cameras will need to be replaced. Commissioner Wojcik is going to seek grant monies for the system. Since the equipment is down and this is an emergency situation, Commissioner Wojcik moved for the Board of Commissioners to agree to spend up to \$8,000.00 of unbudgeted monies for the hardware and software for the television system, seconded by Commissioner Branch. After discussion between the Commission and residents the item was tabled for the next workshop meeting.

Commission Mtg

Gulf Beaches Library – at the last Library Board meeting the Board is suggesting a new contract between the five towns. Commissioner Wojcik will keep the Board of Commissioners updated on this issue as it unfolds. The Library will hold a fundraiser “Food for Thought” in March. The date is to be determined and Commissioner Wojcik will again keep the Commission informed.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus reported all parks are in good shape. The Annual Tree Lighting was well attended. The next Fireworks Committee meeting will be held in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 08-08 – Gated Communities Emergency Access

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 08-08 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to adopt Ordinance 08-08 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 08-07 – Amending Parking Fines

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 08-07 by title. Commissioner Branch moved to approve Ordinance 08-07 by title, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Appointments to Flood Plain Management Committee

Commissioner Wojcik moved to appoint Jeff Rue and Bob Reynolds to the Flood Plan Management Committee, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Approval to Proceed To Advertise RFP For Beach Access Improvements

Building Official explained to the Commission the verbiage changes he made to the RFP and pointed out the six areas to be improved. Commissioner Branch moved to proceed to advertise the RFP. Motion died for lack of second. This item will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Recommendation – 18304 Gulf Blvd.

Vice Mayor Adams explained the Planning and Zoning approved to recommend the amended site plan as presented. Commissioner Branch moved to approve the findings and decision of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Commissioner Wojcik stated he did a site inspection and it appears to be in conjunction with the 2007 site plan approval. Commissioner Wojcik stated he read the Gulf Boulevard Overlay District requirements and could not find where a fence is allowed on Gulf Boulevard, but assumes it is allowable since it was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Wojcik asked if time constraints can be placed on variances and site plans. The Commission will place this item on the next workshop agenda. There being no further discussion, roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Employee Holiday Bonus

Vice Mayor Adams explained there is \$2,000.00 in the budget to be split between the seven employees. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the Holiday Bonus of \$2,000.00 to be split among the employees, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

2009 Holiday Schedule

Vice Mayor Adams explained the scheduled submitted coincides with the Pinellas County schedule. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the 2009 Holiday Schedule as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Commission Mtg

Appointments to Planning and Zoning Board

Vice Mayor Adams announced Sam Ireson, Fred Hajjar and Alternate A Bonnie Stein are up for reappointment and all have stated they would like to be reappointed. Commissioner Wojcik moved to reappointment the members as stated for a two year term, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

FY 08/09 Budget Amendment – Progress Energy Franchise Fees

Vice Mayor Adams explained a budget amendment is needed for FY 0809 to move the two percent of the Progress Energy Franchise Fee from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund for undergrounding expenses. The amount to be moved is \$199,073.20. Commissioner Wojcik moved to amend the FY 0809 Budget, moving two percent Progress Energy Franchise Fee from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Oscar Sierra asked if he would be able to speak at the workshop. Vice Mayor Adams stated he would be able to talk, the time would be limited.

MISCELLANEOUS

Vice Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, December 31, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wojcik moved to have the workshop on January 7, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk