

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Neal, Vice Mayor Kapper, Mayor Adams and Attorney Rubenstein.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – LaVistana Park Development

Mayor Adams explained that the town received one bid in response to the LaVistana Park Development Request for Proposal (RFP). Vice Mayor Kapper questioned the amount of the clock in the bid being \$30,000 and the Mayor and Commissioner Henderson stated that the town could buy the clock for a lot less than that. Vice Mayor Kapper ask what happened to the suggestion for a Veteran’s Memorial and Mr. Andrews stated that the monument was a line item under the alternative section of the bid. Mayor Adams stated that the town needed to get the deed to the property first and then to create another RFP on the project. Mayor Adams said that the town had Gulf Blvd. Beautification money to spend and that he could apply for money through the Big C once the project was approved. Mr. Mark Daly, President of LaVistana’ s Board, stated that the board would like to be more informed on what is going on with the park project.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion- Proposed Budget FY 2017/2018

Mayor Adams asked the Commission if they had any problems with the meeting dates for the budget hearings. Commissioner Henderson stated that she would not be able to attend one meeting. Mayor Adams asked that the commissioners have any budget request to the Town Clerk by Friday May 12, 2017.

Discussion – Citizen Request - Short Term Rentals

Mayor Adams stated that Mr. Steve Wotovich wanted to address the commission on the benefits verses expenses of allowing for short term rentals. Mr. Wotovich’ s stated that attorney fees could be very expensive in enforcing short term rentals. Mr. Wotovich suggested that the town not change their code, but they change some of the zoning on the west side of Gulf Blvd. to allow for more short-term rentals. Mrs. Rubenstein agreed with Commissioner Neal that the town could not do spot zoning. Several residents spoke against short term rentals, stating that they spent a lot of money for their homes and did not want the place next door to be a short-term rental. Mr. Wotovich stated that Hotel Sol was allowed to rent short term and they were in RM-15 district. Mrs. Rubenstein stated that the Hotel might have Grandfather status if they had been renting before the town adopted their transient rental ordinances.

Discussion – Citizen Request Zoning Change at No Charge

Mr. Wotovich asked the commission if they would consider waiving the fee to re-zone parcel 31-30-15-88542-000-0250 so that the Surfside Beach Club Inc. could change the parcel from a parking lot to an Outdoor Recreation/Greenspace area. Mayor Adams asked why the town should waive the fee and Vice Mayor Kapper asked why Surfside Beach Club can't donate the parcel to the town. Mr. Wotovich stated that it was in the best interest of the town to have more green space and they just didn't have an extra \$2,500.00 to pay the re-zoning fee. Mr. Wotovich said he did not believe the board would agree to give the parcel to the town.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, May, 31, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Cain, CMC
Town Deputy Clerk