

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, April 12, 2017; Workshop Meeting, April 26, 2017

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

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – April/May 2017

Commissioner Henderson moved to ratify the bills as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Kapper. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Adams

Mayor Adams reported he attended the Fallen Officer Memorial Service today and would like for everyone to remember May 15th is Proclaimed as National Peace Officer Memorial Day, as proclaimed in 1962 by President Kennedy.

Mayor Adams reported he has been working on getting a Fire/EMS Station located in North Redington Beach and Redington Shores. The current maintenance building will be demolished and one will be rebuilt jointly with North Redington Beach. Both properties involved will be leased to Pinellas County. This move will save money and lives for residents in Redington Shores

Undergrounding Gulf Blvd. – still moving along with obtaining permits, etc.

Fire Services – there were five emergency calls with an average response time of six minutes and sixty-eight seconds.

Medical Services – there were nine non-emergency calls with an average response time of five minutes and forty-nine seconds and twenty-five emergency calls with an average response time of four minutes and fifty-two seconds.

Vice Mayor Kapper, Commissioner District No 1

Building Department – 81 permits were issued in April. No permits were for new homes. A total of \$12,655.79 was collected in revenue.

Vice Mayor Kapper reported both the pavilion and the building at Constitution Park have been painted and the pavilion has a new ceiling.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No2

Commissioner Neal moved to move John Bickerstaff from Alternate on the Financial Advisory Board to District Two position, as member Ron Stein has resigned from the Board, as he has sold his home, seconded by Vice Mayor Kapper. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Neal reported stop signs have been placed on 175th Ave. and seem to be helping with the traffic issue. The road will be painted displaying the speed limit. Pinellas County will conduct a traffic study next week on 175th Ave.

Sewers – the lining project should start at the end of the month. There is a power line running through a sewer line and it is being looked into on how to fix this problem.

Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Henderson reported the swim buoys were replaced today on the beach.

Human Resources – the employee manual is still being amended and hopefully will have a final version to the Commission soon.

Gulf Beaches Library – the position for Library Director is still not filled. Commissioner Henderson thanked employees Travis and Stan for stepping up and keeping the library running.

Commissioner Henderson reported she spends numerous hours at town hall and constantly hears request for credit cards. Commissioner Henderson stated this item has been visited before with the Commission voting not to use credit cards in Town Hall. Town Clerk Palmer agrees with the need to start as there are request almost daily. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve using credit cards in town hall, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Emergency Management – Mayor Adams, Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Henderson and Town Clerk Palmer toured the Seminole EOC with Chief Burford. The facility will now be the town's secondary EOC if needed. The facility is built to withstand a category five hurricane.

Town Staff will be meeting in the very near future to review the town's Emergency Management Plan.

The annual Flood and Hurricane Awareness Meeting is Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Drumm encourages all to attend as it is very important to plan ahead.

Commissioner Drumm reported the road patch on 180th Ave. was completed today.

Legislative Update – Representative Kathleen Peters

Representative Peters addressed the Commission with numerous updates from the legislative session. Rep. Peters reported the budget was increased by 7.1%. There was a decrease in health care funding and hospital funding but there was an increase for drug abuse. There was \$50 million budgeted for beach renourishment and inlet projects, with the goal of DEP to create a three-year plan. There is a tax break on disaster preparedness items June 2 thru June 4th.

Also, passed and will be placed on the November ballot is a proposed increased homestead exemption. The change would allow residents to exempt; up to \$75,000.00 on the value of their home. The current limit is \$50,000.00. But without that tax revenue, local governments say their public services could suffer. It is important to educate your constituents on this matter.

Representative Peters reminded the Commission if they have any needs to please contact her office. Mayor Adams and the Commission thanked Representative Peters for the updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Purchase of Bobcat

Mayor Adams explained the need to purchase the bobcat for cleaning beach easements and walkovers.

Redington Shores and North Redington Beach will split the cost of the machine and have a similar agreement that is in place for the beach raking machine. Mayor Adams would like approval to put in the budget for next

year. Commissioner Drumm asked if our employees will be certified by the company to operate. Mayor Adams

stated they would be. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve placing monies in the budget for this purchase, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Roll call: all yes.

Approve Purchase of Cameras for Town Hall

Commissioner Henderson stated three bids were received. Commissioner Henderson supplied each commissioner with a spread sheet of the bids showing a 15-year cost analysis. Commissioner Henderson moved to accept the proposal from Fort Knox Fire and Communications for an initial cost of \$5,186.90 and annual monitoring of fire system and security system, seconded by Vice Mayor Kapper. Roll call: all yes.

Approve Purchase of Electronic Speed Sign

Commissioner Neal reported he has received two quotes for the signs. The pricing is very close between the companies. The signs are portable, so they can be moved to different areas of town. Commissioner Neal moved to approve the bid from Radar Signs for two radar signs at \$6,630.00, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal to Special Magistrate Variance Decision – 244 176th Terrace Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Daninos addressed the Commission. Attorney Denhardt swore in those who would be giving testimony on the appeal. Attorney Denhardt asked the applicants if they would like the packet the Commission received with the findings and exhibits of the Special Magistrate be included as evidence. Mr. Daninos stated that would be fine, but the reason we are asking for the variance was not stated in the findings. Mr. Daninos explained their son would now be living with them permanently so they need to expand his bedroom, but they would be expanding the whole front of the house. They could not go up as it would be very expensive. Attorney Denhardt stated Commissioner Neal has filed a conflict of Interest Form with the Town Clerk due to some business relationship in the past. Mr. Daninos explained the overall variance request is for a 15-foot set back in the front of the home. Building Official Andrews explained the existing house set back 25 feet from right of way, they have five feet available to build without a variance. B.O. Andrews explained a hardship is needed to approve a variance; the Special Magistrate reviewed the criteria and has denied the request. After further discussion, Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve the variance, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Mayor Adams closed the public hearing at this time. Roll call on motion and second, Commissioner Drumm, yes; Commissioner Henderson, no; Vice Mayor Kapper, yes and Mayor Adams, no. Attorney Denhardt explained the motion and second did not get a majority vote, so therefore the request is denied. Mrs. Daninos asked if they can compromise on the variance request. Mayor Adams explained they should go back to see B.O. Andrews.

Resolution 02-2017 – Supporting Home Rule

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 02-2017 by title. Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt Resolution 02-2017, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Proclamation – Older Americans Month – May 2017

Mayor Adams proclaimed May 2017 as Older Americans Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

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

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk