## **WORKSHOP MEETING**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. MINUTES

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion – FY 17/18 Proposed Budget

Mayor Adams reported he met with the Financial Advisory Committee on Monday and they have recommended the advalorem rate of 1.80. Mayor Adams explained the sewer budget for FY 17/18 is now approximately \$85,000.00 short. The Commission has discussed raising the sewer rates by 10%; Commissioner Neal had made a suggestion of possibly raising the rates over a three-year period, 4%, 3% and 3%. Commissioner Henderson stated she does not believe the sewer fund is \$80,000.00 in the hole. Mayor Adams stated on the budget for FY 17/18 is showing the loss. Town Clerk Palmer explained the Sewer Fund is not in the hole, the money in CD's is there for major repairs or a major incident, not for everyday up-keep of the system. Again, it was discussed about the transfer of \$150,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund. Town Clerk Palmer stated the Finance Advisory Committee discussed this matter at the last Finance Meeting and will be analyzed by the Committee members to come to a more realistic figure. Commissioner Drumm stated he also likes spreading the increase over a few years.

Commissioner Henderson stated she would like to see the billing be based on usage. Commissioner Neal agrees with Commissioner Henderson. Mayor Adams explained himself and Town Clerk Palmer have contacted the County about changing the rate structure; there is a different process in changing the rate structure versus increasing by a percentage rate. We are waiting to hear back from the County on the timing and the cost to the town on the change.

Commissioner Neal stated the infiltration into the system is what is costing the town money. It is imperative to repair the lines versus completely replacing the system, tearing up the roads, etc., Gulf Blvd. was sleeved 20-years ago and is still working fine.

There will be an advertised Public Hearing August 9, 2017 on the final decision on the new rate and/or new billing structure.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion – Change of Alcohol Sales from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Sundays

Mayor Adams asked the Commission if they would like to amend our Ordinance to allow alcohol sales starting at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. The consensus of the Commission was to change the ordinance to allow the change, as Pinellas County and other surrounding communities have done so. There will be a first reading on the ordinance change at the next regular meeting.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Palmer, MMC Town Clerk