

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 – 6:00P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, April 11, 2018; Workshop Meeting, April 25, 2018

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

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – March/April/May 2018

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Mayor Henderson reported the following:

After six weeks of remodeling town hall, it is finally coming to an end. New flooring has been laid and all of town hall painted. Mayor Henderson gave accolades to town staff for their patience and help during the process.

Turtle Season has begun and Clearwater Aquarium will be again conducting their annual lighting survey.

Hurricane Season is coming up, starting June 1st. The town is working on new and improved ways to communicate to the town residents.

The town's Spring Newsletter will be coming out in the next few weeks, make sure to check the beach beacon.

Fire/Police – Chief Hughes reported a gas leak occurred at 17720 Gulf Blvd, no injuries were reported. Officer Holmes who was injured during an incident, is doing fine and will be back to work soon. Mayor Henderson thanked all the officers for all they do.

Vice Mayor Kapper, Commissioner District No 1

Building Department – Total revenue collected for April 2018 was \$47,279.00, eighty-eight permits were issued, one permit was for a nine unit hotel.

Vice Mayor Kapper commented the remodeling of town looks great.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No2

Sewers – five manholes have been refurbished, the company did a fantastic job.

Veterans Park – probably will be finished in about four weeks. Met with residents, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Adams – working with them on the wording for the plaque, which will be revealed at the dedication. Mayor Henderson thanked Commissioner Neal for his work on the park.

Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – is funded by the Federal Government in the result of Hurricane Irma. Pinellas County portion is approximately \$12.5 million dollars. Redington Shores, along with other cities submitted numerous projects for approval. The Local Mitigation Strategy Committee prioritized the list of those projects, twenty-two projects fall within the \$12.5 million dollars granted. Commissioner Robinson is please to announce that one of the projects Redington Shores submitted, which was for the purchase of additional stormwater backflow valves fell within those twenty-two projects, at number eight. Now the State has to approve, then formal applications will be filed. There are projects the town submitted that fall very high in the second tier. Commissioner Robinson would like to talk about these projects at the next workshop meeting, as some projects are pricey and matching funds are needed.

Commissioner Robinson encouraged all to attend the Annual Hurricane and Flood Awareness Meeting, to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Gulf Beaches Library – the Director has drawn up a written plan to start moving on the building extension. The Library Board has agreed to hire a contractor to assist with the grant process. FDOT will be installing two new signs to give direction to the library, as so many people do not know where the library is located.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESSVariance Request for Dock – 170 174th Terrace Drive

Attorney Denhardt explained this in not a variance request, but a wavier request per the Town Code. In this situation the town has an easement that is adjacent to the property and the owner would like to install a lift three-feet from the seawall. The Commission would need to approve or not approve to sign the wavier. Vice Mayor Kapper stated he has spoken to the neighbors in the area and there were no objections from them; also, there are other docks in the area by the town easements. Mayor Henderson asked if they had a variance or wavier from the town. Vice Mayor Kapper stated he did not know that information. Mayor Henderson stated the information on the drawing is incorrect and would like to table this and place on the next workshop for discussion and to have the correct paperwork in front of them. Vice Mayor Kapper moved for the town to consent to sign the wavier, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Commissioner Drumm asked how many feet it should be from our property. The dock or davits should be center 1/3rd of the property or fifty-feet from the adjacent property per the code. Mayor Henderson stated this wavier does not help the entire community, residents use this area to fish, watch the boat parade, etc. and feels the town should not sign. Commissioner Robinson looked at prop and surrounding area and does see other docks, etc., close to town easements and is looking at this as a consistency issue. After no further discussion, roll call on the motion and second, Commissioner Robinson, yes; Commissioner Drumm, no; Commissioner Neal, yes; Vice Mayor Kapper, yes; Mayor Henderson, no.

Approve - Resolution 03-18 – Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Division of Emergency Management

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 03-18 by title. Commissioner Neal moved to adopt Resolution 03-18, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Commissioner Robinson explained the changes to the agreement boils down to expanding when a community or county can request aid even in a minor disaster.

Approve – Resolution 04-18 – Requesting Repeal of HB 631 – Affecting Dry Sandy Beaches in Florida

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 04-18 by title. Commissioner Neal moved to adopt Resolution 04-18, seconded by Vice Mayor Kapper.

Vice Mayor Kapper asked Attorney Denhardt what the bill really means. Attorney Denhardt it rose out of some decision on a court case in Walton County, as to what right the public has to use the beach and where, in particularly the dry sandy beach and what the public has been using. The County and or Town can establish a Customary Use Ordinance but would have to name each owner affected in the suit filed with the Circuit Court.

There being not further discussion, roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Proclamation – Proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2018 – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Mayor Henderson Proclaimed May 6 through May 12, 2018 Municipal Clerks Week

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Susan Skagg asked if there was a Customary Use Ordinance in effect in Redington Shores prior to January 1st, 2016. Attorney Denhardt stated the town has not. Ms. Skagg asked if the vote on the resolution is to repeal the bill. Attorney Denhardt stated the resolution is requesting to repeal and the resolution will be sent to the legislatures. Ms. Skagg asked if the town was considering creating a Customary Use Ordinance. Mayor Henderson stated the town at this time the town will follow the other beach communities in requesting an appeal.

Resident Ashley Tessem commented at some point would not the EPA step in on this new legislation in regards to turtle season, lighting, etc. Mayor Henderson commented it would be the DEP, and she also has so many questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk