

**AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 2:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

In person: Mayor Commissioner Henderson, Jim Parker, Paul Herzfeld, Administrator Shoobridge, Heather Guadagnoli

**APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ranking of Audit Firms and Making Recommendation to Commission:** Mayor Commissioner Henderson introduced the item. Paul Herzfeld explained his ranking criteria. Mr. Herzfeld praised Wells, Houser & Schatzel for their in-person practices. Mr. Herzfeld also praised WH&S's references and proximity to Redington Shores. Heather Guadagnoli spoke in support of WH&S. Ms. Guadagnoli explained how WH&S's single audit fee is not applicable to Redington Shores and their ARPA report fee. The Selection Committee discussed. The Committee discussed the Saltmarsh firm. The Committee discussed neighboring communities' firms. Jim Parker spoke in support of WH&S but expressed concerns about the size of the company. Mr. Parker spoke in support of Mauldin & Jenkins and pointed out their work with Artificial Intelligence. Mayor Commissioner Henderson agreed. Mayor Commissioner Henderson praised WH&S for their relationship with Ms. Guadagnoli. Ms. Guadagnoli addressed technology concerns with WH&S. Mr. Parker asked if firms that have established relationships with towns in Pinellas County is an advantage. Ms. Guadagnoli says that it is an advantage. Ms. Guadagnoli discussed the Ranking Criteria. The Committee praised Mauldin & Jenkin's professionalism. Mayor Commissioner Henderson expressed concerns for Mauldin & Jenkins' lack of experience in Pinellas County. The Committee determined that three of the firms, James Moore & Co., Christopher, Smith, Leonard & Stannell, P.A., and Saltmarsh, were not competitive. The Committee moved forward and ranked the final two firms. The Committee determined that Wells, Houser, & Schatzel was the best choice with a score of 88.6 points. Mauldin & Jenkins was the second choice with a score of 84.2 points.

**Next Steps:** The Clerk's are to draft a memo to distribute to the Commission at the Regular Commission Meeting on 6-14-2023 and send thank you letters to all the firms who submitted responses.

**Person Responsible:** Clerk's office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolie Patterson  
Deputy Clerk