



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025
MINUTES**

A **Special Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida, was convened at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Commissioner Tom Kapper, Vice Mayor Commissioner Erin Schoos, Commissioner Larry Maynard, Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Douglas Harr

Members Absent: None

Other Municipal Officials Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Fultz, Town Attorney Rob Eschenfelder, Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Town Intern Rafael Soto

1. ROLL CALL BY THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS – none.
3. OLD BUSINESS – none.
4. NEW BUSINESS

a. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES**

Three candidates were selected and invited to be interviewed by the Board of Commissioners for Town Administrator: Matthew Spuck, Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, and Margaret Carey. Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and then was asked a series of questions by each Commissioner. Matthew Spuck attended via Zoom from Virginia.

Mr. Spuck itemized his background including his approach to leadership and project management. Additionally, he informed he owns a bed and breakfast in Virginia and would need to sell his business to relocate to an apartment locally if selected. After further questions, he informed he did not have previous hurricane response experience though he had applied for grants through FEMA during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Ms. Kennedy noted she is the former Mayor of Indian Rocks Beach and is a recent graduate of St. Petersburg College as well as a small business owner. She highlighted her role as Chair with Forward Pinellas and various roles in the community. She itemized her experiences lobbying for easements for beach nourishment and red tide. She noted the professional goal of achieving a master's degree in the next five years in public policy.

Ms. Carey provided the Commissioners with a handout highlighting her accomplishments while serving as acting Town Administrator and goals for the position. She informed she has over 18 years of experience serving in four towns in three states, including major hurricane response in Redington Shores during Hurricanes Helene and Milton. She noted that she has secured more than \$6 million dollars in resources for the Town of Redington Shores in her three months as serving as acting Town Administrator. She itemized her plans for capital improvement projects and leadership for the role and her commitment to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stella Zurmos	She wrote a letter to endorse Margaret Carey as she believes she
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	has brought peace and stability to the town.
Connie Mowrey	She believes Margaret Carey brings stability and great work ethics to the town's team.
Christy Herig	She wrote a letter endorsing Margaret Carey's creative solutions such as her research into Penny for Pinellas funding and her articulate response to the "We the People" article.
Loretta Fricks	She wrote an email endorsing Margaret Carey as she wholeheartedly believes Ms. Carey brings added stability to the town.
Newcome	She stated Margaret Carey made her care about where she lives and her community as well as offering stability.
Mike Pafumi	He has worked for the Town for 4.5 years and has witnessed two administrators that did not accomplish as much as Margaret Carey has in her time in the role. She led during the storms and demonstrated consistency and stability.
Jenny Blackburn	She recommends Margaret Carey as she has creative problem-solving skills, is detail oriented, personable, and has helped the town more in three months than other administrators did in years.

Discussion ensued between the Commissioners weighing the credentials and potential of each candidate. It was noted 13 emails were received in favor of Margaret Carey. A motion was made by Commissioner Hoyt to appoint Ms. Carey as the Town Administrator. Vice Mayor Schoos seconded. The motion passed.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Fultz
Deputy Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners