



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025**

**MINUTES**

A **Workshop 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 CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Doug Harr, Commissioner Larry Maynard

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Town Manager Margaret Carey, Town Clerk Melissa Fultz, Town Attorney Robert Eschenfelder

**A. ROLL CALL BY TOWN CLERK FULTZ**

**B. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS – None**

**C. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Holiday Events Schedule – Discussion ensued between the Commissioners and Town Manager regarding the events proposed for the holiday season including the Tree Lighting on December 7th, Home Decorating Contest on December 11th, Volunteer Party December 13th, and Golfcart Parade December 14th. It was agreed that the Commissioners would create a holiday parade with decorated vehicles including golfcarts that would be scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2025 starting at 5:00PM. Commissioners will distribute candy and beads along the parade route and will be joined by Santa.

**Public Comment:**

Kenny Later (17723 Gulf Blvd.) – He believed combining regular and golfcart vehicles for the parade was a good idea and encouraged local businesses to be included.

Loretta Fricks (235 176<sup>th</sup> Ave) – She noted that all events should be publicized well in advance. She also supported having public parks as meeting spaces for the parade route for displaced residents.

2. Senator DiCeglie proposal regarding Election Dates – Town Manager Carey updated Commissioners about the proposed legislation to move local municipal elections to the same day as General Elections on the date of the Primary (August) that are only held in even years. She explained Senator DiCeglie proposed this due to low voter turnout at

municipal elections and the added cost of holding separate elections. If filed, the bill would be heard in the 2026 Florida Legislative Session.

Commissioner Hoyt inquired about the purpose of staggered terms, to which Attorney Eschenfelder responded that it is standard for small towns to stagger their elections to maintain collective memory through seasoned leadership.

There was no Public Comment or further discussion.

3. Proposal by Commissioner Maynard – Commissioner Maynard requested the Commissioners review the length of terms for all Town elected officials to be a four-year term. Presently, the Mayor serves three years and Commissioners serve two years per election cycle. He noted believing consistency for Town residents and staff would be a benefit of four-year terms. He noted other coastal communities that also have four-year terms, and the potential for continuity of institutional knowledge, municipal projects, fiscal efficiency, and strategic focus.

Discussion ensued and Vice Mayor Schoos noted this is something that should not be rushed. Commissioner Harr would like to consider the timing and benefits to residents. Attorney Eschenfelder noted that Town Manager Carey and staff would need to research with the Supervisor of Elections the time constraints as well as consider this ordinance would need a first and second reading prior to being ratified. Commissioner Hoyt requested clarification of the fees for the different election options. Commissioner Maynard requested this item be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Public Comment:

Loretta Fricks (235 176<sup>th</sup> Ave) – She believes March is too fast to accomplish this and it should be with a scheduled election.

Kenny Later (17723 Gulf Blvd.) – He believes terms just get started at two years so he is in favor of longer terms, though he would like term limits with specific limitations noted.

Jennie Blackburn (17717 Gulf Blvd., #202) – She agrees with setting term limits and believed this item should go before another workshop before going to the Board of Commissioners for vote.

4. Traffic Study Discussion – Town Manager Carey introduced the topic of possibly conducting a traffic study to update the code regarding restaurant parking and seating. The topic came about for 1 restaurant, but the results could benefit all restaurants and businesses. The study would consider other modes of customer transportation, such as bicycles, ride-share, boat, etc. The usage of boat slips and bike racks were discussed to offset seating and parking requirements for local businesses. Discussion ensued as to creating alternative parking solutions. Attorney Eschenfelder agreed that he and the Town Planner, David Dixon, would be available to meet with the business to discuss potential outcomes.

Public Comment:

Kenny Later (17723 Gulf Blvd.) – He noted his goals for parking and seating at Wahoos Restaurant and was eager to meet with the Town Planner and Town Attorney to see what

options are available.

5. Building Department Update – Town Manager Carey reported on the updates noted in the packet. The last day for Tidal Basin and SafeBuilt employees will be Friday, November 7, 2025. It was noted the Building Department for Redington Beach will no longer be served through Redington Shores as of November 7, 2025. The Building Department will be closed for transition on Monday, November 10, 2025 and will reopen Wednesday, November 12, 2025.
6. Review of Town Manager Goals – Manager Carey referred to the itemized list of goals that were requested by Commissioners. Commissioner Harr thanked Manager Carey for her organized and thorough materials provided to Commissioners for her performance review. All reviews are due to Clerk Fultz by November 12, 2025 for tallying. Results will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. Discussed dates for November/December Workshops – Options for the November 26, 2025 Workshop meeting was reviewed. It was decided to cancel the November meeting considering the Thanksgiving holiday the following day.

#### **E. MISCELLANEOUS**

Regular Meeting- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Melissa Fultz, Town Clerk

11.12.2025  
Date Approved by Board of Commissioners

