

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present Upon Roll Call:** Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong; Attorney James Denhardt, Attorney Regina Kardish.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RFP – Beach Access Improvements**

Mayor Armstrong said that after several years of discussion regarding beach access improvements an RFP is prepared for 3 – possibly 6 – improvements. Mayor Armstrong explained that there is \$100,000 allocated in the budget. There was general discussion, initiated by Commissioner Wojcik, describing which easements would be the best to improve, as well as column locations width, etc. Commissioner Wojcik expressed concern that the choice for which accesses to include in the RFP were not totally decided by the Commission, but by staff. When the easement at 177<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. was offered as a better site than 176<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. by Commissioner Wojcik, Mayor Armstrong said that is still up in the air, and was included in the motion by the Planning & Zoning Board to be improved at the time Misty Isles is improved according to its site plan. Commissioner Wojcik reiterated the point that the Commission should prioritize the choices for beach access improvements. Attorney Denhardt said the decision must be made on how many accesses will go out for bid, and which ones before advertising for RFP. When Vice Mayor Adams asked resident Joanne Greenberg if she maintains the beach access, she responded she does. Vice Mayor then suggested that Mrs. Greenberg cease to maintain the easement and the Town begin to maintain it; Mrs. Greenberg said she will continue to maintain it, and stated that Mayor Armstrong had told her that if it didn't cost the Town anything she is all for it. Mayor Armstrong stated "we were asked to vacate it, and we said no." When Mrs. Greenberg said they were taking care of the grass so it looked beautiful when the people walk out, Mayor Armstrong responded "but it looks private." Mrs. Greenberg argued that what difference does it make if it looks private if it looks beautiful? Further discussion ensued regarding this and other easements, with Mayor Armstrong asking the Commission what their opinions were. All but Commissioner Wojcik agreed that the RFP should proceed as planned.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Information System – Access Channel**

Commissioner Wojcik said that the current T.V. system for the Town is not working, and the Town needs to have a working television cable channel as part of the communication to residents on many levels. Commissioner Wojcik offered information on replacement systems at a projected cost of approximately \$4,800. This system would also enhance the LMS (Local Mitigation Strategy) program by bringing flood insurance information to local residents. It was also discussed whether the new T.V. system would be portable enough to take to an EOC location. The Commission agreed to purchase a new system at a not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000, to be voted on at the Jan. 14 meeting.

**Time Constraints on Variances and Site Plans**

Mayor Armstrong stated that the current codes 90-126 and 90-129 has a provision that allows for the Planning & Zoning Board to place time limits on variances and site plans. After some discussion the Commission agreed to reword 90-126 (8)(c) to read "shall" prescribe reasonable time frames and put a "not to exceed" clause in also. Attorney Denhardt will revise the code section, to be voted on by the Commission.

Fire Services

Mayor Armstrong explained that at the October Big-C meeting there was a discussion regarding Pinellas County's desire to consolidate all fire and EMS within the County, eliminating 1 rescue location. The current 10 year contract with Madeira Beach and Seminole expires in 2010, and currently costs the Town \$200,000 per year. If Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue takes over the contract the cost would increase to \$543,000 per year. Attorney Jim Denhardt recommended that the Town renew the existing contract well in advance, to send a message to the County that it needs to stop interfering with the local communities. The Commission will vote to renew the existing contract at the Jan. 14 Commission meeting.

Draft Ordinance Regulating Non-Agricultural Fertilizer Use

Mayor Armstrong referred to the proposed Ordinance from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Policy Board that was sent to local governments to adopt. This Ordinance would restrict fertilizer applications during summer rainy seasons to prevent contamination into bays and other water sources. Mayor Armstrong suggested that Attorney Denhardt modify and simplify the wording of the sample Ordinance, which is long and cumbersome. The revised Ordinance will be discussed at either the January 28 or February Workshop.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Wojcik made the suggestion for future decision that the Town combine its Hurricane Awareness Meeting with the Town of Indian Shores' meeting to attract more residents. This will be discussed further in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

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