

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong and Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 2008; Workshop Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2009

Mayor Armstrong explained a revised set of the Workshop minutes have been distributed. Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Commissioner Wojcik stated he does not remember the statement about a request from the Greenberg's for vacating the easement adjacent to their property. Mayor Armstrong explained the request had been made a few years back and they were told no. With no further discussion roll call on the motion and second, Commissioner Wojcik, no; Commissioner Branch, yes; Commissioner Holthaus, yes; Vice Mayor Adams, yes; Mayor Armstrong, yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – January 2009

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the January 2009 bills, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong reported she attended the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner. The guest speaker was the President of PBS&J Construction. The topic was "Flat is the New Up" as far as revenue for small businesses and giving the local businesses support.

Tourist Development Council – a study was done with citizens from Germany and the United Kingdom on their perspective of St. Pete/Clearwater area. The study showed they love the area, the warm weather, beaches, etc. Mayor Armstrong encouraged all residents to participate in any Super Bowl events and also reminded all that short term rentals are not allowed in all zoning districts in Redington Shores, as there are many signs encouraging people to rent their homes for the week.

Gulf Beaches Library – The towns are being asked to appoint an elected official to an Ad Hoc Committee to revise the current contract. Also, there is talk about having an elected official as a representative on the Library Board, instead of two residents. Consensus of the Commission is the board members don't necessarily need to be an elected official, but motivated representatives to help obtain permanent sources of revenue for the library.

Ad-Hoc Committee – Commissioner Wojcik stated he would like to be on this committee. Vice Mayor Adams moved to appoint Commissioner Wojcik to the Ad-Hoc Committee, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Mayor Armstrong announced there will be a vacancy in District One as of March as Vice Mayor Adams will be the new Mayor. Anyone interested should contact town hall.

Mayor Armstrong updated the Commission on the latest Legislative issues and funding cuts.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Department – physical arrest and parking citations are down. Traffic citations and warnings are up. There were 111 incidents with no reports.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Emergency Sewer Repair – is completed at the main lift station in North Redington Beach.

Sewer Rehab 1st Street East and 176th Avenue – is complete. Commissioner Branch and staff went through 5 hours of inspections today and all went well. The road is now open to traffic, paving will be done when the stormwater and paving is complete.

Stormwater/Paving Project – is now on Wall Street and Wall Circle. Wall Terrace is closed for storage of dirt.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik thanked Commissioner Branch for a great job on the sewer projects.

Flood Plain Management Plan – the meeting scheduled for January 6th was cancelled and rescheduled for Jan 20th at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is encouraged.

Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy – new projects for funding have been submitted.

Emergency Management – Pinellas County has sent notice that we cannot use their debris consolidation and reduction sites. Commissioner Wojcik will work to overcome this obstacle.

Gulf Beaches Public Library – Second Annual Food for Thought Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at town hall, \$20.00 if purchased in advanced and \$30.00 at the door. The Commission expressed last years fundraiser was very good and a lot of fun. Over \$8,000.00 was raised last year.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Parks – all are in good shape. Del Bello Park was a great spot to view the Christmas Boat Parade.

Fireworks Committee – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 08-05 – Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 08-05 by title. Mayor Armstrong asked for any discussion. There being none, Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 08-05 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 01-09 – Canceling the March 2009 Municipal Election

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 01-09 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 01-09, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Purchase of Public Information System

Mayor Armstrong explained this item was discussed at the last workshop meeting. Commissioner Wojcik moved to allocate no more than \$5,000.00 to purchase the Tricaster Duo Live Switcher including setup and training, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. The system should be up and running by next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 02-09 – Renew Interlocal Agreement for Fire Services

Mayor Armstrong explained this item was discussed at the last workshop meeting. Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 02-09 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 02-09, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes. Attorney Denhardt pointed out the resolution needs to be sent to both Madeira Beach and Seminole via certified mail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Wojcik reported he has been contacted about installing a crosswalk at the north end of town. Commissioner Wojcik knows money is tight, but will pursue this request.

Commissioner Wojcik spoke of the email the Commission had received from a resident concerned about eminent domain and the town seizing his property. The town would not take private property though eminent domain. Mayor Armstrong reported she stopped by and spoke to the resident.

Commissioner Wojcik asked what the Commission can do to help support the local businesses during these hard times. Mayor Armstrong asked for this item to be placed on the workshop agenda.

Commissioner Wojcik asked what the process is for the RFP's that were advertised for the beach access improvements. The bids will be opened by the Town Clerk on February 12th at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Wojcik asked if there will be a question and answer period. Building Official Steve Andrews stated if the contractors have questions they can ask at the meeting and can also ask questions before February 12th, any changes will be made by addendum and distributed to the plan holders.

Mayor Armstrong announced the following dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Armstrong invited all to attend the next BIG-C meeting being held at Redington Shores on January 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk