

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Ordinance - Time Constraints on Variances and Site Plans

Mayor Armstrong referred to existing wording in the Code for “reasonable time limits” for the Planning & Zoning Board to require initiation of an approved variance or site plan. The Commission agreed that the Code should require a 1 year time frame to begin work, with one extension if necessary of 6 months. The first reading of the revised Ordinance will be heard at the February 11 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pinellas County Curbside Recycling

Mayor Armstrong introduced Andy Fairbanks, Pinellas County Solid Waste, who presented information regarding the proposed area wide curbside recycling plan from the County. Mr. Fairbanks said the current landfill operated by Pinellas County will be full by 2080, and the curbside proposal would be financed with system funds, not new taxes, at \$37.50 per ton. Mr. Fairbanks explained that the towns could join the County contract to provide service; the towns could provide curbside recycling and request reimbursement from the county up to the bid price the County receives; and could opt in at any point to the County contract. Mayor Armstrong asked if bins would be provided; Mr. Fairbanks said they would, and the plan is to implement the project by January 2010 – although no draft is ready at this time. When asked if condominiums will be included Mr. Fairbanks said no, that only single family homes will receive curbside recycling. The Commission will decide whether to participate at the February meeting.

Local Business Support

The Commission addressed ways that the Town could help local businesses, including allowing parking in the new lot. Mayor Armstrong suggested opening the new parking lot up to businesses and employees instead of just residents. Mayor Armstrong also discussed moving the pay machine to the County parking lot, which Detective Jason Routzahn agreed would be beneficial. It was agreed that anyone who buys a parking tag could park in the new lot. The Ordinance 08-02 will be amended to reflect the new parking rules. In further discussion Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission to comment on the current Noise Ordinance, and suggested it be made more lenient to allow commercial businesses to have music, etc. Vice Mayor Adams said he would like to keep the current noise ordinance as is, since changing it could stir up more issues. After some discussion it was agreed to table the discussion for now.

FY 0809 Budget Review

Mayor Armstrong referred to the FY 08/09 budget as being cut to the bare bones, and expressed concerns that there were areas that are shrinking, such as local options taxes. The state revenues are adjusting downward, and spending is stopping. Mayor Armstrong wanted to bring the current budget to the attention of the Commission – no further discussion ensued.

Building Department Services

Mayor Armstrong began by assuring Building Official Steve Andrews that the topic does not reflect any criticism toward his performance, but that Building revenues are very low, and something needs to be done. The BIG-C had discussed possibly combining some services such as Building Inspector with nearby towns that now use the County. Commissioner Branch warned that a Building Official needs to be available at all times, and to eliminate the position would be stepping backwards. Vice Mayor Adams agreed that there may be a way to share Steve Andrews' services with other town, and that it is very important to preserve the Town's employees. Mayor Armstrong said this is an issue for the new Commission to consider.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr  
Deputy Town Clerk