

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007
FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL: Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong, Attorney Denhardt, Steve Andrews, C.B.O.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion Wifi

Commissioner Wojcik explained that both Treasure Island and Dunedin have instituted city-wide wireless coverage – WiFi – that allows residents to purchase usage, and allows the city government to have access at no charge. Mayor Armstrong asked whether Commissioner Wojcik thinks WiFi is the best system to purchase; Commissioner Wojcik said that, like any technology, it is always improving, and there is a need for renewal periodically. Mayor Armstrong had talked with Mayor Lawrence of Indian Shores, who wants wireless for the Police Department first. Mayor Armstrong said that Mayor Lawrence would be willing to share the cost of WiFi to both towns. After further discussion, Mayor Armstrong stated that she is not ready at this time to make a commitment to WiFi.

Discussion – Engineering for Sewer Project 176th Ave. East and 1st Street East

Commissioner Branch explained that there has been an increased amount of fluid going into the system recently. This may require additional funds to scope the sewer lines.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Jeffrey Rue offered samples of a new Town brochure that he printed, and offered the opportunity for the Town to have his business make new brochures with current information. Mayor Armstrong thanked Mr. Rue for his presentation, and said that the Town will consider his company, but cannot make a decision at this time.

Royal Orleans use of Property – Redington Beach

Mayor Armstrong said that the Royal Orleans Condominium would like to use a portion of the Town's lot in Redington Beach for additional parking for the condo. Mayor Armstrong explained that the lot is currently being used as a staging area for the utility undergrounding project and has equipment stored there. Michelle Porter, one of the Board of Directors for the Royal Orleans, said that they want to use only a portion of the lot outside the fence, and would maintain the lot, such as landscaping and mowing in exchange. Mayor Armstrong said that the Commission was unaware that the fence would need to be moved; Ms. Porter said the fence would need to be moved inward about 10 feet to accommodate the cars. Some discussion ensued regarding the length of time the lot will be needed for a staging area, and how much notice should be given to Royal Orleans in the event the lot would need to be vacated by its residents. Vice Mayor Adams said he would like to get further information from the utility companies regarding how much room they need for equipment. The Commission agreed that an accurate survey is needed of the property as well. Attorney Jim Denhardt said that a 3 month

notice to the condo would be adequate to require vacating the premises. It was agreed that the Commission will review the proposal by Royal Orleans at the February meeting, and after a survey is provided.

Discussion – Combining Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment

Mayor Armstrong explained that there has been some difficulty filling vacant seats for both Boards recently, and the subject of combining the Boards has been considered. Attorney Denhardt said that even though the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment have separate responsibilities, the developer often has to go to both. Mr. Denhardt explained that the Commission needs to make a decision on how many members should constitute a combined Board, and decide on a quorum. The Boards can then be combined by Ordinance. Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Denhardt if there would be any negative impact for the property owners; Mr. Denhardt said no – that the owners would not be giving up anything. Tom Kapper, chair of the Board of Adjustment, and Sam Ireson, member of the Planning & Zoning Board, were present and both expressed support of the idea to combine boards. Steve Andrews, Building Official, said he would like both Boards to be present at an upcoming hearing for the P&Z on February 14, primarily to discuss this issue. It was agreed to decide on the combining of the Boards at the February Workshop meeting; Mr. Denhardt said then the process would take about 3 months to complete.

Sea Turtle Lighting

Mayor Armstrong said that Redington Shores has no Ordinance for turtle lighting, and that some area beach towns do. Indian Shores has an Ordinance, but does not have a remedy for handling violations. Mayor Armstrong recently attended a Florida Beaches and Shores Conference, and said the east coast has an aggressive policy of enforcement. Commissioner Wojcik agreed that a turtle lighting Ordinance is a good idea, but that using special glass or lighting could be expensive for some homeowners. The question regarding the beach access lighting was addressed; Mayor Armstrong said that the beach side of the lights will be shielded to avoid harming the turtle nests. Steve Andrews, Building Official, addressed the current construction going on in Town, and said that most new construction is using the “turtle tint” glass. Attorney Denhardt will begin preparations for a sea turtle ordinance for the Town.

Discussion – Amending Resolution 6-79; Lot Mowing Fees

Mayor Armstrong mentioned that it has been 26 years since the penalty fees for lot mowing have been addressed. There have been recent problems with several residents’ property having been left with high grass. Vice Mayor Adams said that he would like to see the fees for lot mowing by the Town high, to discourage anyone from not taking care of their property. Building Official Steve Andrews prepared a draft Resolution based on the original Resolution, changing the fees to reflect current needs. Mr. Andrews said the fees come from “reality costs.” Commissioner Branch reiterated that the Town does not want to be in the business of mowing lawns. It was unanimously agreed that the suggested penalty fees be increased \$50.00 each, and a Resolution voted on at the February 13 Commission meeting.

Visitor Center Town Hall

Mayor Armstrong explained that Mark Neter, President of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, has requested an informational “kiosk” to be placed in the Town’s front hall library area. It would not be staffed by anyone, and the Chamber would be responsible for maintaining the area and providing the pamphlets. Mayor Armstrong said that Mr. Neter could provide specific details at the next Workshop meeting, and then the Commission can decide. Mayor Armstrong also said that Mark Neter would also like to use the Town Hall Community Room for training a staff for “America’s Friendliest Sunset Beaches” campaign at no charge. After some discussion the Commission agreed that any use of the Community Room should come with the standard fee, so as not to set a precedent.

Code on Internet

Mayor Armstrong said that the Town is investigating placing the Code on the internet for anyone to obtain and/or read. The Town currently uses General Code Company to service the Town's needs. Mayor Armstrong said that Mary Palmer, Town Clerk, suggests using General Code; MuniCode is the largest in the area, and is used by many municipalities. Commissioner Wojcik had prepared a cost analysis of both companies, and stated that MuniCode is more open-ended, with varying charges that leave the fees too broad; General Code has fixed prices. Commissioner Wojcik also said that the website for General Code is graphically easier to read and more colorful. The general consensus was to select General Code, which will be voted on at the February 13 Commission meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Armstrong reminded the Commission about the Big-C meeting and breakfast on January 31; Steve Spratt will be speaking about Pennies for Pinellas. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone would like to participate in a walking competition among elected officials from Feb. 12-16, recording each Commissioner's total steps per day. The Commission declined to participate.

Vice Mayor Adams asked if anyone knew some organization that would like to accept the old copy machine. Attorney Denhardt said that the Town should be careful not to donate to a church, or any organization that may be a conflict with a government office.

Commissioner Holthaus reported that Steve Andrews, Building Official, and some Parks & Recreation members would be meeting at Constitution Park soon to make decisions on improvements. Commissioner Holthaus said that improvements to Spitzer Park are on hold until the grant application is approved; he will have a report soon on Del Bello Park.

Commissioner Branch expressed the Town's sympathy at the recent passing of Attorney Denhardt's father.

Attorney Denhardt said that the Charter Review Committee conflict assessment meeting recently was left with the judge ordering mediation with the 21 municipalities involved. The next session will be February 9, 2007, with all Commissioners to be there. Mr. Denhardt said that the unanimity of the municipalities was evident.

Mayor Armstrong reminded everyone to watch Channel 18 during the month of February, where she participated in the forum regarding Pennies for Pinellas.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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