

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Kapper; Commissioner Holmes; Vice Mayor Branch; Mayor Adams

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Adams reminded everyone that the Town is accepting donations for the July 4th Fireworks. The Town of North Redington Beach has contributed, but we are short.

Revision to Employees Manual

Commissioner Wojcik said that there was a mistake in the Employee Manual, which will be clarified. The Supervisor of each department or employee is responsible for doing the evaluation of his/her employees. This is a legitimate business practice with companies.

Revision to Flood Ordinance

Commissioner Wojcik said that the State made revisions in 2010 to the Florida Building Code to which the Town has to comply. The ordinance states that codes have to meet specific regulations for additions, alterations and repairs in flood zones. The State sent a recall, and will publish a new revision. Once it is published the Town will have 90 days to correct after the changes. Commissioner Wojcik added that our Flood Plain Management Plan helps us to maintain lower CRS ratings.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Amending Noise Ordinance

Mayor Adams explained that in 2004 the Noise Ordinance was amended, but the complete definition was left out. Mayor Adams asked Jim Denhardt, Town Attorney, to check on additional verbiage and definitions, which the courts have accepted as constitutional in previous cases. The current Ordinance needs a more complete definition, as well as time restraints. Mayor Adams added that the Town's businesses need to be clear on what is permitted and what is not, referring to Section E and the use of amplifiers. It does not say there cannot be amplifiers; only if the amplified music is "loud and raucous." Mayor Adams said our businesses need to be able to have music. If the police get a call they will respond to complaints.

Commissioner Kapper said that the neighborhoods need a time when the music would cease, and asked how many complaints have been called in. Detective Jeff Rawson of the Indian Shores Police said that the Fort Knox Lounge has received most of the complaints.

Commissioner Holmes said that it is common sense to know what "loud and raucous" noise is, and that there should be the same curfew for it every night.

Commissioner Wojcik said that the definition provided by Mr. Denhardt was good, and asked who is responsible for the noise. Det. Rawson said the owner of the business, or the individual homeowner is responsible. He said the ordinance from Mr. Denhardt is sound.

Vice Mayor Branch added that "loud" music is a subjective term; and the type of music should also be considered.

Several residents and business owners were present, and offered their comments. Joe Perez and Vincent Radcliffe said that the Fort Knox parking lot is a main problem late at night. Det. Rawson emphasized again

that they should call the police to respond. Matt Loder, owner of the Seabreeze Island Grill, said he was on a noise committee for Indian Rocks Beach, and they developed an entertainment license, which also monitored

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decibel levels, and charges a fee. This has made the businesses more aware. Mayor Adams said that he will meet with Mr. Loder to discuss the parameters of the agreement. George Bachert, Fort Knox Lounge, said it is hard to control the noise, especially in the parking lot, and asked for decibel level or set time to help conform to the regulations. Mr. Bachert said he is very willing to follow the guidelines. Dave Eldridge thanked Det. Rawson for his help in eliminating a lot of noise issues in the 182nd Ave. E. residential area. Mark Frankum, manager of Lobster Pot restaurant, said he supports the time of 10:00 p.m. to cease music. The Lobster Pot will soon have an outdoor dining area, so this pertains to them.

Mayor Adams asked the Commission to consider the options for the noise ordinance, and to discuss the parameters at the April Workshop. Ken Brown, resident, argued that the proposed changes are the same rhetoric as the 2004 amendments, and the police did not solve the noise issues then; the existing ordinance should be left alone. The owners/managers of the restaurants who were present said they want to accommodate the residents as much as possible. Mayor Adams closed the discussion since there was no new information from residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk