

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

Oath of Office

Attorney Denhardt administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Wojcik and Commissioner Holthaus, who were elected unopposed for the March 13, 2007 Election.

Mayor Armstrong closed the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing

1. Resolution 01-07 - Adoption of Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 01-07 by title. Nancy Smith of the Gail Easley Group, who worked with the Pinellas Planning Council and the Town to complete the EAR process, addressed the Commission. Ms. Smith gave a brief overview of the process. The EAR report will be sent to the DCA and other agencies for approval. Once the EAR is approved, the Town will have 18-months to complete the Amendment Process. Ms. Smith told the Commission the Pinellas Planning Council would again offer their assistance; all the Town would need to do is contact the Planning Council asking for the assistance. Commissioner Wojcik commented that he would like to see the population estimate revisited since the annexation of the Parsley Development. Ms. Smith told the Commission this item would be addressed during the amendment process. Ms. Smith submitted to the Commission pages that needed changes on the background data. There being no further discussion amongst the Commission or the public, Commissioner Holthaus moved to adopt Resolution 01-07 adopting the EAR for the Town of Redington Shores, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing

Mayor Armstrong Re-Opened the Regular Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2007, Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2007; Charter Review Mediation Meeting, Friday, February 9, 2007

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – March 2007

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the March 2007 bills, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong reported on the proposed legislation concerning property tax reform. There is a proposed bill that is likely to pass, which would cap the cities to the 2001 rollback rate, eliminate all property tax on homestead property, and implement a 2.5% sales tax increase. Mayor Armstrong stated the Commission has been reading the constant information coming into town hall. If this bill goes through the Town will loose

approximately 58% of the revenue, which equated to roughly \$614,000.00. Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission to start looking at cutting items in the budget.

Mayor Armstrong announced resident Sari Kisbany has been named Female Athlete of the Year, by the Florida Sports Foundation. Ms. Kisbany will be honored by the State and Mayor Armstrong is very proud to have Ms. Kisbany as a resident of Redington Shores.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Department – traffic, parking tickets and physical arrests were down.

Vice Mayor Adams moved to declare the old copier as surplus, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. Vice Mayor Adams moved to donate the copier to a non-profit organization, as Vice Mayor Adams determines, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Vice Mayor Adams asked the residents to please have patience during the undergrounding project. The District Two area will not be ready to switch over the electric until about June or July of this year.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported the plans for the Sewer Rehab on 176th Ave and 1st Street East are nearing completion.

Commissioner Branch advised the residents to make sure, if a contractor doing work for them charges them for a permit, to be sure to see the permit, so they are not falsely charged.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik reported he and staff have been attending meetings hosted by Pinellas County regarding debris and road clearing

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Spitzer Park – grants have been denied, new grant applications will be submitted. The equipment destroyed in the fire will soon be repaired. The insurance company has issued a check for the repairs and the company has been contacted to start the repairs.

Del Bello Park – floating dock has been purchased.

Constitution Park – discussion is still going on as to repair the existing grill or to demolish. Parks and Recreation will meet this month and will make a recommendation to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Town Hall Property

Mayor Armstrong explained she has been meeting with the business owners in town, and several times have asked if they could use the old town hall lot for parking. If the lot were used only for their employees, the liability would be the burden of the business owners, not the town. The employees would be give a letter on town letterhead stating they are a business employee and this letter would be placed on the dashboard of their car. Two residents who about the property addressed the Commission with concern about landscaping, vehicles left over night, employees leaving work in the early morning hours. Mayor Armstrong explained the parking would be up towards the front of the lot, with one way entering and one way exiting the lot. The business owners will be responsible for maintaining the lot. Commissioner Wojcik stated this would add more work for the Indian Shores Police Department and he hopes they are willing to patrol. Multiple residents addressed the Commission with concern about a written agreement, liability, late night noise from employees, dumpster, etc.

It was explained the dumpster is for town use only. Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission if they would like to move forward with this concept. Vice Mayor Adams expressed concern about not letting town residents, taxpayers, use the lot and would suggest the Commission think a little more about this. Commissioner Holthaus and Commissioner Branch were in concurrence to delay the decision until some of the questions have been answered. Commissioner Wojcik commented small businesses are needed in the beach communities. Mayor Armstrong stated the Commission clearly denies this request and it is time to move on.

Combining Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Boards

Vice Mayor Adams reported both boards discussed combining the boards and the outcome was pretty much a split vote on combining the boards. Vice Mayor Adams expressed there are problems at times filling the vacancies on the boards and that combining the boards make sense. Vice Mayor Adams moved to combine the boards, to be comprised of four members, one from each district, one at large member and two alternates, with a total of seven members and for Attorney Denhardt to draft an ordinance for the Commission to review, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

CRC Litigation Settlement

Attorney Denhardt reviewed with the Commission the Settlement Agreement between the cities of Pinellas County and Pinellas County. Attorney Denhardt stated the agreement contains all of the concerns that the Town of Redington Shores had. After discussion, Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Armstrong to sign on behalf of the Town, seconded by Commissioners Branch. Roll call: all yes.

GIS Mapping

Mayor Armstrong explained at the last Workshop meeting the Commission heard a lengthy presentation on GIS Mapping software. This software will greatly help the town with locating property if a disaster strikes. Redington Shores will be the first town in the county to purchase this software. Mayor Armstrong stated the software and accessories were approximately \$2,000.00. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the software for two not to exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Holiday Tree

Vice Mayor Adams explained the holiday tree used for the annual tree lighting is no longer needed since the town is now decorating a live tree. Vice Mayor Adams explained he is working with another city to exchange the tree for sewer parts. Vice Mayor Adams moved to declare the holiday tree surplus, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Holiday Lights

Vice Mayor Adams explained the town owned holiday lights installed on Gulf Blvd, are in need of a major overhaul. Right now, the maintenance department spends the time to repair, to put up and take down, and the town stores the lights, which takes a lot of room. Vice Mayor Adams submitted quotes from Clark Display to handle all of our lighting needs. For a three-year lease, with a trade in of our existing lights the cost would be \$5,130.00 per year. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve a three-year lease in the amount of \$5,130.00 per year, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, yes; Commissioner Branch, yes; Commissioner Holthaus, yes; Vice Mayor Adams, yes; Mayor Armstrong, no.

Beach Cleaning Machine

Vice Mayor Adams moved to declare this equipment surplus, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. Vice Mayor Adams told the Commission the company who sells this type of machine is going to provide a price to buy it back. This machine was the machine donated by Pinellas County to five beach communities. Redington Shores is the lone survivor of the agreement, so therefore is responsible to dispose of the machine.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Mayor and Commission to sign Checks and Legal Documents

Vice Mayor Adams moved to authorize the Mayor and Commission to sign checks and legal documents, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Appoint Supervisory Areas

Mayor Armstrong stated the Commission Supervisory Areas would remain the same. Mayor Armstrong: Finance, BIG-C, FL. League of Cities, FL. Beaches and Shores, Mayor's Council and Social, Vice Mayor Adams, Maintenance, Administration, Human Resources, Police and Fire; Commissioner Branch, Building Department, Sewers, Stormwater and SWFWMD; Commissioner Wojcik, Gulf Beaches Library, Emergency Mgmt and Mitigation; Commissioner Holthaus, BIG-C Alternate, Parks and Recreation, PSTA and MPO.

Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Armstrong recommended to reappointment Vice Mayor Adams as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Wojcik moved to reappoint Commissioner Adams as Vice Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 04-07 – Amending FY 05/06 Budget

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 04-07 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 04-07 amending FY 05/06 budget, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Appeal of Board of Adjustment Decision 17710 Lee Avenue – J.J. Beyrouti

Attorney Denhardt gave the Oath to all who will speak on this matter. Mr. Dave Heins, representative for Mr. Beyrouti addressed the Commission. Mr. Hein explained to the Commission a main issue spoke about at the meeting was the parking, and a new parking layout was submitted to the Commission for tonight's meeting. Attorney Denhardt asked if the revised drawings were the original drawings submitted to the Board of Adjustment for the meeting. Mr. Heins explained the drawings were different. It was discussed that since the Board of Adjustment does not review the site plan for parking, they only reviewed the drawings at the hearing for setbacks for the height. The appeal can only be based on what the Board of Adjustment heard and dealt with. The new plan would have to be re-submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board for review. Commissioner Wojcik asked Mr. Heins what mistake the Board of Adjustment had made to warrant the appeal request. Mr. Hein stated he did not think the Board of Adjustment understood the request. Mr. Beyrouti joined Mr. Hein at the podium. Mr. Beyrouti asked if he would need to go back to the Planning and Zoning Board since the parking has changed. Attorney Denhardt asked Building Official Steve Andrews if the new plan submitted is consider a new site plan or not. Mr. Andrews indicated to the Commission that the new site plan is a different site plan than originally submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board. Attorney Denhardt told Mr. Beyrouti he would then need to go back to the Planning and Zoning Board. At this time, Mr. Beyrouti withdrew his appeal to the Board of Adjustment and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, as he will apply to both boards again. Mr. Beyrouti was told there is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for March 28, 2007 if he would like to get onto the docket. Attorney Denhardt stated that at this time the appeal is withdrawn from consideration by the Commission at this time and remanded back to both boards for review.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation 17710 Lee Avenue

Applicant withdrew his request.

Approval – Purchase of Laptop Computers

Tabled at this time.

Amortization Schedule for Undergrounding Loan

Mayor Armstrong explained during the audit process it was found that the town only paid two interest payments

on the loan for the undergrounding instead of two interest payments and one principle. Suntrust has indicated they will work with the town once it is determined by the Commission if they would like to pay the principal payment that was due in December 2006, or to work with the new schedule with paying just the two interest payments. The budget will need to be amended to adjust for the correct amount. After discussion, Vice Mayor Adams moved to pay the back principal payment and continue with the schedule as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Purchase Aluminum Gangway-Del Bello Park

Building Official Steve Andrews presented the Commission with two bids. Dock Hardware shows an amount of \$4,400.00 and Duncan Seawall, Dock & Boat Lift, Inc., \$4,750.00. Mr. Andrews stated the price from Dock Hardware would be more costly with shipping. Vice Mayor Adams moved to purchase the ganway from Duncan Seawall for \$4,750.00, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Annual Evaluation – Gary Windon

Vice Mayor Adams reported Gary Windon's annual evaluation has been completed. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve a 3% increase (\$9.64) for Gary Windon effective the week of March 26th, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Annual Evaluation – Steve Andrews

Commissioner Branch reported he has completed the annual evaluation for Building Official Steve Andrews and moves to approve a 2.5% increase for Mr. Andrews, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Don Lusk commented to the Commission on high property taxes and taking a roll back rate.

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

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

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk