

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Gulf Beaches Public Library Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Adams said there are still some issues with the current library agreement. Commissioner Wojcik, who has been working on the contract, said there now are no consequences for breaking the contract, and there should be some clarifications regarding a town's cancellation of its part of the contract, such as fees, etc. Commissioner Holmes added that based on per capita monies this will not work to bring back Treasure Island's participation. Further discussion by the Commission showed agreement that some kind of penalty should be included in the contract for towns that drop out of the contract. Commissioner Wojcik asked Commissioner Holmes to assist with ideas to revise the interlocal agreement, and Commissioner Holmes agreed to participate.

Proposed Fertilizer Ordinance

The recent draft of the Ordinance was discussed, with Mayor Adams explaining that there may be some enforcement issues. It will be important to get the information to the residents. The Fertilizer Ordinance will be placed on the April 8 agenda for first reading.

Ordinance 09-02 – Amending Resident Identification Stickers

Mayor Adams explained that with the new Commission the proposed changes to the parking lot Ordinance should be discussed, including permitting businesses to have parking tags. There had been some discussion about charging businesses more for tags. After some discussion the Commission agreed to allow businesses to purchase 3 tags each, and not to allow any commercial vehicles to use the lot, with options to change some policies at a later date. The revised Ordinance will be on the April 8 agenda.

Flood Plain Management Plan

Commissioner Wojcik explained the connection of the FPMP to the CRS flood insurance ratings, as the plan is a requirement for CRS ratings and must be reviewed annually. Commissioner Wojcik said that the goal is to refresh the plan in October and present it in January. The current rating for the Town is "8". Commissioner Holmes agreed to work with Commissioner Wojcik to look for options for improved ratings.

NEW BUSINESS

Hurricane Awareness Meeting

Commissioner Wojcik reported that the recent hurricane meetings have had low attendance. Compared to Indian Shores, which has a large turnout, the Town needs to improve attendance. It was agreed that Commissioner Wojcik would approach Indian Shores with a request to join their hurricane awareness meeting. Commissioner Kapper also suggested that the date of the meeting be changed so it is not so close to the Memorial Day Holiday, when many people are on vacation.

Discussion FY 2010 Budget

Mayor Adams welcomed the Financial Advisory Committee members who attended tonight's meeting. Mayor Adams said this is a tough year, with a possible 12% reduction in ad valorem monies which are not protected by the "Save our Homes" cap. Mayor Adams encouraged everyone to attend the April Workshop, when Pinellas County Appraiser Pam Dubov will speak to the Commission. Commissioner Wojcik presented a spreadsheet he did comparing the last 4 to 5 years of budgets. Commissioner Wojcik said the Yacht & Tennis Club has added to the taxable value base of the Town; next year would see a 7 ½ - 8% reduction in values for the Town. Mayor Adams said that it is important to keep the town's employees, to avoid compounding the overall crisis of unemployment; and on a different note complimented Commissioner Kapper for investigating the town's parks to suggest improvements.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams mentioned the ongoing litigation with the Gulf Mariner Condo regarding the adjacent easement. On February 27 Mayor Adams met with the Town Attorney and Gulf Mariner Attorney to discuss options for the easement at 176th Ave. and Lee Ave. The previous Commission had agreed to deny restrictions placed on the Town for use of that easement; Mayor Adams asked the current Commission its viewpoint. All Commissioners agreed that the consensus has not changed, therefore Mayor Adams will contact Gulf Mariner with this information.

Commissioner Holmes said that some of the beach accesses will need some additional work with pavers, concrete, etc. which will require a \$2,745.00 change order to the RFP. Commissioner Holmes assured the Commission that the funds are included in the original budget.

Mayor Adams asked the Commissioners to prepare budget needs for their individual departments for future discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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