

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Undergrounding Project

Vice Mayor Adams reported that the undergrounding project is moving forward, but will be over budget due to the removal and repairs to landscaping, concrete walks/driveways, etc. Vice Mayor Adams said that the Town is doing about 90% of such removals/repairs, and involves some situations where the resident is unable to do the work in the right-of-way. There is no contractual indication for payment, and the total amount spent so far on removals is not known. Mayor Armstrong said that there was no indication in the planning stages (tapes, letters) of the project that specified that residents need to pay for landscaping removals or replacements, and no monies were budgeted for such problems. Mayor Armstrong suggested the Town try to make monthly audits to ascertain how much the expenditures for this extra work are. Vice Mayor Adams will try to have some monetary amounts available for the next meeting. Commissioner Branch added that the Town has just purchased a new sewer camera that will hopefully determine who is responsible for the sewer hits.

Appointments to Financial Advisory Board

There were 3 reappointments to be approved for another 2 year term: Ron Stein (motion by Vice Mayor Adams, second by Commissioner Wojcik; roll call all yes); Dave Eldridge (motion by Commissioner Wojcik, second by Vice Mayor Adams; roll call all yes); Ken Brown (motion by Commissioner Branch, second by Vice Mayor Adams; roll call all yes).

Discussion – Proposed Transient Rental Ordinance

The Turtle Ordinance was tabled until the May Workshop meeting. Commissioner Branch asked if anything can be done in the meantime for one resident's ongoing problem with weekend renters next door. Mayor Armstrong said that Chief Williams should be made aware, and that the police should be called whenever there is a noise violation. Mayor Armstrong also suggested that Steve Andrews could send a warning letter to the owner of the property.

Discussion – Proposed Ordinance – Combining Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor Armstrong read a letter from Attorney Denhardt, suggesting that the Ordinance to combine the boards should coincide with the Ordinance for the Land Development rewrite, since it will become a new section of the Code. It was agreed to follow Mr. Denhardt's advice.

Discussion – Proposed Turtle Protection Ordinance

The Commission reviewed the revised Turtle Ordinance, that Mayor Armstrong said was almost exactly the same as the Indian Shores Ordinance, with few comments. It was agreed that turtles need protection and the Ordinance is a valuable tool.

NEW BUSINESS

Gulf Beaches Library Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Wojcik reported that approximately 35% of the Town's residents belong to the Madeira Beach Library. Mayor Armstrong said that she is also a member of Seminole Library, and that the \$40,000 per year budgeted for the Gulf Beaches Library seems high. Several residents spoke out stating that they use the Seminole or Largo Libraries more than they use Madeira Beach because they have more facilities. Commissioner Wojcik said he would research the validity of the fees paid, and the percentage of residents who use it.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong advised the Commission to think about the composition of the Canvassing Board, since it had not been discussed for a few weeks, and to have some suggestions for the May Workshop. Mayor Armstrong also asked for some ideas for redistricting the Yacht & Tennis Club for the May Workshop. The first meeting regarding the new budget was held April 24, with Mary Palmer and Mayor Armstrong meeting. There are no numbers yet. The Financial Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Budget.

Vice Mayor Adams has received several complaints about the exterior condition of the maintenance garage. Vice Mayor Adams said he would like some help to have it refaced.

Commissioner Holthaus reported that the kayak launch at Del Bello Park is now operational. Mayor Armstrong would like to have a "Grand Opening" when all of the improvements are finished.

Commissioner Branch said that former Vice Mayor Lee Holmes had had surgery recently, and is recuperating at home. Commissioner Branch thanked Vice Mayor Adams and Brad Kelley for their hard work following the undergrounding project, and praised Brad for his dedication. Commissioner Branch questioned the Gulf Blvd. beautification drawings (presented at the Workshop) from the DOT, prepared by Phil Graham. It was explained that North Redington Beach did not have as much difficulty with its beautification project, and the new engineer for DOT has implemented some new regulations.

Commissioner Wojcik reported that he continues to work on debris road clearing and disaster plans with the County, and has sent a road clearing priority agenda to Pinellas County.

Resident Tom Kapper commented that since there are two very nice libraries within a few miles of Town, there should be no need to spend \$40,000 per year for the Gulf Beaches Library.

Resident Don Lusk requested that a professional investigate the oak trees at Spitzer Park, because they seem to be diseased.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 8, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, May 29, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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