

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008
FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL: Mayor Armstrong, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Attorney Denhardt. Absent: Commissioner Wojcik

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance – Transient Rentals

Mayor Armstrong first referred to comments and observations from absent Commissioner Wojcik regarding the Ordinance. Attorney Jim Denhardt said he believes it is now consistent with what the Commission wants – for the RM-15 and the RS-7 districts. Mr. Denhardt forwarded the proposed Ordinance to Chris Mettler at the PPC for consistency on wording who had no comments to date. Mr. Denhardt suggested waiting until the June Commission meeting for the first reading, to make sure the verbiage the county is using for “transient rentals” – “temporary lodging facilities” – is consistent with the Town. This would also alleviate the need to pay for advertising twice if the Ordinance isn’t consistent. The Ordinance will be on the June 11 meeting for first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Land Use/Zoning Fees §90-124(B)(12)

Mayor Armstrong explained that the current Land Use and Zoning regulations state that when an application is made, but then withdrawn, any fees paid will be refunded after all of the Town’s incurred costs are figured. Mr. Denhardt said this is pretty unique to Redington Shores, and that most Towns do not refund application fees. A recent request from a resident to refund all of his application fee after he withdrew the application prompted a review of the Town’s policy. Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Denhardt to prepare an amended Ordinance stating no refund of fees for the May 14 Commission meeting, provided that there is sufficient time to advertise.

Discussion – Piggybacking with Rowland Contractors for the Stormwater/Paving Project

Steve Andrews, Building Official, referred to the last Commission meeting when approval was given to piggyback Phase 2,3 and 4 of the stormwater project. Mayor Armstrong asked what the material costs would be for this part of the work. Mr. Andrews explained that he is waiting on the engineering figures, and will have comparison figures for the May 14 meeting, so there is no postponement of the bid. Commissioner Branch referred to the progress with the dune walkovers, and that Mr. Andrews succeeding in piggybacking with Indian Rocks Beach to get them constructed before turtle nesting season, citing his ability to get bids together in a timely manner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Vice Mayor Adams announced that the new parking lot will be opened on May 1. The undergrounding utility project will be complete in about 2 weeks. Finally, the large box for Verizon is now gone.

Commissioner Branch explained that there were some right-of-way issues that delayed the undergrounding project, and that the lights on the west side are almost done.

Mayor Armstrong attended the Big-C meeting recently, and said the County is willing to commit to \$35 million for the Gulf Blvd. undergrounding project, with unspent funds going to the County. The Big-C members want the unused monies to remain within the municipalities. Mayor Armstrong said the project would take 5 years, and extend from St. Pete Beach to Clearwater Beach.

Mayor Armstrong reminded residents that turtle nesting season begins May 1, so beach lighting must be kept at a minimum. Red lights can be substituted because turtles don't see red. Mayor Armstrong also invited residents to celebrate Older Americans Month with an ice cream social Saturday, May 3, from 3-5 p.m.

Attorney Jim Denhardt said that he had received correspondence from the attorney for Gulf Mariner regarding the use of the easement to the north, and requesting that it be used solely for pedestrian by Resolution. Mr. Denhardt cited surveys showing 2 10' easements, one belonging to the Town. Oscar Sierra, representing Gulf Mariner, argued that the Town is not protecting the easement from vehicle traffic, and that the Town had not been made aware of the proposed Resolution from their attorney. Mayor Armstrong agreed to discuss the issue further at the May 28 Workshop.

Detective Jason Routzahn said that the Indian Shores Police would work with Gulf Mariner residents to have temporary parking on 176th Ave. for special circumstances, such as trailers for people moving in, or delivery situations. Vice Mayor Adams assured Mr. Sierra that the Police would not hand out tickets without checking the situation first.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk