

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion FY 2009/2010 Proposed Budget and Millage Rate

Mayor Adams explained that the proposed Ad Valorem rate could be changed to 2.0000, and \$51,435.00 could be transferred from reserves to balance the budget. Mayor Adams and Vice Mayor Branch attended the Monday night Pinellas County Commission Meeting, and heard that the taxable values are down another 6% for next year. The next fiscal year, 2010/2011, is projected to be even worse. Mayor Adams also said that the monies slated for the Gulf Blvd. beautification project from Pennies for Pinellas - originally \$35 million - have been substantially reduced. County Commissioner Brickfield spoke in favor of retaining monies for the Gulf Blvd. improvements on behalf of the Gulf Beaches communities.

Mayor Adams asked for input from the Commission regarding the current proposed budget. Commissioner Wojcik said the change to 2.0000 Ad Valorem is a good idea, and that the numbers can change after July 1. Commissioner Holmes thanked Mayor Adams and the Financial Advisory Board for all of the hard work on the budget. The millage rate is small and there is no utility tax being imposed so far; so the cost to the taxpayer would be about \$15.00 per year extra. Commissioner Branch cited Amendment 1 as a major cause of the problems today, and said the Town is doing the best it can under the circumstances. Mayor Adams said that he will meet with Town Staff Thursday morning to discuss ways to cut expenses. There are discussions with the County regarding maintenance of the park in exchange for revenues of 50% to the Town, which would bring in some monies. Commissioner Wojcik added that it may be advisable to use some restricted funds by going to a March referendum.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Work Hours

Commissioner Kapper said that when he first saw the hours that the Public Works crew had he felt they were not a good idea, but has since decided that they are fine. The maintenance staff recently saved the Town money when they made repairs to the maintenance garage instead of hiring a contractor. Discussion ensued regarding changing the hours the staff works, with the general consensus that the early hours are necessary, and any emergencies or problems that occur later in the day would be handled by calling in one of the staff. Mayor Adams suggested leaving the current work hours as is for now.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk