

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008 7:00 P.M.
FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Branch; Commissioner Holthaus; Vice Mayor Adams; Mayor Armstrong. Planning & Zoning Board present: Tom Kapper; Sam Ireson; Jeanette DeMarco; Fred Hajjar; Bob Phillips

Discussion EAR Based Amendments with Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Armstrong introduced Laura Dedenbach from Plan-it US, who has been revising the EAR amendments for the Town. Mayor Armstrong explained that the almost 2 year process is approaching final review, and this meeting is a combined discussion with the Planning & Zoning Board to revise any scrivener's errors or remaining issues. The EAR based amendments are a pathway to the future of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and allows interpretation for its implementation. There was discussion among the Commission and Planning & Zoning members regarding individual policies of the EAR. Bob Phillips requested that there be more discussion regarding Objective 1.3 and its policies concerning pedestrian crosswalks at the next Workshop meeting; Mayor Armstrong agreed. Ms. Dedenbach explained that the next steps in the process are to have a Planning & Zoning hearing to recommend approval to the Commission after her revisions; then a Transmittal Hearing by the Commission to send it to the State for a 60 day review. The amendments should be adopted by December.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion FY 2008/2009 Tentative Budget

Mayor Armstrong began by commenting on the current Ad Valorem rate, which is at 1.5229 millage, and the roll back rate of 1.8016, and that there is some confusion as to what would be the best choice. Mayor Armstrong stated that the budget should remain conservative, and the Commission then reviewed the budget by line item. With regard to the Building Department permit fees, Mayor Armstrong said the projections are not realistic, and recommended decreasing the numbers to about 50,000. Mayor Armstrong suggested the Building Department "go back to the drawing board." One item that prompted discussion was the replacement of the Television equipment, suggested by Commissioner Wojcik. There were suggestions that resident participation in Town business may be increased by better communication, including more appealing T.V. cable and group emails. With regard to Capital Improvement monies, Mayor Armstrong said that if repairs are needed at the parks or easements, new equipment should not be ordered, and that there are no state grant monies allotted for maintenance of CIP projects. The next phase of the budget review will be a meeting scheduled with the Financial Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Placement of Trees from Medians

The beautification of the medians will begin soon, and the existing palms will need to be moved. Mayor Armstrong asked for suggestions on where to replant them. Vice Mayor Adams recommended placing some at Constitution Park, and at the new parking lot. Although there are 27 palms to move, Vice Mayor Adams said some may die, or are already unhealthy.

Discussion – Employment Manual

Mayor Armstrong referred to Attorney Jim Denhardt's comments about the Employee Manual, and said that any necessary changes or additions will be done and reviewed at the July 30 Workshop. The next project to deal with will be the Policy and Procedures Manual, according to Mayor Armstrong.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Wojcik suggested having a combined Hurricane Awareness meeting next year with the Town of Indian Shores, to increase the resident participation.

Commissioner Holthaus asked about the installation of the beach buoys; Vice Mayor Adams said they are being installed this date by Blue Water Divers.

Mayor Armstrong asked for the Commission's input regarding the proposed off-shore drilling in the Gulf to try to offset the high cost of fuel. There were mixed comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk