

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion FY 2010/2011 Budget

Mayor Adams stated that the current Ad Valorem is 2.0, and that taxable values are down by 10.2%. Mayor Adams also explained that the numbers for alcohol, beverage, CST and optional gas tax are not in yet. Several line items on the budget were discussed, including the increase in Attorney's fees, which Mayor Adams said are due to the ongoing lawsuit with Gulf Mariner Condominium. Mayor Adams said the Special Magistrate item of \$2,000.00 was for possibly hiring this position for variance hearings. Other line items discussed were the increase in Holiday expenses, which will be needed to hire a company to put up the Christmas lights, since the Town's lights are old and not in perfect condition; travel expenses due to important seminars that Commissioners or Town employees must attend; and additional Capital Improvement funds for a new truck. Commissioner Wojcik asked about the transfer of monies to the Capital Improvement fund, which Mayor Adams explained as loan payments for the undergrounding project. Mayor Adams then asked for comments on possible merit pay and COLA for the employees. Mayor Adams said that merit pay raises must be tied to evaluations, which have not been done in the past 2 years; but that some compensation should be given. Commissioner Wojcik said that a 1% COLA increase would be consistent with the national trend; and since some supervisors are uncomfortable with evaluations for fear of being judged, he would be happy to assist in the process. A merit pay of 3% and COLA of 1% were suggested for the next budget cycle. Mayor Adams added that the Special Payments/Christmas has been increased to \$7,000.00 to supplement bonuses for employees.

Business Tax Receipts

Discussion ensued regarding the current fees for business tax receipts charged to residents and commercial businesses in town. Commissioner Holmes suggested that a 10% increase across all categories would be reasonable, with the actual costs rounded out on each fee. Some possible changes to certain category names were discussed, such as the category for "bootblack" and "masseur," which are outdated terms. The addition of a business tax receipt for ATM's was also discussed, with no decision made. It was agreed that the holders of business tax receipts would be informed in the 2010/2011 mailing of renewals that the fees will go up in the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Procedure for Following Approved Variances, Site Plans and Permits

Commissioner Wojcik said that he feels the procedure for determining the length of time site plans and variances are valid once approved is too vague, and also does not address the meaning of beginning "substantial construction" as stated in §90-129. Commissioner Wojcik expressed concern that the burden of interpretation of time constraints on variances would fall on the staff, and should be clear in the Code. Mayor Adams said that there should be no reason to amend the Ordinance if the Shores Condominium site plan was the only issue that occurred prior to the new Ordinance in March, 2009. Commissioner Holmes said that since 2005 there

have been only 4 variances that were not begun, 2 of which were based on financial constraints, one being the Shores site plan, and the Hotel Isis, which still has to have a site plan before the P & Z Board. Commissioner Holmes agreed to ask Attorney Denhardt to prepare amended verbiage to allow these cases to have extended time for their site plans/variances.

Vice Mayor Branch said that there is a fire hydrant behind Misty Isles motel, 17710 Lee Ave. that may be hooked up to the Shores Condominium. The Town will look into whether it is operable, and if it is connected to the condo lines.

Mayor Adams said that the millage rate for the budget will be set at the July 14 Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr  
Deputy Town Clerk