

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong and Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 11, 2008; Special Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2008; Workshop Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – July 2008

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the July 2008 bills, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong announced the newsletter has been completed and distributed. Anyone who did not receive one can obtain a copy at town hall.

TDC – the Rays have pulled their proposal for a new stadium. The Cultural Fairs of Pinellas County is distributing their art in Pinellas County.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Department – there were 111 calls with no reports, 109 traffic citations, 66 parking citations, 71 traffic citations and 19 criminal reports. July 4<sup>th</sup> was very busy for the department. Vice Mayor Adams announced that Detective Jason Routzahn of the Indian Shores Police Department was inducted into the Police Hall of Fame, for his investigative work he had done on a rash of burglaries in our area and making an arrest.

Vice Mayor Adams reported to the Commission he has ordered “No Parking on Any Street” signs for the entrance of all the streets on the East side of Gulf Boulevard.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported has begun on properties due to the Undergrounding Project. If someone sees something that is not being done correctly to please let us know. Other issues are being resolved.

Commissioner Branch asked all to pray for Town Clerk Mary Palmer’s father.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik reported the town has teamed up with Indian Shores for a Secondary Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The town has toured the facilities at Chapel on the Hill. Commissioner Wojcik reported he attended a meeting to review the county wide plan for overcoming the effects of a disaster, including hurricanes. The town is a very active participant with the county for debris management; the last meeting focused on managing the sand that would be pushed onto Gulf Blvd, Lee Avenue and Sunset Blvd.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus reported the beach buoys have been replaced. All the parks are in good condition.

**OLD BUSINESS****OPEN PUBLIC HEARING****Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing Ordinance 08-04; Transient Rentals**

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 08-04 by title. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 08-04 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Mayor Armstrong asked for any public discussion. There being none, roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING****Resolution 07-08 – Opposing Use of Bed Tax on New Stadium**

Mayor Armstrong explained the Rays Baseball Team will not be seeking funding at this time for a new stadium. This resolution will not be needed at this time.

**Approval – Employment Manual**

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the newest version of the manual and to accept the policies set forth in the manual as employment policies of the town, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

**FY 2008/2009 Proposed Millage and Ad Valorem Tax; and FY 2008-2009 Tentative Budget**

Mayor Armstrong explained she has put a lot of time into the budget, as well as the Commission and Finance Committee. Staff was asked for input also. After much discussion at the Finance Committee meeting the committee has recommended taking the roll back rate at 1.8016. The current millage rate is 1.5229. The town has lost over 19 million dollars in taxable value. The roll back as allowed by the state; is what the state considers to be even. Mayor Armstrong reviewed with the Commission the changes the Finance Committee recommended. Vice Mayor Adams would like to place money in the budget for a merit increase for Brad Kelley when he attains his license for Building Inspector. Mayor Armstrong suggested not to budget at this time, and when Brad obtains his license allow the increase and make a budget amendment. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the tentative millage at 1.8016 and approve the tentative budget, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

**NEW BUSINESS****Approval - Record Retention Request**

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the record retention request, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

**Approval - Piggybacking with North Redington Beach – Median Palms**

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve piggybacking with North Redington Beach on the Median Palm Project, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

**Proclamation – Proclaiming Silver Star Banner Day May 1<sup>st</sup> Annually**

Mayor Armstrong Proclaimed Silver Star Banner Day May 1<sup>st</sup> on an annual basis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kenneth Markgraf addressed the Commission soliciting donations for the Memorial Dedication at Friendship Park in Redington Beach. The memorial is dedicated to the lives lost in 9-11. Vice Mayor Adams moved to donate \$50.00, seconded by Commissioners. After further discussion Vice Mayor Adams moved to amend the motion to donate \$100.00, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resident Oscar Sierra addressed the Commission in regard to the Indian Shores Police going onto their property at Gulf Mariner when they need to access the beach. The Association has had to repair sprinklers from this action. After discussion the conclusion was for Commissioner Wojcik to work along with Oscar Sierra and Detective Routzahn for a solution to this situation. Mr. Sierra also addressed the Commission in regard to their

lighting at their pool and receiving a notice from the County in regard to turning off their pool lights at night during turtle nesting season. Mr. Sierra asked the Commission to check the new light installed during the undergrounding as it does cast light out onto the beach.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Wojcik reminded the residents that sea oats will be planted on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who can and will volunteer should meet at the Coral Beach Ave. Access.

Commissioner Wojcik also reminded everyone the town's codes are available on the town's web site at [www.townofredingtonshore.com](http://www.townofredingtonshore.com)

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, July 30, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC  
Town Clerk