

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007 – 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, Tuesday, June 12, 2007; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, June 26, 2007, Work Session Reviewing the Land Development Rewrite, Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mayor Armstrong made the following correction to the June 12, 2007 minutes as follows: Mayor's Report: "It was announced that Fort Walton County lost their court case concerning not wanting the beach renourishment", to "Supreme court ruling in favor of Fort Walton County and in Beach Renourishment". Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the minutes as corrected and listed, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – July 2007

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the bills as listed, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong read a letter of apology from one of the juveniles who were part of the vandalism at Spitzer Park. Mayor Armstrong attended a half day meeting with the Visitors and Convention Bureau Board of Directors in which they approved and recommended to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners \$300,000.00 in new products to support tourism.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams thanked Sergeant Doug Pasley and the Indian Shores Police Department for their help in the July 4th Fireworks display. Vice Mayor Adams reviewed the month's police citations with the Commission.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch reported the undergrounding is moving along on schedule, with the exception of Verizon, who is running two weeks behind. Commissioner Branch announced the sound system has been repaired. Commissioner Branch asked volunteers to run the cameras during the meeting.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Emergency Management – Commissioner Wojcik has been firming up the logistic plan for Redington Shores in case of an emergency event. Commissioner Wojcik has met with Captain Stiner of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office concerning the re-entry procedures. The sheriff will be the sole authority on the re-entry onto the barrier island; they will work hand in hand with Indian Shores Police Department at the bridge when the bridges are open. Commissioner Wojcik thanked town staff for constantly working and updating the town's Emergency Management Plan. Mayor Armstrong announced at this time that a meeting would be held on July 11th at 7:00 p.m. for training citizen volunteers for help during and after a storm event.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Spitzer Park – completely repaired from the fire. The town is waiting to hear from the state concerning the grant applied for.

Del Bello Park – still waiting for the equipment to arrive for the exercise stations.

Fireworks – Commissioner Holthaus thanked all involved for a very successful fireworks display.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing, Ordinance 07-01 – Sea Turtle Protection

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 07-01 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to adopt Ordinance 07-01, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Residents from Gulf Mariner Condominium asked if they would comply with the new ordinance if they were to adhere to the candle light requirements for lighting in order to keep their pool open later at night. Consensus was they would be in compliance, but Building Official Steve Andrews will review.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing, Ordinance 07-02 – Amending Charter Section C-16; Purchase Procedures

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 07-02 by title. Mayor Armstrong explained the amendment to the purchase procedures would help with expediting projects. Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Ordinance 07-02, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Approve Gulf Beach Library Contract

Commissioner Wojcik explained that five communities support the Gulf Beaches Library, (Redington Shores, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Madeira Beach and Treasure Island) and at this time, the contract is up for renewal, with the only change being a 180-day notice to terminate the agreement. Commissioner Wojcik reported that 900 Redington Shores residents hold cards and use the library. The budget amount at this time for the 07/08 budget is \$40,178.00. Vice Mayor Adams moved to authorize Mayor Armstrong to sign the Gulf Beach Library Interlocal Agreements, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Parking 176th Ave. West and Lee Avenue

Mayor Armstrong explained the restrictions were put in place per the recommendation from the Police Department for safety issues. Mayor Armstrong opened the floor to any resident who would like to address the Commission. Many residents from Gulf Mariner Condominium and some residents in single-family homes addressed the Commission asking them to remove and/or adjust the no parking rule that was recently established for 176th Ave. West and Lee Ave, reasons being, not enough parking at Gulf Mariner for visitor parking, and not enough parking for the single-family homes for guest. Mr. Louis Sanchez, resident and owner of 2 single-family homes on 176th Ave. West spoke in favor of the recently passed restrictions and asked if the Commission would maintain the position they passed in the resolution. The Commission did indicate they have received many emails for the removal of the restrictions and have received emails in favor of the restrictions. Resident Rick Lobur asked if the old town hall lot could be turned into a parking lot. Vice Mayor Adams indicated that he is looking into this matter, and will report on this when more information is made available to him. After much discussion, Mayor Armstrong suggested putting a moratorium on the enforcement until the workshop meeting to be held on July 31st, 2007. Commissioner Wojcik moved to suspend Resolution 10-07 until further action at the workshop meeting July 31st, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Vice Mayor Adams asked the residents if they would consider going from a telephone pole on 176th Ave. West to the telephone pole on Lee Avenue. Roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Donation Request – Neighborly Care Network

Mayor Armstrong reported Neighborly Care Network is requesting a \$5,000.00 donation. The Commission is trying to scale back on the budget for next year because of the tax reform. According to facts, the town should give 10% of the services rendered to the residents. Vice Mayor Adams moved to donate \$2,000.00 to the Neighborly Care Network for the Fiscal Year 07/08, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal to Commission – Special Master Fine – Fred Ballard, 246 176th Terrace Drive

Resident Fred Ballard addressed the Commission asking the Commission to terminate the fine he was assessed

through the Special Master Process. Mr. Ballard explained he came into compliance and does not understand why there is a fine. Attorney Denhardt explained that Mr. Ballard did come into compliance, but fine is for legal fees not for non-compliance. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to keep the fine as ordered by the Special Master.

FY 2007/2008 Proposed Millage and Ad Valorem Tax; and FY 2007-2008 Tentative Budget

Mayor Armstrong explained the proposed millage rate cannot be set at this time as the town is waiting for the Department of Revenue to send out form DR420M that is to be used during this budget process along with the DR420 form. The County has adjusted their dates for trim compliance; therefore, the town will be adjusting their meeting dates. Mayor Armstrong stated there would be another Financial Advisory Board meeting prior to the workshop meeting on July 31. Vice Mayor Adams stated that the building department had requested monies be placed in the proposed budget for a new truck. This line item has been eliminated and Vice Mayor Adams spoke to the Commission about giving a car allowance to Brad Kelley, since he does use his vehicle for building inspections, etc. The maintenance department has tried to double up in the maintenance vehicles to try to free up a truck for Brad to use, but this has not worked at all, as there is so much going on with the undergrounding project. Vice Mayor Adams moved to allow a \$300.00 per month car allowance effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Mayor Armstrong explained she would support actual millage rate. Roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, no; Commissioner Branch, yes; Commissioner Holthaus, yes; Vice Mayor Adams, yes; Mayor Armstrong, no.

Donation Request – Solutions to Avoid Red Tide, Inc. (S.T.A.R.T.)

The Commission discussed this request and consensus of the Commission is not to donate monies.

Approve Contractor for Grill Work at Constitution Park

Commissioner Holthaus explained he has received three bids for renovations to the grill area at Constitution Park. The following bids were received: Oakhurst Construction, \$2,550.00; Kloote Contracting, \$4,507.00; Coral Stone Builders, LLC, \$4,400.00. Commissioner Holthaus moved to award the contract to Oakhurst Construction, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Oscar Sierra addressed the Commission discussing what he feels is a problem between Gulf Mariner Condominium and the construction project at Hotel Isis next to their property. Gulf Mariner residents had submitted a complaint to the building department and no action has been taken. The Commission asked Mr. Sierra to leave information with the office for them to review, as they are not aware of this situation.

Resident Sharon Daniellson told the Commission she heard many compliments on the July 4th Fireworks.

Resident Louis Sanchez asked the Commission what the rules are for overnight parking. Commissioner Wojcik directed Mr. Sanchez to the town web site where the codes are listed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, July 31, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk