

WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion FY 09/10 Budget

Mayor Adams noted one change in the Tentative Budget regarding Progress Energy revenues from \$130,000 to \$165,239, due to a raise in rates. Mayor Adams said there is no millage rate change at this time. Numbers for insurance rates will not be available until after August 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion - Redington Beach Letter of Request – Town Property Redington Beach

Mayor Adams said he received a letter recently from Mayor Nick Simons, Redington Beach, regarding the 2 lots owned by Redington Shores and located next to the Redington Beach Town Park. Mayor Simons had asked that the Town of Redington Shores consider selling the lots to Redington Beach, so they can expand their park. Grant monies are not in place at this time, but Mayor Simons would like to have the option to buy the lots. After some discussion the Commission decided that the Town would not offer to sell the lots at this time.

Request for Two Hour Parking Limit – 17471 Gulf Blvd.

Marty Howard, owner of Howard's Hoagies, addressed the Commission regarding limiting the parking spaces in front of his store to 2 hr. limits. Mayor Adams expressed strong support for local businesses; however, he received information from a DOT official stating that DOT cannot approve public parking limits on Gulf Blvd. Mr. Howard cited two places in Town – Kenny's Korner and in front of the Barber Shop – where such 2 hr. limit signs exist. Mayor Adams said the Town would look into the signs in front of Kenny's; and further suggested that Mr. Howard speak to his landlord about installing some "Customer Parking" signs in the back of the building.

Discussion – Maintenance of Foreclosing Properties

Mayor Adams suggested that this topic be tabled until the next Workshop meeting since Vice Mayor Branch is absent.

Update – Town of Redington Shores Hurricane Preparedness

Commissioner Wojcik has met with Steve Sutch and Chief Williams recently to review the plans for the Secondary EOC, located at Seminole Middle School. A staff meeting was held with Redington Shores staff on July 28 to go over procedures, staff responsibilities, and supplies provided by Seminole Schools. Mayor Adams suggested looking at Indian Shores' method of filling sand bags using a funnel system. Commissioner Wojcik said the preparations are coming along, with necessary changes being made to the Disaster Plan.

Discussion Resolution 22-79 Conflict of Interest

Mayor Adams suggested rescinding Resolution 22-79. Jim Denhardt, Town Attorney, said that the Resolution could be rescinded since Florida law adequately addresses ethical requirements of elected officials and

employees. It was agreed to rescind Resolution 22-79 at the August 12 meeting.

Discussion – Interlocal Agreement – Pinellas County and Redington Shores County Beach Access

Mayor Adams explained that the Town will soon take over the landscape maintenance of the County park, and the Town will now have a 50% split with the County on parking revenues. The Town will pay for a new parking machine, and will collect all monies until the machine is paid for. Any special events parking revenue will go to the Town. The Town will sign the Interlocal Agreement at the August 12 meeting.

Discussion – Usage of Restricted Monies

Commissioner Wojcik asked that some of the Town's restricted funds be approved for use by the Town, which would require a referendum vote. When asked how many restricted funds there were, Mary Palmer, Town Clerk, explained that in the General Fund there are fire reserves; mitigation funds ; Progress Energy franchise fees; and restricted sewer funds. Capital Improvement funds include LDU's, Transportation Impact fees, 1 cent sales tax and stormwater fees. Attorney Jim Denhardt said that there may be some difficulty transferring some funds for new uses. The Commission agreed to add the fire reserves to General Fund operating expenses to help offset the fire services annual fee; and to discuss raising the fire fees at the August Workshop.

Discussion - Accumulated Sick Hours

Commissioner Holmes explained that Steve Andrews, Building Official, had used all of his vacation and sick leave due to surgery, and asked that the Commission consider approval of his use of some "banked" sick time from previous years if necessary. The Commission will vote to approve at the August meeting.

Discussion – Supervising Maintenance Department

Commissioner Kapper explained that, while Steve Jordan is Superintendent of Public Works, there have been some issues where maintenance requests have not been done. Commissioner Kapper asked to have Steve Andrews help to supervise maintenance. Commissioner Holmes said that he had talked with Mr. Andrews, and that his schedule is pretty full, and would not be able to take on more. Mr. Andrews would be available for any building related services (plans, construction, etc.) Commissioner Kapper expressed concerns that Mr. Jordan may be too much of a friend to his staff, and could use some supervisory cues. It was agreed that Commissioner Wojcik, who is Human Resource Commissioner, would be able to guide Mr. Jordan in this area. Mayor Adams suggested that Commissioner Kapper and Steve Jordan ride through the Town and assess areas that need work. It was also agreed that the job description for Superintendent of Public Works be revised.

Commissioner Holmes thanked everyone for the card he received when he was recently hospitalized.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk