

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, July 9, 2008; Workshop Meeting, July 30, 2008

Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Commissioner Branch.

Commissioner Wojcik stated he had a correction to the workshop minutes on page two, correct "the easement is 9'3" wide to, the width between the columns is 9'3". Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – August 2008

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong announced there will be a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., for the First Reading of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Mayor Armstrong reported she attended a luncheon today hosted by Progress Energy. The luncheon program revolved around energy in Florida, energy savings, off shore drilling, etc. They have a plan in place for a Home Energy Improvement Program. Residents can receive more information by going to the web site www.savethewatts.com or call 1-877-275-9288. The two new Nuclear Power Plants being built will cost 14 billion dollars; 10 billion will be raised by Progress Energy through loans and stocks. The portion they are looking for the taxpayer to pay is 4 billion to carry the cost of the construction. The long term benefit is 50 to 60 years out to have a low cost energy source.

The BIG-C has taken a position against off shore drilling. If you take a look at the Texas Gulf Coast, hotels have buckets of dawn dishwashing soap to clean off the oil.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams announced there were a number of auto thefts in town. Vice Mayor Adams encouraged everyone to lock their car doors and house doors. Criminal reports were up by 13 reports, parking citations up by 22 reports.

The palm trees are being removed on the islands and planted in other areas of town. There is plan to place some by town hall, but at this time we are in a potential lawsuit and have been asked not to change anything until we receive permission from our insurance carrier.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch mentioned the reason for having tonight's meeting in the Community Room is due to construction repairs needed to be done in the main meeting room.

The new palms will be installed in the islands in the next several weeks. The Town has received a grant for this project; engineering has held the project up. Mayor Armstrong reported that some of the trees have been placed at Del Bello Park and this should help with the Gulf Boulevard Beautification and the town being responsible for street scaping.

Sewer Rehab – still waiting for the new sewer panel.

Stormwater Project – have at least 10 bidders who are going to respond. Bids will be opened on Monday, August 25, 2008.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik thanked all those who volunteered to plant the sea oats. Special thanks to Mayor Armstrong, Steve and Maria Andrews.

Commissioner Wojcik reported he had attended a meeting demonstrating a wireless camera that could be used with the software the town has in case of emergencies. Commissioner Wojcik told the Commission the camera would cost about \$500.00; he will purchase the camera using Emergency Management money. Commissioner Wojcik is still waiting for a meeting to be set to tour the Secondary EOC at Seminole Middle School.

Commissioner Wojcik told the Commission that at the last meeting Mayor Armstrong ordered him to organize a task force to solve the requirement for emergency vehicles to access the beach through the 176th Ave. West Beach Access. Commissioner Wojcik presented the recommendations at the July Workshop Meeting and now would like to get the solution funded not to exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Wojcik will implement the solution in phases to comply with turtle nesting season. There are pilings at the end of the access, which prevent vehicle access. The plan is to cut the top of the pilings off now and to remove the bottom part of the pilings after turtle season. Mayor Armstrong asked if removing the pilings would cost \$2,000.00. Commissioner Wojcik stated the \$2,000.00 is for the entire recommendation. The Commission was in consensus to cut the railings and leaving the pilings at this time.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus reported the Parks and Recreation will be meeting in the near future and will discuss improving Spitzer Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation Request – Neighborly Care Network

Vice Mayor Adams moved to donate \$1,500.00 for fiscal year 2008/2009, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. The monies will be budgeted to come out of the Civic and Youth Donations.

Approval – Auditor Selection

Mayor Armstrong stated the Auditor Selection Committee has reviewed the five proposals and interviewed two prospective firms. At the last workshop meeting the Committee recommended to approve the firm of Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the proposed contract from Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini and to authorize Mayor Armstrong to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Approval Gulf Beaches Library Contract and Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Armstrong announced the Commission last year signed the Interlocal Agreement for three years. The Service Contract is required annually. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the Service Contract for FY 2008/2008 in the amount of \$40,180.00 and for Mayor Armstrong to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – September 30, 2007 Audit Report

Mayor Armstrong noted there were no material weaknesses or reportable conditions in the operation of the Town. The major point is the differences of the amount of revenue budgeted and collected for the Building Department. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the September 30, 2007 Audit Report, seconded by Vice

Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Increase Park Fees – Non-Residents

Mayor Armstrong explained this item is to increase the fees for the rental of Constitution Park for non-residents; all other fees will remain the same. Vice Mayor Adams moved to increase the fees to \$100.00 for less than 50 people and \$150.00 for over 50 people, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Appointments – July 4th Fireworks Committee

Mayor Armstrong announced that Mayor Queen of North Redington Beach has committed to \$8,000.00 for next years fireworks if a barge is used and centrally located. Commissioner Branch reported he checked with Treasure Island and the barge they used was donated by the company that did the bridge construction. The following appointments were made to the committee: District 1, Ron and Mary Gerst; District Two, Pete Ganio; District Three, Joe Diaz and Mark Jones. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the named appointees as stated at this meeting, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Lunch Stop Constitution Park – Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk

Mayor Armstrong announced that the Town has been asked for the use of Constitution Park as a mid-day lunch stop. They will set up and clean up. They will set up Friday, October 31st and the event will be held Saturday, November 1st, 2008. Commissioner Branch told the Commission that Mr. and Mrs. Dodge had the park rented for Saturday, November 1st, but have gracefully given up having their function at the park so the park can be used for the 3-Day Walk. Commissioner Branch moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

Reappointment – Barbara Millar – Gulf Beach Public Library Board

Commissioner Wojcik moved to reappointment Barbara Millar for another two year term ending 2010, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Appointment to Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board

Mayor Armstrong explained there is one representative for the Gulf Beaches. Indian Rocks Beach Mayor, R. B. Johnson has served since 2002. Vice Mayor Adams moved to reappoint R. B. Johnson as representative, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Lasher, representative of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) addressed the Commission thanking them for reappointing R. B. Johnson to the PSTA Board. Mr. Lasher also spoke to the Commission about the upcoming increases in fares and also about the purchase of 10 new diesel electric hybrid buses. Vice Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Lasher for the new trash cans placed at the bus stops.

MISCELLANEOUS

Vice Mayor Adams announced that Diane Beasley a long time resident and employee at Circle K has passed away.

Commissioner Wojcik asked if the discussion of public accesses would be placed on any future agendas. Mayor Armstrong stated it probably would not. Commissioner Wojcik asked that if it is a Public Works Project, it would not need any approval from the Board of Commissioners. Mayor Armstrong stated it will be approved by the Commission once the project is ready, as all others have.

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

Special Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Commission Mtg

August 13, 2008

Special Meeting – Monday, September 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing, Amend and Adopt FY 2008/2009
Proposed Millage and Ad Valorem Tax and Amend and Adopt FY 2008/2009 Proposed Budget
Regular Meeting – September 10, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk