

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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, July 10, 2007; Special Meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2007; Special Meeting, Tuesday, July 31, 2007 and Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – August 2007

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve the list of bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong reported the telephone poles in District Two should be down by mid September and the undergrounding project should be completed March 2008.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Department – Vice Mayor Adams reported there have been a few car and home burglaries recently and encourage residents to keep their vehicles and homes locked. Indian Shores Police have made arrest in these cases and also an arrest has been made for the armed robbery at 7-11.

Vice Mayor Adams asked any resident who is in attendance in regard to the parking to be please present at the workshop meeting on August 28 as there will be a discussion on parking for the beach access.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch thanked all Law Enforcement for a job well done.

Commissioner Branch reported the ultimate goal is to move the lift station out of the road on 1st and 176th Ave. East. More engineering is needed, which will require more time for the project and also additional monies.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Gulf Beaches Library – the Interlocal Agreement has been signed and the cost of the membership is in the budget.

Emergency Management – the town has done significant work to prepare the town's infrastructure for any impending storms. Commissioner Wojcik reiterated the fact that all residents are responsible for their own life safety and private property preparations.

Wireless Communications – a common set of standards for wireless technology is still evolving. Some of the local cities are experiencing challenges as their wireless projects start to mature. Commissioner Wojcik will keep the Commission informed on this subject.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Spitzer Park – the town is still waiting to hear if we have received the grant for expansion of the park. Del Bello Park – still waiting for the exercise equipment to be delivered.

Constitution Park – the refurbishing project is moving along. The contractor has submitted a quote in the amount of \$1,247.00 for additional work to be done. Commissioner Holthaus moved to approve the amount of \$1,247.00, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 12-07 – Parking 176th Ave. West and Lee Avenue

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 12-07 by title. Vice Mayor Adams gave a brief history on this item, explaining this parking situation has been discussed at many meetings, a resolution passed, a moratorium placed on enforcement and again a motion made and passed to approve the current resolution 12-07, therefore Vice Mayor Adams moved to adopt Resolution 12-07, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, no; Commissioner Branch, yes; Commissioner Holthaus, yes; Vice Mayor Adams, yes; Mayor Armstrong, no. Residents asked if they could discuss this with the Commission. Mayor Armstrong explained the current resolution has been passed. Residents asked what procedure they could follow to bring this parking matter back up for discussion with the Commission. Mayor Armstrong said that it could be discussed at a future workshop meeting.

Resolution 13-07 – Amending Meeting Dates and Times

Attorney Denhardt explained a revised resolution has been submitted with the workshops being held at 7:00 p.m., instead of 6:00 p.m. The Commission was in agreement to keep the workshop times at 7:00 p.m. Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 13-07 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to adopt Resolution 13-07, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

First Reading and Advertised Hearing Ordinance 07-04 – Charter Amendments State Election Requirements

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 07-04 by title. Attorney Denhardt explained these amendments are necessary due to the state law changes over the years, and is basically consider housekeeping changes. Town Clerk Mary Palmer asked Attorney Denhardt if the referendum could be placed on the January 29th primary election. Attorney Denhardt suggest that the changes could be made for the second reading, if the Commission desires. Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve Ordinance 07-04 with the amended date of January 29th, 2008 election, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

July 4th Committee

Mayor Armstrong explained this item was discussed at the last workshop for Mayor Armstrong to chair a committee to solicit funds to host the July 4th Fireworks. The adjacent towns have removed from their budgets for this event, as did Redington Shores. Mayor Armstrong would like to keep the event alive. The amount needed is \$16,000.00 and if the committee has not collected that amount by the time the vendor needs the deposit then there will be no fireworks. Commissioner Branch moved to allow Mayor Armstrong to form and chair a committee to solicit funds for July 4th Fireworks, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Renew Pinellas Planning Council Interlocal Agreement for Professional Planning Services

Mayor Armstrong explained the Interlocal Agreement needs to be renewed; prices for services will remain the same as the 2004 rates and the renewal is for three years. Commissioner Branch moved to renew the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Approval FY 05/06 Audit Report

Mayor Armstrong explained the 05/06 has been completed and the town is doing very well financially. Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the FY 05/06 Audit Report, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes.

Debris Removal Contract

Commissioner Wojcik has been working very closely with Pinellas County to help develop a plan to prepare the town for a disaster, clear our roads within 24-hours after a disaster and restore the town's infrastructure as quickly as possible. Pinellas County has a county wide contract with AshBritt for debris removal and have made available to all municipalities to piggyback on their agreement. The County will be the team lead on debris removal, which is very important for the Town, for reimbursement from FEMA. The town would need to sign the agreement to piggyback with AshBritt and an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County. Commissioner Wojcik recommends moving forward to sign both agreements. Commissioner Wojcik moved for the Town of Redington Shores to enter into Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with Pinellas County and AshBritt, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Roll call: all yes. When the Interlocal Agreement from the County is ready, Commission Wojcik will bring it before the Commission for approval.

Annual Evaluation – Brad Kelley

Vice Mayor Adams explained he has completed Brad's evaluation. Brad does an outstanding job for the maintenance department and also works along in the Building Department and does a very good job for that department also. Both Brad Kelley and Steve Jordan have saved the town numerous amount of money in regard to the undergrounding project by completing preparations and restorations that were not figured into the project cost. Vice Mayor Adams moved to give Brad a 3% merit increase, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes. A resident asked the Commission why Brad could not receive more. The Commission explained they are following the annual evaluation and percents allowable.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Multiple residents addressed the Commission in regard to the ongoing problems at the Don Juan Motel, mostly all stating concerns about their safety both personal and for their property. The Commission listened to all concerns and then asked Detective Routzahan of the Indian Shores Police Department to comment. Detective Routzahan explained they are doing everything they can and are citing any violations that they can, other code violations need to be from Redington Shores Code Enforcement and Seminole Fire Department. Vice Mayor Adams assured all that this is a number one priority with him and will do everything possible to help get the property cleaned up.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing FY 2007/2008 Budget – Thursday, August 30, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk