

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, August 13, 2008; Special Meeting, August 21, 2008; Workshop Meeting, August 27, 2008, Special Meeting, September 8, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – September 2008

Commissioner Wojcik moved to approve the September 2008 bills, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Adams announced the Town Picnic and Recycling Rally will be held Saturday, October 11 at Constitution Park.

Indian Shores Police Department – No report available at this time.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch announced the passing of Nooks Dahmer. Nooks was a valued resident who loved her town very dearly and did all the art work for the Town's Fiftieth Anniversary. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Commissioner Branch reported there is a major sewer repair in progress. The sewer line leading to the main lift has collapsed. This repair will be costly. Commissioner Branch thanked the maintenance crew for all their hard work on this repair.

Sewer Rehab 176th Ave. and 1st Street East – work will start October 8, 2008.

Phase 2, 3 & 4 Stormwater Project – 12 bids were received and review of the bids is in progress.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Gulf Beaches Public Library – the contiguous beach communities signed a three year agreement to fund the Gulf Beaches Public Library on a pro-rata basis based on the population of each municipality. Treasure Island has decided not to fund the Gulf Beaches Public Library for FY2008/2009.

The loss of Treasure Island's pro-rata share of the funding presents serious financial problems to the Library. While in the short term emergency measures can keep the Library operating, reliable long term funding sources are needed to keep a library facility on the barrier island; more information to follow over the next few months.

Emergency Management – Good news – Our Disaster Plan was invoked as Tropical Storm Fay approached and it worked. Commissioner Wojcik thanked all of the Towns employees as they all did a great job of performing the tasks planned to do as the storm approached. Commissioner Wojcik especially recognized Mary Palmer for coming in that Sunday to complete tasks scheduled for the rest of the week, start preparing the files for removal to safe, offsite storage, and to initiate the Emergency Operations Center activities. Staff met after the storm, 09/03/08, to summarize lessons learned and Commissioner Wojcik is in the process of building a list of action items created from those lessons. Commissioner Wojcik does not want the town's people to overlook important

successes that are achieved without drama, disruptions, or publicity. This was a job well done. Commissioner Wojcik attended a Pinellas County meeting today, where they are doing the same thing we did over the past few weeks. They too summarized the lessons they learned so next time the benefits of this experience are realized. Pinellas County is developing a web site to provide up-to-the-minute information about hurricanes and it will work with their new Citizens Information Call Center to provide current information.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus reported the palms that were removed from the islands have been placed at Constitution Park, Del Bello Park and the new parking lot. The Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting next week to discuss Spitzer Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Interlocal Monitoring Agreement NPDES

Vice Mayor Adams explained this is the First Amendment to the yearly Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and Co-Permittees for NPDES Permit FLS000005. Yearly cost to the Town is approximately \$330.00. Commissioner Branch moved to approve entering into the First Amendment of the Interlocal Agreement and authorizing Mayor Armstrong to sign, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Appointment to Fireworks Committee

Commissioner Holthaus recommended Norma Reinhart and Nancy Bloomer from District Four and Mark Sheffield from District Two to complete the members of the Committee. Commissioner Branch moved to approve the recommendations of Commissioner Holthaus, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal – Planning and Zoning Board Decision – 300 182nd Avenue East

Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Board Tom Kapper addressed the Commission stating the consensus of the Board was to allow two tie poles to extend out into the water to tie his boat up. Building Official Steve Andrews stated the main issue is a variance to allow the tie poles approved without the signatures of both neighbors. Applicant, Jeff Tudor, 300 182nd Ave. East addressed the Commission, stating the P&Z reviewed the application and have approved recommendation for the tie poles, and asked the Commission to uphold the decision of the P&Z. Appellant, Jack Tannbaum addressed the Commission with his concerns, stating the applicant is a renter of the property and is asking to bend the rules for a situation he is creating. A letter from the owner of the property was presented at the P&Z meeting stating Mr. Tudor is renting with a lease option and is allowed to ask for this variance. Mr. Tannbaum is asking the Commission to please deny this variance request. Resident Ken Brown addressed the Commission to consider property owners on both sides who at a later date may want to place tie poles themselves. Commissioner Wojcik stated stemming from what Building Official Steve Andrews said, the code was recently changed in December to require the signatures of both neighbors and now there is already a request to deviate from the code, which P&Z has recommended to do so, why then was the code changed? There being no further discussion, Commissioner Branch moved to uphold the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion died for lack of second. Commissioner Wojcik moved to over rule the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, yes; Commissioner Branch, no; Commissioner Holthaus, yes; Vice Mayor Adams, no. Attorney Denhardt explained there has not been a motion that has been made and passed. The Commission has the options of continuing this hearing at another meeting when the Mayor is present and a five person board present or let the matter drop as it is now and the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board would stand, as it has not been reversed. Attorney Denhardt also stated the Commission can remand it back to the Planning and Zoning Board for more discussion. Commissioner Wojcik stated the reason for the variance was never really addressed according to the minutes of the meeting; the variance request is to overcome the need for both the neighbors to sign off on the application, not tie poles or how far out they are. Commissioner Holthaus moved to remand this item back to the Planning and Zoning for review on both neighbors not signing off, seconded by

Commissioner Wojcik. Roll call: all yes. Attorney Denhardt stated no final decision has been made, no construction can begin.

Employees Cost of Living Increase

Vice Mayor Adams moved to approve a 4% cost of living increase for all employees effective October 1, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 08-08 County Canvassing Board

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 08-08 by title. Commissioner Wojcik moved to accept Resolution 08-08, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

Annual Review Floodplain Management Plan

Building Official Steve Andrews explained to the Commission he has reviewed the current status of the Floodplain Management Plan. Steve Andrews reviewed with the Commission 12 items of the plan. Commissioner Wojcik moved to accept the report on the elements of the original floodplain management plan and current status of each as of September 2008, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Goodmen addressed the Commission saying the new palms on the islands look great and gave recognition to the town maintenance men and how hard they work for the town.

Vice Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. - Adopt FY 2008/2009 Final Millage and Ad Valorem Tax; Adopt FY 2008/2009 Final Budget

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk