

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Mayor Armstrong; Vice Mayor Adams; Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Branch; Commissioner Holthaus

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – Proposed Ordinance – Structures Left On Beach

Mayor Armstrong explained that at the last Workshop there was discussion of a proposed ordinance to enable the maintenance crew to remove objects abandoned on the beach, but the intent was to allow cleanup without recourse to the staff. The new draft states that objects left between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. are subject to seizure. Vice Mayor Adams said that a similar Ordinance – 61-10 – has been in the Codes under boating for a long time. Mayor Armstrong said the current Ordinance needs to be placed in the appropriate section of the Code. Commissioner Wojcik expressed concerns about the stipulation in the new ordinance about leaving objects on the beach between 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and that it gives the impression that no one can have items on the beach during those hours, or would have personal items confiscated if they were left for short periods of time while they were not there. Commissioner Wojcik suggested having a 24 hour abandonment clause instead. Mayor Armstrong explained the goal is not to enforce, but to enable employees to remove truly abandoned articles. There was discussion from the Commission, residents and Detective Jason Routzahn regarding the issue. It was agreed that the current ordinance 61-10 should be moved to the appropriate section of the Code, and should include a statement that any object left for 24 hours will be removed by the Town (at the discretion of the employees or Police). The ordinance draft will go to the attorney for revisions.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Vice Mayor Adams reported that there have been an increased number of complaints about nuisance grass and weeds, partially due to the number of foreclosures in Town. Vice Mayor Adams said that Brad Kelley will be taking courses to become a Code Enforcement Officer, which will help. There was discussion from some residents that a solution needs to be found; Mayor Armstrong said it is a “no win” situation, since banks do not have to maintain foreclosed properties, bankrupt owners refuse and neighbors should not have to maintain their neighboring yards, even though it would improve the appearance of the street.

Commissioner Wojcik reiterated the crisis situation regarding the Gulf Beaches Library, since Treasure Island removed it from the budget.

Mayor Armstrong said there will be a Resolution opposing off shore oil drilling for the October 8 Commission Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Deputy Town Clerk