

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Kapper, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Branch and Mayor Adams.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Construction and Location of Skate Board Park in Redington Shores

Commissioner Wojcik reviewed with the Commission talking points about the advantage of having a skate board park in the Town of Redington Shores. After reviewing the points with the Commission, Commissioner Wojcik recommended to pose this question to the residents as a referendum vote. Mayor Adams asked the Commission for input. Commissioners Kapper, Holmes and Vice Mayor Branch all were of the opinion none of the locations suggested were suitable; Del Bello Park is a nature park obtained through grant money and would not be allowed, La Vistana property is not owned by the town, and both are located on Gulf Blvd. Constitution Park is used by many and is in a residential area as well as Spitzer Park. Other considerations were, liability to the town, patrolling the area, maintenance and upkeep. After discussion by the Commission, Mayor Adams asked anyone in the audience in favor a referendum to allow a skate park to address the Commission. There were approximately 70 people in the audience. Five residents addressed the Commission in favor of having a referendum vote. Mayor Adams asked those against a referendum to address the Commission. Three residents addressed the Commission against a referendum vote. Mayor Adams then asked for a straw vote of the audience – there were four in favor of a referendum and the rest of the audience against a referendum vote. Mayor Adams polled the Commission – Commissioners Kapper, Holmes and Vice Mayor Branch were against having a referendum vote, Commissioner Wojcik was for a referendum vote. With the outcome of the straw vote and polling of the Commission there will be no referendum question on the ballot for the next election.

Update from Finance Committee – Chairman Stein

Mayor Adams explained that during the budget process the finance committee wanted to continue to meet to investigate ways to generate revenue for the town without taxation. Ron Stein, Chairmen of the Finance Committee addressed the Commission. Chairman Stein first asked the Commission to appoint a member from District One. Chairman Stein explained the town is in firm financial footing, but looking into the future would like to see how to save the town money and or make the town money. Prior to the Commission approving the Development Agreement for La Vistana II the committee sent to the Commission a resolution to not accept the agreement as the lots would be off the tax roll for 30 years and revenue would be lost. The Committee looked at off setting cost for the July 4th Fireworks. Donations are made toward the event, but are there other ways to help offset the cost. The Committee would like to explore maybe having an art festival, food trucks, etc. Commissioner Wojcik told Chairman Stein he will get with him on this, as he knows of a resident who is a caterer and also works with food trucks. The Committee also discussed the expense for fire and police service. The committee compared the cost with North Redington Beach. The fire service expense seems to be in line, but the police service cost is much higher in Redington Shores. The committee recommends going out for bid when the contract expires. Another opportunity is possible Wi-Fi service through the town. Chairman Stein encourages not only the Commission, but also residents to help with ideas. The Commission thanked Chairman Stein and the committee for their work and update and look forward to their next update to the Commission.

Discussion – Offer from the Town of Redington Beach to Purchase Two Lots

Mayor Adams explained Redington Beach has sent an offer to purchase the two lots in Redington Beach in the amount of \$300,000.00. Mayor Adams explained this offer was sent after the last meeting when the town commission decided to put the lots up for sale by owner. After discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to send a letter to Redington Beach accepting the offer, stating the Town of Redington Shores

wants to net \$300,000.00 and absolutely no cost to the town for closing cost, attorney fees, etc. Both towns's paid for an appraisal which valued the lots at \$330,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Adams announced the following meeting dates:

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, November 27, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Branch announced the town was notified that the Park Blvd. Bridge will be closed for 30-days next June for repairs.

Resident Dave Eldridge told the Commission, realtor Jeff Beggins is preparing a list of town owned properties and what the properties would be valued at if there was development on the properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk