

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Branch, Commissioner Holthaus, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Armstrong, Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, September 10, 2008; Special Meeting, September 17, 2008; Special Meeting, September 24, 2008; Workshop Meeting, September 24, 2008.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS – September 2008

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Armstrong

Mayor Armstrong said that Jerry Knight, Big –C representative for the Pinellas Planning Council, has served the position well and would like to continue in this position. Vice Mayor Adams moved to reappoint Jerry Knight to the PPC, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Mayor Armstrong then discussed the recent quote from Progress Energy – including only the electric portion – to underground utilities on Gulf Blvd. at a cost of \$7.2 million. Pennies for Pinellas has allotted \$35 million for the Gulf Blvd. undergrounding project, and there are ongoing meetings with Progress Energy. Vice Mayor Adams suggested that spending \$4-5 thousand on a survey would be more accurate to determine costs.

Mayor Armstrong also reported that Sally Bishop, Emergency Management, addressed the TDC meeting this morning to discuss relief of shelters, and exit times for evacuations.

Vice Mayor Adams, Commissioner District No 1

Indian Shores Police Report showed criminal reports and traffic tickets up, arrests were down in September.

Vice Mayor Adams said he has received several complaints or comments regarding planting the median palms and the expense. Vice Mayor Adams explained that the Town received a \$150,000 grant for the palms from FDOT, and this money could only be used for this project.

Commissioner Branch, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Branch said the emergency repairs to the main lift station are costing the Town about \$10,000 per month for pumps, and about \$40,000 has already been spent for repairs.

Commissioner Branch added that there was a force main break today that affected Redington Beach, causing some sewage to flow into the intracoastal. Redington Shores' sewers were

maintained in good working order to stop any overflow. The emergency pumps at the main lift station are working well.

Commissioner Branch said work on Lift Station D has begun. Phase 2, 3, 4 Stormwater project will start soon, first on the streets 176th, Long Point, 1st St., Wall St., and will include new storm curbs, paving and drainage. The project is funded with a partial grant from SWFWMD.

Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Wojcik said he met with Mary Brown of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Oct. 8 to discuss possible solutions to the Gulf Beaches Library funding. PPLC cannot help in this area since its own funds have been cut by 10%. Although there seems to be no relief, Commissioner Wojcik continues to pursue a source of revenue.

With regard to Emergency Management, Commissioner Wojcik said that Pinellas County has told the municipalities that they cannot piggyback on the County for debris removal.

Commissioner Wojcik contacted Ash Britt, the Town's debris removal contractor, to see if they can reach a solution with the County.

Commissioner Holthaus, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Holthaus announced the Breast Cancer Walk on November 1st, and the group will stop for lunch break at Constitution Park. Commissioner Holthaus said the Parks & Recreation Committee met recently, and is concentrating on improvements to Spitzer Park; Del Bello Park is in good condition. The Fireworks Committee will meet once a month; at the first meeting the discussion was whether to use the beach or a barge for the fireworks. Commissioner Holthaus reminded residents of the Town Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 11.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading Ordinance 08-06 – Structures Left On Beach

Attorney Jim Denhardt read Ordinance 08-06 by Title. Commissioner Wojcik thanked the Commission for its consideration of his recommended changes. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Adams to adopt Ordinance 08-06 as read, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 11-08 Opposing Offshore Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 11-08 by title. During discussion Commissioner Wojcik said that even though the offshore drilling is not popular it would reduce the economic crisis, and there is now inflation that will cause recession for years. Commissioner Wojcik then read a letter from a resident criticizing the ban on offshore drilling, due to gas costs. Mayor Armstrong reiterated that the position on offshore ban only affects the southeast portion of the Gulf. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Adams to approve Resolution 11-08 as read, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll call: Commissioner Wojcik no; Commissioner Branch yes; Commissioner Holthaus yes; Vice Mayor Adams yes; Mayor Armstrong yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation - October 2008 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Armstrong detailed the information in the Proclamation, and proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation – 17710 Gulf Boulevard

Steve Andrews, Building Official, explained the site plan, approved for recommendation by Planning & Zoning, involved replacement of 2 carports, moving one existing carport, realignment of the drive for emergency vehicles, and fence security. A 10ft. easement is included in the plan. Commissioner Wojcik asked if the gate or fence would interfere with the easement or traffic; Commissioner Branch assured everyone that full compliance with building codes and sight requirements would be met. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Adams to accept the site plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Holthaus. Roll Call: all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr