

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019-6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Neal, Vice Mayor Kapper, Mayor Henderson and Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, January 9, 2019; Special Meeting, January 17, 2019; Workshop Meeting, January 30, 2019

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

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – January/February 2019

Vice Mayor Kapper moved to ratify the bills as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Gulf Blvd. Undergrounding – crews have started in Redington Beach and will work north to Redington Shores. Mayor Henderson advised all to expect lane closures and reminded all to be careful driving the Boulevard and be aware of pedestrians.

Spitzer Park – the new playground equipment has been installed and picnic tables. Bids need to be obtained for shelters over the tables.

Mayor Henderson announced the town newsletters are completed and will be delivered in this weeks Beach Beacon. The newsletters have also been placed on the town's web page and a link has been posted on face book. There will additional copies at town hall for anyone who would like to pick one up.

Mayor Henderson announced that Town Commission and staff the town would like to recognize Attorney Denhardt for over forty years of service to the town. Mayor Henderson presented Attorney Denhardt with an award for his dedicated services to the town.

Vice Mayor Kapper, Commissioner District No 1

Building Department – for the month of January there were a total of 65 permits issued, one being for a new single-family home. Total revenue collected for permit fees was \$10,709.10; \$1040.40 was collected in late fees and \$6,500.00 collected for LDU fees.

Vice Mayor Kapper referred to a letter from Labor Attorney Spellman regarding allowing one employee to donate sick/vacation hours to another employee in need. Vice Mayor Kapper stated Joseph Walker has presented a letter to the Commission stating he would like to donate 80 hours of sick time to Building Official Steve Andrews. Attorney Denhardt stated the memo also indicates that Attorney Spellman thought it would be good to have a policy on this matter, as the town does not have one at this time. Attorney Denhardt has put together a policy, that the Commission has not seen as this matter just came up. Vice Mayor Kapper agrees with Attorney Denhardt; but believes we need to take care of the matter now. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve the donation request and approve a policy later, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Mayor Henderson stated the donation would be paid at Mr. Walker's rate of pay. Vice Mayor Kapper stated yes, as that is the norm. Commissioner Robinson asked to explain the town's policy on paying out on sick/vacation time. Town Clerk Palmer explained the town's policy. After discussion: Roll call: all yes.

Town Clerk Palmer addressed the Commission asking to form a Personnel Committee to review and update the town's Employee Manual. The Commission will discuss this request at the next workshop meeting.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No2

Sewers – crews have started up again on the relining and repairs to the system. Commissioner Neal reported he had received an email stating a new sensor on the meter at the main lift station has been installed. The sensor has been validated and all the readings are correct.

Commissioner Neal has received bids to fix a stormwater pipe in need of repair before the new Wapro Valves can be installed. Seawall Services bid is \$3,290.00 and Erosion Control is at \$4,633.00. Seawall Services has also sent a bid in to help install the valves in the amount of \$600.00. Commissioner Drumm moved to approve the bids from Seawall Services to fix the pipe for \$3,290.00 and install three valves at \$600.00, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Neal announced that Finance Advisory Committee member John Bickerstaff has resigned, and Commissioner Neal would like to appoint resident Rich Perez to fill his unexpired term. Mr. Perez addressed the Commission giving a brief background of himself. Commissioner Neal moved to appoint Mr. Perez, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Neal reported February is Heart Awareness Month and encourages all not to ignore what your body is telling you. He himself has recently suffered a heart attack and is thankful to be here today.

Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Emergency Management – on January 31st himself, Kim Harr and Dave Motely attended the inaugural meeting of the Pinellas County Flood Risk Management Public Information Working Group. The group will tie together with other groups, with the goal being that all the messages that go out are consistent and the same. The other aspect we will maintain our own PPI Committee. Deputy Clerk Nicki McCraney will assist in all this effort for the town.

The town newsletter has a typo for the date of the Flood Awareness Workshop, the correct date is February 21st, and all are encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Robinson reported that the town is still working on reimbursement. Commissioner Robinson thanked Town Clerk Palmer for her work in gathering information to finalize the process.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Drumm reported he has an appointment to meet with the representative from Wapro to measure for the new valves.

Commissioner Drumm explained he has received one bid for the Traffic Calming Tables in the amount of \$9,431.00. Commissioner Drumm will obtain another quote.

Gulf Beaches Library – feasibility study out for proposal for the addition of the media room

Commissioner Drumm stated to the Commission he has a couple of residents who would like to form a committee to investigate the services of the Indian Shores Police Department vs Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. The Commission discussed that each Commissioner would pick two people from each district and the Mayor picking two at large. This Committee would recommend to the Commission. Commissioner Drumm moved to form this committee, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Drumm has received calls from residents to repair the shuffleboard court at Constitution Park. Town Clerk Palmer will call the company to have fixed.

Commissioner Drumm requested to have the Do Not Enter Sign moved to the south on 180th Ave. West. Town Clerk Palmer will ask the maintenance staff to move the sign.

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring of Independent Investigator Concerning Building Department Issues

Mayor Henderson read a statement recapping what has transpired up to this point on this issue. Commissioner Neal stated he was interviewed today by the DBPR, one question asked if he has received any special treatment from the town inspectors since he is a contractor. Commissioner Neal stated he told the investigator, no he has not. Commissioner Neal reported the DBPR Board who reviews all that is given them from their investigators has 18-members from different areas of the construction industry. Commissioner Neal stated both Steve Andrews and Joseph Walker deserve to be investigated by their peers and not an independent Investigator. Commissioner Robinson stated if our Building Official directed by intent or negligence an individual to conduct building code inspections, where that person was not licensed to do so is a serious offense. The state may investigate the license issue, but it is our responsibility as elected officials of this town to resolve this matter quickly and efficiently on behalf of our residents. That is why I believe it is in our best interest to hire an outside person to complete this investigation quickly. Attorney Denhardt has reached out to a Labor Attorney, who indicated they could complete in two weeks or less, at a cost \$5,000.00 or less. It is the town's obligation to determine the employment status of these individuals, not the state. Vice Mayor Kapper stated he agrees with part of what Commissioner Robinson says, but does not believe that Steve or Joseph had any idea that he had to renew these licenses. Mayor Henderson stated Steve stated that Joseph's certifications were not good in Florida. Vice Mayor Kapper moved not to hire an outside Investigator, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: Commissioner Robinson, no; Commissioner Drumm, yes; Commissioner Neal, yes; Vice Mayor Kapper, yes and Mayor Henderson no.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 19-01- Pertaining to Sun Shelters/Chickee Huts

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 19-01 by title. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to adopt Ordinance 19-01 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Award Bid for New Sod and Irrigation at Four Water Easements (174th Ave. and 175th Ave.)

Vice Mayor Kapper stated he has received two bids for this project. Complete Sod Solutions, \$11,546.00 and MD'S Irrigation, \$19,460.00. Commissioner Drumm moved to approve the bid from Complete Sod Solutions for \$11,546.00, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

PROCLAMATION – Proclaiming February 2019 Flood Awareness Month

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk