

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – Parking in Residential Areas East of Gulf Blvd.

Mayor Henderson stated she has provided information from other towns on their parking ordinances. The Commission agreed that they liked the parking restrictions from Belleair Beach. Town Clerk Palmer will send the recommended amendments to Attorney Denhardt.

Building Department Analysis

Commissioner Drumm stated what he was asking to compare is the comparison of services provided by Building Official Bruce Cooper vs former Building Official Steve Andrews. Town Clerk Palmer stated the town's job description for the town's Building Official, which was adopted in 2001 is being followed by Building Official Cooper. Besides the regular building services, Building Official Cooper is also handling our Flood Plain Management, CRS and anything else that might come up. Commissioner Robinson stated that in his experience with both Steve and Bruce; Bruce is taking care of everything needed and we are not lacking in any areas. Resident, Lisa Foerster and Flood Plain Administrator for Pinellas County addressed the Commission stating a good building official is very hard to come by and with the town being in a coastal high hazard area and a 100% flood hazard area regulated by the NFIP and the CRS program are all important areas for the Building Official to have knowledge and experience in. Hiring will take some time. Ms. Foerster stated she has worked with Bruce Cooper and some of his colleges at Safe Built and they are very qualified in her opinion. The town needs a building official that meets all criteria and fills all the shoes required for this area.

Commissioner Neal asked if any work is being done on the 50% rule and culmative construction. Building Official Cooper stated, yes, he has been in discussions with Ms. Foerster, Mayor Henderson and Rebeca Quinn, from FEMA and we are proposing any hardening of a building not be counted toward the 50% rule. Commissioner Neal stated he is happy this is being investigated.

Commissioner Neal would like a building official five days a week, but not all day. Commissioner Neal stated the numbers produced for tonight's meeting don't appear correct. Mayor Henderson stated the numbers are from the town's audit reports and are correct.

Commissioner Neal would like to continue to sub-contract out the building department services. Commissioner Neal has obtained two other quotes; one being from Mr. Brian Rusu who is fully qualified and Universal Engineering. Commissioner Neal was asked if Mr. Rusu has any flood plain experience or certification. Commissioner Neal stated is going to take the test. Mayor Henderson stated that experience is necessary.

Commissioner Robinson stated the Commission needs to make an informed decision based upon experience that we have had previously and with Bruce. The Commission needs to determine their expectations. The Commission needs to determine if it is in the towns best interest to continue with a contract basis vs hiring an employee. Commissioner Neal stated hiring would cost more.

After further discussion the Commission was in consensus to continue with contractual services. Town Clerk Palmer will send each Commissioner the job description for the building official. The Commission should

comment if they want to see anything added to the description. The Personnel Committee will be meeting this Friday and comments should be sent to Town Clerk Palmer prior to this meeting.

Mayor Henderson stated the town could give all the building services to Safe Built, they would keep all fees except impact fees and take on all liability. This would cost no monies to the town. Commissioner Neal stated the town would be giving up a lot of money if it is turned all over to a company.

Town Clerk Palmer commented the description gives good detail on what the building official needs to do for the town and should be the guideline used.

The Commission discussed the hours should be advertised for 15-25 hours per week, five days a week.

NEW BUSINESS

July 4th Fireworks Display

Town Clerk Palmer explained the company the town uses for the display is unable to perform the show on July 4th because their shooters in this area have retired. Town Clerk Palmer explained she has reached out to other companies, but no responses have been obtained. The Commission was in consensus to have the display on Friday, July 5th, if they cannot then on July 6th.

Discussion – Installing Exercise Equipment at Spitzer Park

Commissioner Neal reported he has been asked to place exercise equipment in the grassy area at Spitzer Park. Discussion ensued as to that area is for kids to play in and having equipment there would hinder their play. Commissioner Neal stated he was looking into using the town property in the area on 176th Ave. and 176th Ave. Circle to install 10-parking spaces. After discussion the Commissioner agreed to install exercise equipment in that area instead of Spitzer Park. Commissioner Neal will investigate prices for the exercise equipment.

Review of Public Works Job Responsibilities

Commissioner Neal stated he would like to have the Public Works Job Descriptions revised. Mayor Henderson stated the new personnel committee is having their first meeting on Friday and one of the agenda items is to look at all the town's job descriptions and if anyone would like to submit ideas of what they would like to see in the job descriptions to please send to the town clerk. Town Clerk Palmer will email the current ones to the Commission for review.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Robinson stated budget time is upon us. The Commission was given a copy of the dates involved in the process.

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, May 29, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk