

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
CONDUCTED VIA GO TO MEETING
MINUTES**

Mayor Henderson read Executive Order 20-69 by title from Governor Ron DeSantis stating policies and procedures for virtual meetings.

Attorney Denhardt explained the procedures for the virtual meeting. Further stating that the agenda for the meeting has been posted on www.townofredingtonshores.com or by contacting the Town Clerk at 727-397-5538. Attorney Denhardt stated that if anyone wanted to speak, they could message the Town Clerk to be heard.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Blackburn, Mayor Henderson, Attorney Denhardt

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Certify March 17, 2020 Election

Attorney Denhardt explained that the Supervisor of Election has sent in the election results. Attorney Denhardt stated in order to certify the election there must be a motion and a second followed by roll call. Commissioner Drumm motioned to certify the Election of March 17, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll: all yes

OATH OF OFFICE – COMMISSIONER BLACKBURN and COMMISSIONER ROBINSON

Attorney Denhardt swore in both Commissioner Blackburn and Commissioner Robinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, March 11, 2020

Commissioner Drumm motioned to approve regular meeting March 11th, 2020, Commissioner Neal seconded. Roll: all yes

RATIFICATION OF BILLS - March/April 2020

Commissioner Robinson motioned to ratify the bills for March/April 2020, Commissioner Drumm seconded. Roll: all yes

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Town Hall is closed to walk in business but are continuing business for all residents via computer and phone. Mayor Henderson is on frequent calls with not only local governments, but with State Government. Further extending appreciation for the first responders. Mayor Henderson requested Chief Swann and Chief Burford to speak regarding what they are seeing on the first response side.

Chief Swann spoke about filtering through information and disseminating them to residents. Chief Swann stated that the main concern is compliance and to make sure everyone stays safe. Appreciation was given to those who have donated masks, food, and other items to the police department. Commissioner Robinson stated his appreciation for the police.

Chief Burford reiterated what Mayor Henderson has stated about running between meetings with the county. The biggest concern that Chief Burford sees is the number of EMS calls coming out. Chief Burford stated that

the department went into the COVID-19 crisis with two main points, one being the care and wellbeing of the employees, and secondly, protecting the stock of PPEs that the department started with. The department went into COVID-19 with an excellent supply of N-95 masks, however they are now at about a four-day supply of N-95s in the county. The department is starting on Plan C of using other equipment when the N-95s are used up. There has been a drop in regular EMS calls that the agency tends to see this time of year, as well as drop in motor vehicle crashes as well in Redington Shores. Many residents in the Town of Redington Shores helped with donating PPE equipment at the site set-up at Walsingham Park.

Chief Swann spoke about the solid relationship with Chief Burford and with Chief Burton from the Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District.

Mayor Henderson gave an update on the last quarter in the building department. For the month of January, the building department received \$37,548.49 money in revenue, and for the month of February the department received \$8,175.17. Mayor Henderson mentioned that the downturn happening in the building department has occurred prior to COVID-19. Lastly, for the month of March the building department received \$7,536.52. Mayor Henderson stated her concern of the downturn in the building department in regard to revenue and inspections. The week of the March 23rd -27th there was a total of only 22 inspections, seven of which were mechanical, electrical, or plumbing, which can only be performed by Bruce Cooper. The rest of the inspections from March 23rd-27th were performed by Joseph Walker. Mayor Henderson went onto state that for the week of March 30th- April 3rd had 13 inspections, seven of which were done by Bruce and six were done by Joseph. For the current week of April 6th-April 8th had only five inspections, two of which were done by Bruce visiting the site and the other three were approved by Bruce via letter. The letter submission is being done in place of actual site visits to help with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Henderson requested that due to finances the Town should layoff Joseph Walker.

Mayor Henderson opened to the Commission the idea of laying off Joseph Walker. Commissioner Drumm gave disagreement on laying off Joseph Walker, stating his pay was already approved in the budget for the year and stated his disapproval of the idea of laying off a seasoned employee. Mayor Henderson stated that Joseph had 15 months to get the licenses needed. Commissioner Neal stated his disapproval for the idea, stating that the town has an employee within a year of a half retiring, as well as stating that it is premature to do so, but possibly the Commission can reevaluate the idea in two months. Discussion ensued about the stimulus money being given out for those who are unemployed. Commissioner Blackburn asked about the amount of inspections that Joseph usually does. Mayor Henderson stated that before January 2019 he was doing all the inspections. A brief history was given to Commissioner Blackburn about the situation involving inspections and Joseph Walker's licenses.

Commissioner Robinson mentioned concern about the history of license issues for Joseph Walker. There was no status update on the situation after it came to light. Commissioner Robinson stated his concern about the economic time in how it relates to those losing their jobs. Further stating he would like to know how many inspections Joseph was doing before the January/February downturn and if he has been helping in other areas of the town. Mayor Henderson has stated that Joseph has helped in the bidding process of items as well as the maintenance areas. Commissioner Neal requested to workshop the situation. Attorney Denhardt stated the commission could hold a workshop virtually. Discussion ensued about Joseph's pay, benefits, and the idea of holding a Special Meeting. Clarification was given by Attorney Denhardt that at a Special Meeting the commissioners can only vote on the item on the agenda.

Mayor Henderson asked for a Special Meeting on Monday, April 13th at 2pm.

Commissioner Blackburn, Commissioner District No 1

No Report

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No2

Commissioner Neal agreed with Commissioner Robinson about the appreciation given to the Indian Shores Police Department and Seminole Fire Department. Commissioner Neal congratulated Commissioner Blackburn and Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Neal also thanked Mr. Tom Kapper for his eleven years of service to the town and residents.

Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Robinson thanked the Town Clerk for keeping the audit on track and will be receiving a preliminary report on May 9th, action will take place in June 2020. A FAC meeting will be scheduled next week virtually, to speak about the budget going forward. Commissioner Robinson spoke about the Hurricane Awareness meeting May 14th, even though Brian McClure will not in attendance. Commissioner Robinson stated that May 1st is the beginning of turtle season.

Commissioner Robinson would like to workshop the following items at the end of the month: short term rentals and rules associated, as well as seasonal visitors and construction sites during severe weather. Commissioner Robinson stated that him and Mary looked at other municipalities' ordinances regarding the severe weather and construction sites.

Mayor Henderson asked about a virtual meeting for the flood awareness, Commissioner Robinson stated that he is under the impression that would work for CRS purposes.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Drumm congratulated both Commissioners on being elected. Commissioner Drumm and Mary looked into the defibrillators that were being held up due to COVID-19, they have decided to go with rebuilt units that come with a five-year warranty. The Beach library is closed until further notice, however in the meantime residents can get library cards online and locate items via the internet.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

1.Resolution 03-20 – Rules of Procedure for Meetings Conducted by Communications Media Technology
Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 03-20 by title. Attorney Denhardt stated this was being done to properly accept the rules and regulations for this sort of meeting. Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt Resolution 03-20, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll: all yes

3.Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Henderson appointed Commissioner Robinson as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Robinson appreciated the honor of being voted as Vice Mayor.

4.Appointment of Supervisory Areas

Mayor Henderson stated nothing has changed. Commissioner Blackburn took over the Fire, EMS, Maintenance, and Parks and Recreation, which is what Commissioner Kapper had. Mayor Henderson went on to read all the Supervisory Areas for the other Commissioners.

5. Authorize Mayor and Commission to sign Checks and Legal Documents

Vice Mayor Robinson motioned to authorize Mayor and Commission to sign checks and legal documents, Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. Roll: all yes

6. Appointments to Boards

Mayor Henderson stated that many boards are up for re-election.

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)- Commissioner Neal reappointed Rich Perez for District 2, Commissioner Drumm reappointed Jeff Godfrey for District 4, Mayor Henderson made Kirby Howell the representative for District 3. Vice Mayor Robinson reappointed Paul Herzfeld as an alternate for District 3 and nominated Bill Karjewski as an alternate. Vice Mayor Robinson motioned to approve the people mentioned for appointment for the two-year term, Commissioner Drumm seconded. Roll: all yes

The Parks and Recreation Committee - Commissioner Blackburn nominated Diane McCarthy for District 1. Town Clerk, Mary Palmer, stated that Ms. Diane McCarthy would be filling in the rest of Ms. Doris Boggs' term until April 2021. Commissioner Neal reappointed Michelle Ganio for District 2. Commissioner Drumm reappointed Judy LaHaye for District 4. Mayor Henderson reappointed Emily Shrader. Commissioner Neal motioned to approve the Parks and Rec committee with those named, Commissioner Drumm seconded. Roll: all yes.

The Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Neal appointed Cynthia Hoyt from alternate to the representative for District 2, Commissioner Neal appointed Jackie Shannon as the alternate. Commissioner Drumm reappointed Merv Dickerson for District 4. Commissioner Blackburn nominated Steve Laird as an alternate. Commissioner Blackburn motioned to accept the nominations as stated for the Planning and Zoning Board, Commissioner Neal seconded. Roll: all yes.

7. Request – Town Commission to Sign off as Right Owner for Variance for Dock – 17490 1st Street East

Building Official Cooper spoke about a piece of property that is next to town property seeking a variance. There was no permit in town files, but the owner showed a permit from 1975 that the county held. Building Official Cooper sent the Commission drawings and pictures of where the dock would be and the configuration of the waterway. After doing some research it was found that the surroundings homes all seem to have docks. The owners would like to have a new dock that goes out about 26' from the seawall, which would be adjacent to the town property. This would make it two feet from the seawall. The owner is proposing four tie poles to have a boatlift installed. Building Official opened to the Commission the discussion of approving the variance. Commissioner Drumm mentioned to the commission that if this is approved, the town would lose 20 feet from the seawall. Discussion took place about the length of the dock to where the town seawall is. Attorney Denhardt stated that a variance is only good for one year. Building Official Cooper stated that the best way to approve the variance is to only approve the dock and to have the resident come back for a boat lift variance. Commissioner Neal motioned to pass the variance application as it stands, to include the tie poles, Commissioner Blackburn seconded. Attorney Denhardt clarified that the motion is only on what the current application is stating. Roll: Commissioner Blackburn, yes; Vice Mayor Robinson, yes; Commissioner Drumm, yes; Commissioner Neal, yes; Mayor Henderson, no.

PROCLAMATION – Proclaiming April 2020 as Donate Life Month

Mayor Henderson proclaimed April 2020 as Donate Life Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Karjewski stated his appreciation to the Mayor and her leadership during the current situation, as well as Mary Palmer, Town Clerk, on keeping the town hall open to residents via phone and virtual meetings, as well as Chief Swann for keeping the Town of Redington Shores safe.

Mr. Tom Kapper stated he appreciated the support from the following people: Chief Swann, Chief Burford, Mary Palmer, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Drumm, and Late Mayor Branch while being a commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Special Meeting- Monday, April 13th, 2020-2:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Mauter
Deputy Town Clerk