

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM
MINUTES**

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion - Metered Parking at Town Parking Lot

Vice Mayor Robinson stated he has heard from some of the business owners stating their disappointment with the new meter installed in the town parking lot, he sympathizes with them, but is not sure what the solution is. Commissioner Blackburn stated she has read previous minutes regarding this lot being metered before, with residents parking for free with hangtags. The meter was removed when another meter broke at another parking lot. Commissioner Blackburn suggested putting meters in at Constitution Park and the spaces on the north side of Lighthouse Pointe. Vice Mayor Robinson stated the real target for the meter usage is the beach goers, not those who were going to the businesses. Discussion ensued with ideas of 15-minute parking spaces, parking by permit only, first come first serve. Captain Smith stated it just needs to be clear for enforcement of the lot. Commissioner Neal cannot see charging the residents to park when they own the lot. Commissioner Neal stated it is not the taxpayer's responsibility to supply parking for the businesses in town. Mayor Henderson suggested the businesses pay for a sticker just like a resident would. Mayor Henderson also pointed out that the building where the dog groomer is located, has six spots available in the back, which they could designate for employee parking only. Mayor Henderson opened the discussion for public comment at this time. Resident Bill Krajewski stated to the Commission he is happy with stickers but would like to see each property receive two a year instead of one. Business owners Amy Hartman and Danielle Moyse-Hamma addressed the Commission stating concerns that there is not enough parking for their businesses, and they need to have some type of relief. This item will be discussed at the next meeting. At this time there will be no tickets for not paying for parking.

Financial Advisory Committee Sewer Billing Recommendation

Kirby Howell, member of the town's finance advisory Committee addressed the Commission, reviewing with them changing from the current billing method to usage-based billing. Redington Shores is one of the last towns who owns their own sewer system. Currently the town has a fixed rate for sewer billing. Mr. Howell reviewed both the advantages and disadvantages with the Commission. The committee is recommending the town change the billing to usage billing. Commissioner Neal thanked the committee for what they have done for the town and agrees with the usage rate. Commissioner Drumm stated he also agrees with the usage rate billing. Commissioner Neal asked Vice Mayor Robinson if the committee could investigate the pros and cons of selling our sewer system to Pinellas County. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he would ask Kirby Howell. Mr. Howell stated he would be happy to work on this with Commissioner Neal. Resident, Chris Cook, agrees with the usage base system, but would want insurance that there would be an exemption of the meters that are not water department meters that are on their properties. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discussion – New Meter for Sewers

Commissioner Neal reviewed with the Commission the proposal he received for the purchase and installation for a new meter in the amount of \$25,996.00. A rental would be just about the same amount of money. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he has a meeting set up for Tuesday with another company to explore the possibilities of a new meter or a rental meter. Commissioner Neal will meet separately with the representative from the company.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Refuse Rate Increase FY 2021

Vice Mayor Robinson reported Waste Connections is seeking a 2% COLA, plus the increase of 2% for dump fees at the landfill, which were increased from Pinellas County. This will be on the next agenda for approval by Resolution. The total increase of 4% is a pass through to the residents and commercial businesses. Vice Mayor Robinson reported Bill Krajewski from the FAC is investigating the refuse billing to ensure billing is correct and the revenue income is correct between the Town, the county, and Waste Connections. The FAC is also looking into the possibility of the residents being billed directly from Waste Connections.

Discussion – Purchase of Additional Cameras

Commissioner Drumm stated he asked for this to be put on the agenda. With the new commercial buildings just south of town hall, additional cameras should be installed. This will be on the agenda for approval. Vice Mayor Robinson stated signage should be installed stating cameras are in use.

Discussion – Seawall Repair – 204 182nd Ave. East

Bruce Cooper, Building Official received a complaint on the condition of this seawall. Upon inspection there is a large cavity behind the seawall, and the seawall sheathing needs repairs. Our ordinance requires to bring to the Commission for further action if there is probable cause. Vice Mayor Robinson stated to move forward in compliance with the ordinance. The Commission was in consensus for Building Official Cooper to move forward taking care of this complaint.

Discussion – Gulf Beaches Library

Commissioner Drumm reported to the Commission he will be attending a meeting tomorrow to discuss reducing the rates to the municipalities by ten percent. Commissioner Drumm will keep the Commission informed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2020 – 5:15 p.m. – Adopt Proposed Budget and Millage Rate

Special Meeting – Monday, September 21, 2020 – 5:15 p.m. Final Budget Hearing

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Neal reported to the Commission he has come across a chance to purchase a military grade generator, for \$5,000.00. Mayor Henderson asked where it would be stored. Commissioner Neal stated it can be stored in the shop. Mayor Henderson asked Commissioner Neal to send information and pictures of the generator. This item will be placed on the next agenda for approval to purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer