

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, August 12, 2020; Workshop Meeting, August 26, 2020 and Special Meeting, August 27, 2020

Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – August/September 2020

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Mayor Henderson announced Cheri Zindars has been hired at the new Deputy Town Clerk. Cheri is a former clerk from the Village of Eagle in Wisconsin and had remarkably similar duties as our Town Clerk.

Town Picnic – will be October 10th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The picnic this year will be a drive-through picnic held in the town hall parking lot. Mayor Henderson stated she will be purchasing gift certificates from our local businesses to give away and Kenny Later will be playing his music.

Gulf Blvd. Beautification – the next phase, undergrounding the west side of Gulf Blvd. is in the works. Duke Energy is requiring a \$5,000.00 engineering fee to produce a binding cost estimate. All monies will be reimbursed to the town, from Pinellas County through Pennies for Pinellas monies.

Park & Plug – Mayor Henderson reported she was awarded a grant that she applied for, for two charging stations, which will be located at town hall. The paperwork was just signed today, and more information will follow.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Vice Mayor Robinson stated the plans for the town picnic sound great, especially that Mayor Henderson will be purchasing gift certificates from our local businesses.

Emergency Management – we are now in the peak of Hurricane Season

Vice Mayor Robinson reported he has contacted four companies about acquiring a meter to help with the investigating the amount of flow from the town and the high sewer bills the town receives. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he had talked to and met with a representative from Avanti Company. After meeting with the representative, the representative then met with Commissioner Neal and Steve Jordan. The company has sent in a quote for \$8,700.00 for a one-month rental and \$10,700 for three months. The meter will be able to be moved and all data is cloud based monitored in real time. Commissioner Neal moved to move forward approving the quote from Avanti for \$10,700.00 for three months, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Roll call: all yes. Mayor Henderson asked what the cost would be if needed to extend past the three months. Vice Mayor Robinson stated it was \$1,000.00 a month over the first month.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Neal reported he and Steve Jordan were called out on Sunday for a sewer break by Anglers Cove. The break was by the driveway. It has not been determined if it is the towns pipe or Anglers Cove pipe. A temporary fix was done, and a plumber will be out to permanently fix and determine who owns the pipe. Commissioner Neal explained to the Commission he would like to move forward and focus on Gulf Blvd. to televise and repair the laterals and the manholes. It has been over 20 years since work has been done on Gulf Blvd. and in the last few months emergency repairs have had to be made on Gulf Blvd. Vice Mayor Robinson asked Commissioner Neal to please provide proposal and pricing. Commissioner Neal stated he is looking into if we can use the contract with Miller Pipeline the town had piggybacked from. This item will be on the next meeting agenda for approval. Commissioner Neal thanked Steve Jordan and the County helping with the repair.

Commissioner Jennie Blackburn, District No 1

Fire – There were zero non-emergency fire responses and six emergency fire responses with an average response time of seven minutes and two seconds.

EMS – There were seven nonemergency calls with an average response time of four minutes and forty seconds and twenty-five emergency responses with an average response time of four minutes and eighteen seconds.

Chief Burford addressed the Commission reporting fire and EMS statistics year to date. Between January 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 there have been six water rescue calls in Redington Shores compared to two during the same time frame in 2019. Total Fire and EMS calls year to date are 242, compared to 208 last year.

Maintenance Department – Commissioner Blackburn thanked Mayor Henderson and Commissioner Drumm for getting the barricades out last Sunday during the storm.

Parks – Commissioner Blackburn reported she will be looking into having the volleyball poles at Constitution Park moved to regulation spacing. A resident in town will be donating a volleyball net to the town. The shuffleboard court needs repair. Commissioner Blackburn has received a cost to place a poly plastic overlay on the court. Commissioner Blackburn moved to approve installing the overlay, not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

There is a tree at Spitzer Park that needs to be replaced. The mangrove area at Del Bello park needs cleaning out in the water area and Michelle Ganio is coordinating this effort with high school students needing credit toward the Bright Future Program. The RFP for the dock repair at Del Bello Park will need to be reworked as there is a lot more work needed to be done than originally thought.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

PSTA – the rapid bus is now 100% complete and is now called the SunRunner. This will link downtown St. Petersburg to St. Pete Beach.

Gulf Beaches Library voted to decrease each municipalities budget cost by 10% for FY 2021.

OLD BUSINESSDiscussion - Parking Meters at Town Owned Lots

Vice Mayor Robinson stated this was discussed at the last workshop meeting, but there still seems to be confusion on some items. Vice Mayor Robinson stated it was discussed to use stickers instead of hangtags, one or two to our residents and possibly provide to businesses. The cost discussed at the workshop was \$50.00 or \$100.00. The Commission discussed charging \$50.00, with one per resident. The stickers will be good for one year at a time. Commissioner Neal suggested using hang tags for the businesses so they can give to employees when needed. The Commission discussed putting meters in at the town parking spaces on the north side of Lighthouse Pointe and Constitution Park. Consensus at this time is to not meter the spaces at Lighthouse Pointe

and meter Constitution Park, giving those who rent two passes. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to allow resident and business permitted parking at the town lot, Constitution Park and Lighthouse Pointe. One decal per residential property for \$50.00 annually and two per business for \$50.00 each annually. Those who rent Constitution Park will receive two passes for the rental, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Approval to change Sewer Billing from Fixed Rate to Usage Billing

Vice Mayor Robinson stated Kirby Howell from the Financial Advisory Committee gave a detailed presentation at the last workshop meeting. In the packet for tonight's meeting Mr. Howell provided an Impact Analysis for billing. Majority single family homes, small savings. Some single-family residence who use a lot of water will see an increase. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to accept the recommendation from the Financial Advisory Committee to change our sewer rates to a Usage Based Rate at \$32.76 base rate, plus \$5.98 per 1,000 gallons of usage, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Mayor Henderson asked on behalf of a resident how the town is going to deal with certain properties who use a lot of water with their pools but does not go into the sewer system. Also, when is the effective date. Vice Mayor Robinson stated this question came from the Towers, they have a separate meter for their pools and that would not be included, if it is a new pool, or need to refill a pool, you can set up with the county. This sets the town up to be consistent with the county on billing. No effective date, as there are many factors to take into effect. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation 17822 Lee Ave. – New Single-Family Home

Mayor Henderson announced she is recusing herself from this topic as she lives next door to the property and has filled out the proper form with the Town Clerk. Official cooper, new single-family home. The have been granted the front and side setbacks. This site plan has no pool, the building meets all requirements for setbacks. Parking requirements are met with two spots, one in the garage and one in the driveway. Vice Mayor Robinson Move to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Approval to Purchase New Cameras for Town Hall

Commissioner Drumm stated as discussed at the workshop meeting, he sees a need for additional cameras at town hall since the new shopping center has been constructed. Commissioner Drumm moved to purchase the cameras from Fort Knox Fire and Communications in the amount of \$1,047.00, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Roll call: all yes.

Approval to Purchase Generator for Sewer Lift Stations

Commissioner Neal stated he submitted pictures of the generator; it is in excellent condition. All the town would need to do is fix the cords to work with the lift stations. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he would want to

make sure the generator is a fit for the town. After discussion Commissioner Neal moved to purchase the generator for \$5,000.00 contingent on the inspection of the generator by an independent party and Commissioner Drumm to take lead on having the inspection completed, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for Labor Attorney Erin Jackson to Review Employee Manual

Mayor Henderson stated the Personnel Committee has updated the Employee Manual and would like it blessed by a Labor Attorney. Committee member, Lisa Hendrickson suggested Attorney Erin Jackson. Commissioner Neal moved to hire Attorney Jackson for review of the manual and adding the two recommended policies, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

Approval of Records Disposition

Town Clerk Palmer this request is in accordance with the State guidelines. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to destroy the records as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for Penny IV Assistance

Town Clerk Palmer stated this agreement is regarding the Gulf Boulevard Beautification. The agreement is the same as the one used for the East side of Gulf Blvd, with the exception that the money will be given to each city in the annual lump sum as approved by Pinellas County. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the agreement for the funding, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 08-20 – Approve Pass-Through of Refuse Increase for FY 2021

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 08-20 by title. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approved Resolution 08-20, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Special Meeting - Monday, September 14, 2020 – 5:15 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk