

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting, September 9, 2020; Special Meeting, September 14, 2020 and Special Meeting, September 21, 2020

Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS - September/October 2020

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

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

Mayor Henderson

Mayor Henderson reported the first Drive Thru Town Picnic was a great success. Mayor Henderson was not sure what to expect when she first thought of having the drive thru picnic, but did plan for 500, making up 500 lunch bags and 475 were handed out. Many great comments from the residents, thanking the town for the continued tradition of the picnic. Mayor Henderson thanked the town staff, commission, Chief Burford and staff, Chief Swann and staff and the other volunteers for their help with the picnic. A special shout out to Kenny Later for his donated time and great music.

Mayor Henderson announced in-person meetings will start in November, per the Governor's order. At this time quotes are being obtained to separate the Commission at the dais. Also, the town's IT agent is working on setting up for hybrid meetings. The Commission must be in person for the meetings, but audience will be attending via Zoom. Workshops can still be held via Zoom.

Mayor Henderson recognized this will be Commissioner Drumm's last meeting. Mayor Henderson thanked Commission Drumm for his service to the town and residents and wishes him and his family well on their new adventure.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Vice Mayor Robinson also thanked Commissioner Drumm for his service and wishes him and his family the absolute best.

Vice Mayor Robinson thanked Mayor Henderson for her planning of the picnic and stated he has received many positive and appreciative comments.

Vice Mayor Robinson reported the September Newsletter has been published. The newsletter was distributed in the Beach Beacon and is on the town website. Vice Mayor Robinson encouraged all to read, as there is good information on flooding, mitigation and helping to keep our waterways clean.

Commissioner Jennie Blackburn, District No 1

Commissioner Blackburn also stated how well the picnic went and thanked all involved for their help.

Chief Burford addressed the Commission giving the statistics for September 2020.

Fire – there was one non-emergency and four emergency calls with an average response time of six minutes and thirty-five seconds.

EMS – there were five non-emergencies with an average response time of four minutes and thirty-three seconds and nine emergency calls with an average response time of four minutes and twenty-nine seconds.

Chief Burford told the Commission, herself and her staff enjoyed helping at the picnic.

Chief Burford addressed Commissioner Drumm stating it has been a pleasure working with him throughout the years and wishes him and his family well.

Commissioner Blackburn thanked Chief Swann for getting her in contact with the Ford Dealership approved on the state bid list. Commissioner Blackburn is working on purchasing a new truck for maintenance and trading in two of the trucks. Two quotes have been received and will go over them with the maintenance staff to make sure everything that is needed is listed on the quotes.

Parks – Commissioner Blackburn announced that Parks Committee Member Judy LeHaye unexpectedly died and will be deeply missed, she was a great member to the committee.

Del Bello Park – in addition to landscaping improvements, there is a need for light scaping in the park as it is very dark at night.

Constitution Park – is also in need of new landscaping. The committee is looking into obtaining quotes from Landscape Architects for both parks. There are some bushes being removed in the parking area so additional spaces can be used for parking. Both Commissioner Drumm and Vice Mayor Robinson stated they have information on landscape architects if needed.

#### Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Drumm announced that Dave Motley, the town's representative on the Library Board has resigned. The Commission will have to appoint a representative to the board and a Commissioner.

Mayor Henderson asked Commissioner Drumm for an update on the generator that was to be purchased. Commissioner Drumm stated the generator was looked at by the company that takes care of the town hall generator. The generator is not a good fit for the sewers, so Commissioner Neal purchased for his own use.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### First Reading – Ordinance 20-08 – Amending Section 140-14 – Identification Stickers

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 20-08 by title. Vice Mayor Robinson stated this ordinance covers the fees for residents and businesses and covers if the sticker is stolen or the vehicle is sold. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 20-08 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Appointment to Planning and Zoning Board – District 3 – for Unexpired Term

Vice Mayor Robinson reported Jeanette DeMarco, Chairperson of the board has resigned. Vice Mayor Robinson thanked Mrs. DeMarco for her many years of dedicated service to the town. Vice Mayor Robinson he will be filling the appointment for District Three. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to appoint Leslee Coppock to fill the term of Mrs. DeMarco (4/19/2021), seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Roll call: all yes.

### Appointment of Chairperson to the Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor Henderson stated the Commission, per the Town Code needs to appoint a Chairperson to the board. Town Clerk Palmer reported she had sent out an email to the members asking if anyone is interested. Members Bourgeois and Foster expressed interest. Commissioner Blackburn moved to appoint Lisa Foster as the Chairperson commenting on Ms. Foster's knowledge of codes, mitigation, etc., seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes. Ms. Foster thanked the Commission for the appointment and is happy to help.

Fireworks Deposit – July 2020 Fireworks Display – Ken Speed FX, LLC

Town Clerk Palmer explained to the Commission the status of the non-return of the deposit from the July 2020 fireworks display. Numerous attempts from herself and Attorney Denhardt to collect the deposit has failed. Mr. Speed spoke to the Commission, stating the 5k was for securing the fireworks. He understands he is responsible for the 5k. He expected if the show were cancelled, he could return the fireworks. The fireworks are being stored. He has tried for the last two months to return. He has never had a show that has been cancelled. Vice Mayor Robinson stated we have never had a pandemic before and sympathizes with the situation. Mr. Speed stated he is going to a in person fireworks camp for three days in three weeks and maybe he can off load them to someone there. He is not licensed to sell; he would have to have someone else send them. The cost of the fireworks was \$4,300.00 and transportation was \$600.00. The rest of the money was for labor. Attorney Denhardt stated the Commission has several options. After discussion, Commissioner Drumm moved to authorize Attorney Denhardt to enter into a promissory note, payable on demand for \$5,000.00 and giving Mr. Speed 30-days to settle, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes. Vice Mayor Robinson would like for Mr. Speed to come back to the Commission next month for an update on the situation.

Approval of 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan

Vice Mayor Robinson stated this plan is required each year. The money in the 20/21 column are the budgeted monies approved in the budget. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 11-20 – Annual Amendments to the Town’s Capital Improvement Element Schedule

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 11-20 by title. Vice Mayor Robinson stated this is also an annual process to update the Comprehensive Plan Element. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 11-20, seconded by Commissioner Drumm. Roll call: all yes.

Approve Donation to Neighborly Care Network

Mayor Henderson stated the town normally donates \$2,500.00. There has been one resident served in the last year for the cost of approximately \$168.00. Maybe consideration to lower the donation should be discussed. Commissioner Drumm moved to donate \$500.00, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Mayor Henderson stated she thought that was a big cut in the donation. Commissioner Blackburn suggested \$1,250.00. Mayor Henderson stated the town could advertise this service to the residents. Commissioner Drumm stated he would have used this service for his family had he know what was offered. Commissioner Drumm amended his motion to a donation of \$1,250.00, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes. The Commission concurred for Commissioner Blackburn to take the lead of putting this information out to the residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Town Clerk Palmer reported to the Commission, November 11<sup>th</sup> was Veterans Day and town hall will be closed. Consensus of the Commission was to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC  
Town Clerk