BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 - FOLLWING WORKSHOP MEETING

HYBRID MEETING IN PERSON BY COMMISSION ONLY ATTENDEES ZOOM ONLY **MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting, October 7, 2020

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

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – October, November, December 2020

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Gulf Blvd. Beautification – Duke Energy submitted their cost for the undergrounding the Westside of Gulf Blvd., which is approximately \$1,564,000.00. The money for this project is coming from the County out of the One Cent Sales Tax fund and some town one cent sales tax fund.

Mayor Henderson announced the new charging station is now up and running. A ribbon cutting will be conducted soon.

The town's Santa Parade is Saturday, December 12th.

Chief Burford and Chief Swann individually addressed the Commission giving their monthly reports.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Vice Mayor Robinson reported to the Commission information he received while on a call with Emergency Management regarding COVID 19 and vaccination distribution.

Sewers – Vice Mayor Robinson reported the meter installed by the main lift station seems to be accurate with the county meter. It appears we have heavy infiltration issues, so the next step is to compare sewer volume to water usage at the individual lift stations. Vice Mayor Robinson thanked finance committee members Howell and Henderson for all their work on these analyses.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Neal asked for a moment of silence in memory of Kenny Baldanza.

Sewers – Commissioner Neal stated the laterals are our problem, there are three on Gulf Blvd., that need to be fixed, one will involve cutting up Gulf Blvd. The town is waiting on a permit from FDOT so the manholes on Gulf Blvd. can be inspected.

Commissioner Neal asked those who would like to order a brick for Veterans Park should contact town hall with their information.

Commissioner Neal is working with Attorney Denhardt's office regarding rear yard fences.

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Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Krajewski reported he attended his first BIG-C Meeting. The key discussion was Beach Renourishment. Commissioner Krajewski stated almost every resident he has met since becoming a commissioner would like to the beach renourishment happen. Commissioner Krajewski would like to see how we can try again to obtain the signatures needed for this project. Mayor Henderson stated the whole project is in jeopardy, not just Redington Shores. Commissioner Krajewski stated he would be happy to lead this effort. Vice Mayor Robinson stated himself and the Mayor have held meetings, talked to the owners of the properties, and worked with the county and other cities to effectively communicate the message. Vice Mayor Robinson stated legal counsel for some of the condominiums have advised not to sign the easement agreement as they are giving up their rights.

Gulf Beaches Library – Commissioner Krajewski reported he attended his first library meeting. The library is only down 40% with traffic into the library and circulation down 26%.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading Ordinance 21-01 – Sewer Usage Rates

Attorney Denhardt read Ordinance 21-01 by title. Commissioner Neal moved to adopt 21-01 on first reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Mayor Henderson asked for any discussion. Attendee Monitor Cinda Krouk asked any participants for any discussion. Carol Muszik address the Commission asking how this ordinance effects the citizens. Vice Mayor Robinson stated now the billing is per bathroom and would go to usage based. Vice Mayor Robinson stated this has been discussed numerous times in past meeting for this change. For most residents it will be a savings. There being no further discussion. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Engagement Services of Garganese, Weiss D'agresta & Salzman, P.A.

Mayor Henderson reported the town has been served a lawsuit, which was sent to the town's insurance company, the Florida League of Cities. They did respond to the town stating this suit would not be covered under the insurance. Mayor Henderson did ask for a name of an Attorney who specializes in this area. Mayor Henderson spoke with Attorney Denhardt prior to signing the letter of engagement asking his approval. Mayor Henderson contacted Attorney Garganese, who stated he is going to charge the town \$200.00 per hour. Attorney Denhardt's fee is \$350.00 per hour. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to ratify the services of Garganese, Weiss D'agresta & Salzman, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Commissioner Neal stated he did talk to Attorney Denhardt who said he is in full agreement, but Commissioner Neal stated there should have been a commission discussion. Mayor Henderson stated to Commissioner Neal, that he himself has had work done and ratified the work being done. Mayor Henderson stated the complaint needed to be answered so the letter was signed. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes.

Ratify Engagement Services of Hendrickson Consulting, LLC

Town Clerk Palmer addressed the Commission stating there were a few HR issues that came up and needed some advice. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to ratify the engagement of services with Hendrickson Consulting, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Commissioner Neal asked Attorney Denhardt if there was any conflict with this action. Attorney Denhardt will check into this. Commissioner Krajewski stated he has spent many hours working with Lisa Hendrickson on a committee prior to becoming a commissioner and stated how he is extremely impressed with her knowledge. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes.

Approval of 2021 Holidays

Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the Holidays for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

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Appeal of Planning and Zoning Board Decision - 50 181st Ave. West

Former Building Official Cooper called a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board to designate the back yard

for 50 181st Ave. West. The Board met and did not want to designate a backyard. The applicant has appealed to the Commission. Mrs. Dewitt addressed the Commission, stating that when they built their new home, they did not know they had two front yards. They are asking to put up a 3-foot wrought iron fence to contain their two small dogs. Vice Mayor Robinson asked if the temporary fence is temporary all year or only while you are here. Mrs. Dewitt stated temporary 50% of the time. Vice Mayor Robinson mentioned an ordinance the town has that loose objects must be taken in when a storm is approaching and maybe the fence should be encased in concrete. Mrs. Dewitt stated they would put in concrete if the commission desires. Commissioner Neal asked if her neighbors have any issues with the fence. At the last meeting, if we are designated as a backyard, we could put up a six-foot fence. Commissioner Neal stated if the neighbors do not have any issues, he is fine with the fence. Mayor Henderson she talked with numerous neighbors in the area and their concern is once you designate a backyard you could put other structures and that is the neighbor's concerns. If designate the backyard you would sign that no other structure could be placed in that area and it is conveyed with the property. Mrs. Dewitt stated she would agree to not have any other structures in that backyard area. If the Commission does grant approval the agreement would be recorded. Commissioner Krajewski agrees with what has been discussed. Commissioner Neal moved to designate the north side on 180th Ave. West as the as the backyard with the conditions as agreed to by the applicant that the only item in the backyard would be the threefoot fence and nothing else, such as swimming pool, hot tub, satellite or any other such structures, the agreement will be in writing and in perpetuity with the property and recorded and filed at the courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Mrs. Dewitt said she agrees with the motion. Resident Chris Warren addressed the Commission stating she is speaking for the neighborhood. The neighbors do not problem with fence, just that no other structures would be allowed, and the Commission has taken care of that concern. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Lisa Foster addressed the Commission on the importance of reporting any storm damage and to include pictures on the county's website to increase the chances of receiving any federal funding. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he reported that data in the collector application and asked if that sufficed. Mrs. Foster stated it should also be documented on the county's website. Mrs. Foster stated there is an online zoom flood information meeting and residents are invited and Mrs. Foster will send the information.

Property owner, Carol Muszik addressed the commission on comments from the last meeting regarding the Mediation Hearing, the release of Bruce Cooper as Building Official and the need to designate a backyard and restricting what could be placed in that area

MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission concurred to cancel the December Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, December 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC Town Clerk