

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, November 19, 2020; Special Meeting, January 13, 2021; Special Meeting, January 18, 2021; Special Meeting, January 19, 2021, Special Meeting, January 27, 2021; Workshop Meeting, January 27, 2021 and Special Meeting, February 1, 2021

Town Clerk Palmer stated to the Commission, the minutes of January 27th and February 1, 2021 have not been completed. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve November 19, 2020, January 13, 2021, and January 18, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – January/February 2021

Commissioner Krajewski moved to ratify the January/February 2021 bills, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson – was invited by the Mayor of Madeira Beach for a special meeting with Congressmen Crist, regarding how to help homeowners who had serious damage from ETA and are having difficulty with their insurance companies. I was able to have a conversation regarding substantial damage and how FEMA 50% affects are residents. He was overly impressed with my knowledge of the subject, but I had to admit by teacher is Lisa Forster, the Flood Plain Manager for Pinellas County, thank you Lisa. I was able to talk to him regarding beach renourishment and the fact we might be losing it for the entire barrier island due the signature requirements. Congressmen Crist said he has been in conversation with the Army Corp of Engineers trying to get them to rewrite the language in the easement agreement that must be signed.

The cubicles have been installed and is nice for everyone to have a quite professional place to conduct business.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3 – Vice Mayor Robinson again thanked Mayor Henderson for giving up her office to accommodate the needs of the other commissioners. Generally, we are not here at the same time, and all very cognizant of not conducting business outside a public meeting and since we do not have landline phones it is extremely easy for anyone who receives a call to walk out of the office. Anyone concerned should not be.

Vice Mayor Robinson reported he participated in a call with the Pinellas County Sherriff and the FBI regarding the Oldsmar water treatment hack. They did catch it quickly. Redington Shores does not manage such systems, but it is a reminder of the potential dangers out there. It is a reminder to use good cyber measures, such as changing your passwords frequently, use random characters, do not use same passwords for regular sites, etc. If you think you have been compromised, please contact the town clerk immediately.

Over the next several weeks, Deputy Clerk Zindars and myself will be going over the town's floodplain management needs and will be scheduling floodplain and PPI meetings. The town is part of the countywide program, but we still need to conduct our own meetings.

Commissioner Jennie Blackburn, District No 1

Fire/EMS – Chief Burford addressed the Commission giving the January 2021 report. Fire – there were two non-emergency calls with an average response time of seven-minutes and thirty-six seconds and three emergency call with an average response time of six-minutes and seventeen seconds. EMS – nine non-

emergency calls with an average response time of five-minutes and twenty-one seconds and twenty emergency calls with an average response time of four-minutes and fifty-seven seconds.

Commissioner Blackburn reported Steve Jordan notified the town he will be retiring March 31st and we are talking about a replacement for him. Brad Kelley is still out. Do want to say, thank you to Commissioner Krajewski. Since supervisory areas have been moved around, I appreciate the professionalism of sharing the public works and sewer areas. Vice Mayor Robinson pointed out that Steve Jordan's has been saying he is going to retire this year for a long time. I have been talking to him about this with him and he is looking forward to spending time with his family. Anyone concerned about this, should not be as this has been well planned by Steve.

Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Krajewski reported he attended a meeting virtually on January 29th with the Clearwater Bar Association focusing Law for Public Officials.

Sewers – Several projects underway that need attention. Commissioner Krajewski met with representatives from Pinellas County Utilities to discuss their report on the evaluation of the town's sewer system. As a result of that meeting, they have some follow up items that need to be resolved and some questions to answer. Once received Commissioner Krajewski will report to the Commission. Commissioner Krajewski also reached out to Butch, from Miller Pipeline to discuss the rehab project and what was coming up. Three projects associated with laterals, one, inspection of manholes on Gulf Blvd., this inspection was limited to 28 manholes, which represents on 16% of the manholes in town. There are two laterals at Sand Vista are in extremely poor condition, the inspection had to be limited due to build up in the pipes, they could not get through the laterals to the main line, so at this time the repair is on hold. Regarding VCibo and Wine Knox when I asked about the work that Commissioner Neal had said was scheduled to be started and repaired, Butch stated he had not been told there was an issue or needed to schedule any work in these areas. Since there have been emergencies at these establishments, emergency repairs have been initiated and all three properties will need to be televised and hopefully lined from the Boulevard to the properties. Mayor Henderson asked if the manholes could be the problem with the infiltration into the system. Commissioner Krajewski will report back on this. Mayor Henderson asked about the Sand Vista and what the issue is there. Commissioner Krajewski there is an issue with their lateral and will be looked televised from Gulf Blvd to the property. Vice Mayor Robinson regard to report from county and the system, the FAC has done some work on this over the years, he will share the report with them. Commissioner Krajewski stated he already sent to some members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Henderson OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 21-02 – Amending Flood Ordinance

Attorney Rubenstein read Ordinance 21-02 by title. Mayor Henderson stated that our Local Planning Agency did recommend changing the 5-year cumulative to one-year. Mayor Henderson stated when she started on Commission in 2014 the 5-year cumulative had already been adopted. After being on the Commission for a while it being abundantly clear something needs to be done to help our residents. She has spent many months working with FEMA, the state and the county and our consultant to come up with something which would help the residents make improvements to their homes without jeopardizing our 5-year cumulative. As a result, exclusions were added to our code that would not be counted toward the five-year cumulative tally, but would help with resiliency and green energy, such as impact doors, impact windows, roofs, elevate ground level air conditioning, solar panels, etc. Then after ETA, I realized something more needs to be done to help our residents to improve or fix their properties. Again, I reached out and met with some of the same agencies to come up with something FEMA compliant and resident friendly. So tonight, I would like to ask the Commission to support changing from five to one year cumulative with no exceptions for hardening or green energy. I realize this is not the most resilient for the town, but it is FEMA compliant and does not put our town in jeopardy with the NFIP. Commissioner Blackburn asked if there is a middle of the road that could be implemented. Mayor Henderson stated three year, but really does not help the resident. Mayor Henderson

stated this is the best she could come up with to help the residents and keeping the town in compliance. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he had read the minutes and reading information that came from Lisa Forster and being over the town's floodplain management he understands FEMA's objective and what we all want, it to have the town more resilient. Also, understand many of the homes, ground level, 50% really limits what a person can do. His main concern is jeopardizing the NFIP and the ability to get insurance. I do believe before NFIP removed us from the program, we would be notified and then the Commission could take other actions to keep us from losing the insurance. I understand the pros and cons and I support going to one-year cumulative. Commissioner Krajewski stated he is also supportive of the change. Mayor Henderson asked for public comment. There are 24-attendees. Property owner, Carol Muszik asked if one year is ok, why is permit to permit not. Also, why is there no worry about the CRS points. Permit to Permit should be allowed. There being no other comments, Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 21-02 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Roll call: all yes.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 21-03 – Amending Vacation Rental Ordinance

Attorney Rubenstein read Ordinance 21-03 by title. Vice Mayor Robinson asked Attorney Rubenstein to read the memorandum sent to the Commission explain the amendments to the ordinance. Vice Mayor Robinson stated that since he was the Commissioner working with the Attorney on this ordinance and for benefit of the commission, he pointed out the following changes to the ordinance, deletes application fee, requires a scale drawing of property including bedrooms and sleeping areas, deletes discretionary inspections, we may still do, but under a lawful court order, eliminates language to comply with other laws. Mayor Henderson opened for public comments. There are 23-attendees and no comments. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 21-03 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Roll call: all yes.

Mayor Henderson closed the public hearing.

Approval to Repair Dock at Del Bello Park

Commissioner Blackburn went over the bid received for the projects, including the dock at the tennis courts. Move to approve Premier CPS, for fishing pier, \$9,700.0, reinforce the pavilion base plates, \$5,375.00 and tennis court for \$10,250.00, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Mayor Henderson asked for any comments. Resident, Carol Muszik stated no one can understand as it sounds muffled. Roll call: all yes.

Employment Manual

Town Clerk Palmer mistakenly left this item off the agenda. Mayor Henderson asked for Lisa Hendrickson the chair of the Personnel Committee to address the Commission. Chair Hendrickson stated the first meeting of the committee was held on February 7, 2020 to review and recommend changes to the manual. The committee has met twelve times to discuss the various aspects, and once completed the manual was sent to the labor attorney for compliance review. All feedback from the attorney was discussed by the committee and incorporated into the manual. At the January 27th workshop meeting the committee presented the manual to the commission for discussion. At that meeting the committee was given an additional assignment of updating the town's Drug and Alcohol Policy, which is referenced in the Employment Manual. The commission thanked the committee for their work. Commissioner Krajewski moved to approve the new version of the Employment Manual, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Mayor Henderson asked for any discussion. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for Forward Pinellas to Assist in Zoning Change 180th Ave. West and 181st Ave. West

Mayor Henderson explained the commission discussed this at the last workshop meeting and the Commission concurred to apply for the change. Vice Mayor Robinson stated each property owner is being sent a letter asking if they agree to the change. There being no further discussion or comments, Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve for Forward Pinellas to assist the town, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Property owner, Jerry Muszik read a public report from the Commission on Ethics to the Commission.

Property owner, Carol Muszik commented on why Vice Mayor Robinson did not read the above report. Why does a commissioner sign building permits? Object to cubicles in one room. Why when town hall is closed are the commissioners expected to be there every day.

Commissioner Blackburn stated the suspension of Jeff Neal had nothing to do with the Ethics Complaint filed against him. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he has not seen any public report from the Ethics Commission. Vice Mayor Robinson stated again he believes we as the commission had an obligation to follow through both to the complainant, to the residents of the town and to Commissioner Neal. Mayor Henderson asked Town Clerk Palmer if any information has come into town hall from the ethics commission regarding the public report read. Town Clerk Palmer stated no.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk