

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 – Workshop Meeting, January 27, 2021; Special Meeting, February 1, 2021; Regular Meeting, February 10, 2021 and Workshop Meeting, February 24, 2021

Commissioner Blackburn moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Commissioner Blackburn noted a correction to be made on the January 27th workshop, changing Tropical Guide to Tropical Dive. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – February/March 2021

Vice Mayor Robinson moved to ratify the bills, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Vice Mayor Robinson reported the treatment bills on still extremely high. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson – reported on the latest vaccine progress. Mayor Henderson stated for those who do not have computers or are not computer savvy then can call 844-770-8548.

Crosswalk – is completed and functional. Mayor Henderson encouraged all to use caution.

Mayor Henderson talked to the Commission about the Special Meeting on Friday, March 12th and it being scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and asked if they would consider holding the meeting earlier in the day. Consensus was to move the meeting to 3:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Vice Mayor Robinson reported it is Flood Awareness Week. Deputy Clerk Zindars and our web master have and will be posting to our webpage and face book page through out the week promoting Flood Awareness Week. A Flood Insurance Meeting and the Hurricane Awareness Meeting are being planned. Also, a Spring Newsletter will need to go out at the end of March, which will include flood awareness and flood insurance information. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he would like to hold a tabletop exercise with the Commission and Staff regarding the town's Emergency Management Plan and duties.

Vice Mayor Robinson spoke to the Commission regarding the new sewer billing process and an issue at Redington Towers with their Chiller System for their air conditioning of units and for the pool use. The towers do not have individual units for their units. The new billing will cost them approximately \$10,000.00 more a year. Pinellas County cannot separate out between their system and the chilling system. The chilling system does not run through the sewers. Vice Mayor Robinson asked the Commission to think of ways on how to help with this situation. Resident, Chris Cook, from Redington Towers addressed the Commission asking for help with this, stating to install new meters to separate the situation would be very costly.

Commissioner Jennie Blackburn, District No 1

Commissioner Blackburn Steve Jordan's retirement is coming up soon. We have had a temporary employee, Mike Pafumi who has been training with both Steve and Brad and seems to be working very well with both and handling all task very well. Commissioner Krajewski stated he has had dealing with Mike and is impressed with him. Town Clerk Palmer stated the town has advertised through Pinellas Technical College and have had no responses. Commissioner Blackburn stated one other application has come in but would like to offer Mike the fulltime position as he has been working out well and is close to town. The Commission discussed the fact that Steve's last day will April 2nd and there will not be a meeting before he leaves. Commissioner Blackburn moved to hire Mike on a fulltime basis, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Vice Mayor Robinson stated

this is an offer of employment based on his acceptance and agreeing to the rate for the position. There being no more discussion, roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Blackburn reported she has had a lot of support regarding the Dog Park.

Fire/EMS – Chief Burford reported the following for February 2021 – there were two non-emergency calls with an average response time of eight minutes and nine seconds and seven emergency calls with an average response time of eight minutes and thirty seconds. There were seven non-emergency EMS call with an average response time of four minutes and twenty-nine seconds and sixteen emergency calls with an average response time of four minutes and thirty-six seconds. Chief Burford reported they are seeing an increase in calls, which is a sign that the tourist are coming back.

Chief Burford gave a brief report on the new Fire Station. Ribbon Cutting is slated for the end of 2022. Estimates have come in higher than expected, so the County is continuing to work on the estimating of the project.

Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Krajewski expressed to the Mayor, Commissioners, residents, and business owners that it is clear from the election that the Commission has the support of their constituents and he is optimistic all business will be carried out with professionalism and respectfulness to all.

Gulf Beaches Library – Activities are steady. Staff is manning the kiosk that is in Treasure Island. The Director has initiated a Community Outreach Program starting with Treasure Island. Hopefully, we can do the same program here in Redington Shores for our residents and children. Maintenance service was performed on the air conditioning and ducts.

Sewers – as discussed earlier regarding the work at Vicibo and Wine Knot the next to be performed is descaling the lateral across Gulf Blvd. Descaling and cleanout the two laterals at Sand Vista Motel across Gulf Blvd. Once completed the relining of these areas will be completed. This work will take approximately two weeks to complete. Commissioner Krajewski is working on a Strategic Project Plan for the completion of the rehabilitation of the system.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Henderson opened the Public Hearing

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

Attorney Rubenstein read Ordinance 12-02 by title. Mayor Henderson asked for any public comment. There are 14 attendees on, and no comments came forward. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 12-02 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Mayor Henderson asked for public comment. No public comment was made. Vice Mayor Robinson stated as he mentioned at the first reading that this needs to be monitored closely and if there is any indication from FEMA that we are jeopardizing the NFIP program the Commission will need to change this ordinance. Mayor Henderson stated she agrees with his concerns, she tried with exemptions, but was not enough for the residents. There being no further discussion, roll call: all yes. Mayor Henderson closed the Public Hearing.

Update on Sewer Rehab Project – Laterals and Manholes

Commissioner Krajewski gave the Commission an update on the next phase of the rehab. The laterals and the rest of the manholes will be inspected for problem areas, the cost will be \$70,455.00. Commissioner Krajewski spoke to the Commission regarding the town's sewer camera has been down for over a year and there is a need to purchase a new one. Commissioner Krajewski reviewed some quotes with the Commission, the one camera that will fit our needs cost is \$12,800.00. Mayor Henderson asked if North Redington Beach would be interested in sharing the cost of the camera. Commissioner Krajewski will call Mayor Queen to ask.

Acceptance of Volunteer Committee Application

Vice Mayor Robinson stated stemming from the workshop meeting he had received a Volunteer Form from Pinellas Park, that he amended to fit the towns needs. Appointments/reappointments to the boards in April and would like to use this form. The Commission agreed and Town Clerk Palmer will have it posted to our website.

NEW BUSINESSAward Bid – Digital Media Archiving

Town Clerk Palmer asked Deputy Clerk Zindars to address the Commission on this subject as she worked on this task. Vice Mayor Robinson stated he spoke with Cheri about the quotes and why she recommends Smarsh. Cheri had said they have the most experience with government and with working with them felt their integrity to be high. Vice Mayor Robinson also stated he spoke with Town Clerk Palmer asking if we had money in the budget and we do under the microfilm/storage line item. The Commission thanked Deputy Clerk Zindars for a job well done. Commissioner Krajewski asked about the gigabytes vs terabytes. Deputy Clerk Zindars stated the company assured we will be fine with the gigabytes. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the quote from Smarsh, with a \$1,050.00 setup fee and \$2,420.00 annual fee, seconded Commissioner Krajewski. Roll call: all yes.

Ratify Sewer Emergency Repair Work

Commissioner Krajewski stated the emergency repair work at Vicibo, and Wine Knot have been completed. The sidewalk in the area had to be opened, as one of the cleanouts had been covered with concrete. Commissioner Krajewski moved to ratify the repairs at a cost of \$6,063.50, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Property owner Carol Muszik asked about leaking pools and if a sewer credit is given in that instance. Town Clerk Palmer stated in that instance the owner would go through Pinellas County Water Department.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson asked the Commission if they would like to have the Special Meeting earlier in the day. After discussion, the Commission agreed to hold the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Special Meeting – Friday, March 12, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk