

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, June 9, 2021

Vice Mayor Robinson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Krouk. Commissioner Krajewski amended the minutes as follows, Page two, second sentence, insert the word inspections after the word system and place a period after the word continuing. The next sentence to start with the word Data. Last sentence of the paragraph to read, there was a report by the PCU regarding the assessment associated with the sewer system and that there were several issues noted regarding the system and represented only 10% of the town's system. Under the Stormwater add "there was televising as well as cleaning continuing regarding the stormwater system. Commissioner Blackburn corrected a typo on page three, second to the last sentence, change the word "out" to "at". Vice Mayor Robinson moved to amend his motion to approve as edited and corrected by Commissioners Blackburn and Krajewski, seconded by Commissioner Krouk. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – June/July 2021

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Fireworks – Mayor Henderson thanked town staff and all agencies involved with the July 4th display. It was a great show. There were some behind the scenes issues, with the pyrotechnician and his employees. All worked out, Mayor Henderson wanted to mention this as maybe the town wants to reconsider having the show, since we have had to cancel shows due to this issue. This is just a thought and something the Commission might want to think about. Commissioner Krajewski suggested asking the BIG-C about taking turns hosting the show.

Mayor Henderson thanked Vice Mayor Robinson for his leadership during Tropical Storm Elsa. Mayor Henderson encouraged all residents to obtain their re-entry pass before the next storm.

Mayor Henderson mentioned the town is looking for a volunteer to help in the office, answering phones, along with some light office work.

Mayor Henderson announced the town's annual picnic is Saturday, October 9th at Constitution Park.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Vice Mayor Robinson thanked Mayor Henderson regarding Tropical Storm Elsa, stating it was a team effort. Vice Mayor Robinson reported there was over 5,000 sandbags distributed to residents, the turn out was the most we have ever seen and conclude Hurricane Eta was still fresh on their minds. Vice Mayor Robinson encouraged all to come in for their re-entry passes and thank Commission Krajewski for having the stormwater pipe cleaned and serviced.

Vice Mayor Robinson stated that the short-term rental ordinance does apply to all in town who rent short-term. The platforms have worked well with the town. There are 57 properties have obtained their Certificate of Use (COU). We are aware of and are receiving complaints of those who are renting short-term but have not obtained their COU. A letter will be sent to those as we learn of them, letting the owners know they need to obtain the COU, if there is no compliance in obtaining the COU, code enforcement will become involved.

Vice Mayor Robinson reported the Financial Advisory Committee met yesterday discussing the budget and proposed mileage rate. Also discussed was a proposal from Andy Tess, Financial Consultant. They have been

retained to help with our annual audit this year, as the company we have had, are not able to service the town anymore. They were asked to give the town a proposal for annual accounting services, which would consist of accounts payable, cash receipts, monthly and quarterly services. The company will also help prepare for the annual audit. The FAC agrees with this service for the town. Vice Mayor Robinson would like approval to retain this company at \$2,000.00/per month. Commissioner Krajewski moved to hire the firm to help with the town's finances and account, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Mayor Henderson asked for any discussion. There being none, roll call on the motion and second. All yes.

Commissioner Krouk, Commissioner District No 2

Building Department – 75 permits were issued in June, two being new homes, with a total permit and impact fee revenue of \$75,687.11. Safebuilt has moved Neal Mazzie to Indian Shores, and Redington Shores now has Bob Welch as our Building Official. The letter to the condo boards regarding the electrical and structural is still being crafted.

Commissioner Krouk reported she met with Resident, Rich Perez. He had a great idea to establish a new build seminar for residents. Commissioner Krouk will set up a committee to help with this seminar.

Commissioner Blackburn, District No 1

Commissioner Blackburn thanked Mike Pafumi, along with Don from North Redington Beach, Indian Shores P.D and Seminole Fire Department for their hard work on July 4th and 5th.

Commissioner Blackburn reported the new truck has been delivered, town stickers are being put on it. Staff is very happy with the truck. New tires for the old truck have been ordered. Commissioner Blackburn mentioned the public works department is still short staffed. The commissioners are following up with their interviews with the applicants and maybe soon we can have a special meeting to hire a candidate. Mike Pafumi is continuing to clean out the garage, getting it ready for demolition for the new multipurpose building.

Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner District No 4

Stormwater – Commissioner Krajewski reported he has received a report from Todd, they have gone through 90/95 % of the properties on the east side of Gulf Blvd, and have started on the west side of Gulf Blvd. There are 24 more pipes on the east side to be cleaned and then they will finish up on the west side. Some challenges with grates that have been cemented in, one still on Sterling Terrace that needs to be opened up. Based on this, with no more events, they should be completed in the middle of August with the work.

Sewers – started at the end of April on the south side and moved through the town. There has been a significant amount of intrusion from sand and so there is probably also water intrusion. Some manholes leaky, so again water intrusion. Weather permitting this project should be completed in the middle of August. Hopefully will have a report in September on where we stand on both projects.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 2021/2022 Approve Tentative Millage Rate and Advalorem Tax and FY 2021/2022 Tentative Budget

Vice Mayor Robinson stated the budget has been updated with the Commission request. The FAC met yesterday and made a few recommendations that will be placed in the budget. The FAC had a good discussion on the millage rate and have recommended to the Commission to maintain the current advalorem rate and not to take the rollback rate. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt the tentative millage rate at 1.6896 for FY 21/22, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Commissioner Krajewski referred to the line item in the Sewer Fund with the amount of \$500,000.00 asking if this was what he asked to be placed for Sewer Major Rehab. Vice Mayor Robinson stated, yes. Commissioner Krajewski wants to make sure the money is dedicated for sewer only. Vice Mayor Robinson stated it is. Commissioner Krajewski wanted to justify to the Commission the amount of money placed in the budget for sewer repairs. Commissioner Krajewski stated, based on discussions with representatives from Miller Pipeline and Shenandoah there is going to be phasing of the repair work on the sewers. The first phase will be those that they feel absolutely need to be done, second would be those areas

that they found some things, but not imperative at this time, but maybe at the end of 2022. Commissioner

Krajewski stated there is still work that needs to be done by Pinellas County Utilities and the Town regarding Pinellas County buying the sewer system from the town. Vice Mayor Robinson stated no one is suggesting the money should not be in the budget. Vice Mayor Robinson stated what he believes and as discussed at the FAC meeting is yes, we do believe the county utilities is moving slower and it could take another year to figure out what will be done with the sewer. Vice Mayor Robinson commented he and the FAC members do not want to stop repairs, move forward with what needs to be done, not what would be nice to get done.

Resolution 09-21 - Pass through to Residents of 4% Increase on Refuse Billing

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 09-21 by title. Vice Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 09-21, seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Vice Mayor Robinson explained this increase is a pass through to the residents. Mayor Henderson asked for any comments or discussion. There being none, roll call: all yes.

Approval to Purchase Beach Signs

Commissioner Blackburn stated the town has 14 beach accesses, (36"X60") and would like to purchase 8 new signs for the beach, mirroring the ones that Indian Rocks Beach have. Commissioner Blackburn noted to the commission the accesses on where she would like to place the signs. Mayor Henderson asked if these signs would be on private property. Discussion ensued on the placement of the signs. After discussion, Attorney Denhardt stated the best way to accomplish the placement on private property is to ask for an easement from the owners that runs with the property. Commissioner Blackburn will get the final verbiage for the signs and to look at the signs that the City of Gulfport have and collect the easement agreements in areas where the signs will be placed on. Commissioner Krouk stated she likes the idea of a few dominate signs at some areas and the smaller ones at the other accesses. The Commission suggested to Commissioner Blackburn to ask Pinellas County if we could place signs at their beach access park. Commissioner Blackburn will report back to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Purchase New Solar Speed Sign

Commissioner Blackburn stated there was another company who sent a quote that was lower than the others, but after talking with the company on why theirs was so lower than Radar Sign, it came down to the material the signs are made of. Commissioner Blackburn also stated they both have a cloud-based software to use, but the Radar Sign system offers more functions. After discussion, Commissioner Blackburn moved to purchase two signs from Radar Sign in the amount of \$7,200.00, seconded from Commissioner Krajewski. Vice Mayor Robinson asked what line item from the budget would this purchase be from. Town Clerk, Palmer, stated Streets and Highways. Vice Mayor Robinson asked if there is a state contract for these. Commissioner Blackburn stated she did not know, the town used Radar Sign before, so assumed this was investigated. There being no comments or further discussion. Roll call: all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson asked for any public comments.

Sal Celeste, commented to the Commission regarding short term rental compliance and enforcement. Mr. Celeste stated he is aware of owners getting around the occupancy issue. They only have three legal bedrooms, but advertising for much more than that.

Leslee Coppock, thanked the commission for the amazing fireworks. Also, thanking them and staff for their hard work during the storm. Mrs. Coppock stated she agrees with Sal, many advertising for more sleeping areas than they should and would also like to be sure compliance and enforcing being out of the pools by 10:00 p.m. is being conducted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk