

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Roll Call: Present upon roll call were Commissioners Krouk, Blackburn, Krajewski, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Mayor Henderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 10, 2021, Special Meeting on March 12, 2021 and Workshop Meeting held March 31, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS: Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to ratify the March/April 2021 bills. Seconded by Commissioner Krouk. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson commented that the spring break season this year was busier than ever and commended Commissioner Blackburn and the maintenance staff for keeping up with the extra duties associated with the busy season. She then congratulated Public Works employee W. (Steve) Jordan on his retirement and over 30 years of dedicated service to the Town. She announced that she received notification that Pinellas County had secured funding for the multi-use Fire/EMS building, so the project would be moving forward. She also announced there were plans in the works to hold an ice cream social at Constitution Park.

Indian Shores Police Department: Chief Swan provided information on proposed legislation that would require all crosswalk signals to flash red instead of yellow. He warned that, because the current yellow flashing lights on the Gulf Blvd cross walks did not have the capability to be transitioned to flashing red, the lights would need to be removed, causing a dangerous environment for pedestrians. He then encouraged residents to contact their state legislators to weigh in on the bill. Chief Swan stated there was an urgent need to replace the hurricane sirens in Indian Shores and Redington Shores. He explained that the technology for the sirens was extremely outdated, with control features from a walkie, whereas the new technology enables the department to control both a siren and audio messaging from a cell phone. He expressed the urgency to get the new sirens in place before the upcoming hurricane season, including that the cost for the siren in Redington Shores would be approximately \$44,000. He included a report on the continued issue with visitors bringing dogs onto the beach and ways to get information out to the public. He also stated that he was working with Vice Mayor Robinson and Chief Burford on getting together a table-top exercise to enable local government officials and staff to be more prepared for emergencies. He reported that the department was down one officer and was hoping to fill the position prior to the anticipated high attendance at the upcoming July 4th festival.

Seminole Fire Department: Chief Burford provided a call report for Redington Shores for the month of March, which included 2 non-emergency calls at an average 7 minutes 7 second response time and 3 emergency calls at an average response time of 8 minutes 38 seconds and included that the department is contractually required to respond 90% of the time at an average time of 7 minutes 30 seconds. She explained that a call had been misclassified, which had increased the response numbers for the report, so they still fell under the required response time. She stated that EMS was busy across the County and that the COVID situation was not over as hospitals were still concerned over availability of ICU beds.

Vice Mayor Robinson, Commissioner District No 3 announced that a flood insurance seminar was held in March for flood insurance awareness month and an emergency response tabletop exercise was scheduled for all Town official and staff in May. He also reported that the Financial Advisory Committee was beginning budget preparations and would be participating in the upcoming Workshop meeting to begin putting together the next fiscal year budget.

Commissioner Krouk, Commissioner District No 2 reported that the building department had issued 76 permits and performed 97 inspections for the month of March. She explained that, due to the increased volume of permit activity, hours have been temporarily increased for the Building Official and support staff and included that this would create an overage in expenses, however, would be offset by the increase in permit fee

revenues. She explained the building department had been working on researching new permit system because the existing system was outdated and no longer supported. She summarized projects for District 2, including a stormwater mitigation project on 1st St E and Long Point Dr, a seawall replacement project at the 176th Terrace Dr E, FEMA friendly privacy fence for use in high hazard flood zone which, she explained, could require updates to the fence ordinance.

Commissioner Blackburn, District No 1 congratulated W. (Steve) Jordan on his retirement and announced that part-time employee M. Pafumi had accepted the full-time position. She provided an update on the staff, indicating that the list of duties had been revamped, both employees were being cross trained, the Town garage was being cleaned out, and on-call weekends would now be rotated, however, staff would be proactive with weekend pickup during the busy season. She provided an update on the Del Bello Park seawall, explaining that the seawall had developed pockets and holes, but that Gibson Marine would clean out and fill the holes at an approximate cost of \$500. She included that research was still being done on the possible dog park. Updates provided on Constitution Park included BBQ pit replacement of approximately \$1000 and storm shutter replacement on the pavilion at an estimated cost of \$2,000 - \$2,500.

Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner District No 4 provided an update on the sewers and reported that Miller Pipeline had concluded the emergency sewer work on the 3 laterals at the Wine Knot site on Gulf Blvd, that a special tool was ordered to clean the scaling on the pipes, and an order was put in for a special lining for the pipes to prevent the continuation of the issue. He explained that inflow and infiltration work was scheduled to begin April 26th and that he would receive a work plan with cost estimate by the 19th. He explained that work would be done, beginning in the neighborhoods from north to south, then the lift stations, and finishing with Gulf Blvd. He stated the hope was to find the reason for infiltration leading to high bills.

Commissioner Krajewski provided an update on the stormwater project and indicated that investigation into the outfalls found large amounts of construction debris, which continued to create a problem with the clean-out process. He called for the building department, maintenance staff, and residents to keep construction debris from running into the outfalls. He expressed interest in putting out an RFP for an engineer study to analyze the stormwater system, including CVS units, catch basins, height of seawalls, dry ponds and the placement and quantity of storm drains. He indicated he would be looking into grant funding to update the system through various programs such as DPA, hazard mitigation via FEMA or Community Block Grants.

Commissioner Blackburn asked if they were able to camera the storm drains and how the clogging of the lines was being handled. Commissioner Krajewski stated that he had just received a thumb drive to view with video from the camera in the lines, and explained that they were using a claw, vacuuming, and jetting to clear the lines. Commissioner Krouk asked how many lines had been cleaned and, of those lines, how many were clogged with construction debris. Commissioner Krajewski replied that, out of the 10 to 12 lines cleaned, about 2/3 was clogged with construction debris. Commissioner Krouk outlined the steps that would be taken by the building department as part of the permitting process to avoid future issues with construction debris such as requiring silt fence at construction sites with temporary covering of storm drains. Commissioner Blackburn indicated that the maintenance crew could assist in checking to make sure the mitigation steps stayed in place throughout construction. Vice Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation for the efforts made by all departments, including that the discussion was a large part of flood mitigation and offered he assist in the educating residents by putting more messaging out on the website, such as the utilization of tag lines such as: "Only rain down the drain".

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 05-21 – Meeting Procedures: Ordinance was read by Atty. Rubenstein. Mayor Henderson opened for public comment. C. Muszik, 17822 Lee Ave – expressed concern that the policy would restrict the public's right to speak by limiting public comment to only items not on the agenda and included that there had been several times that public comment was not allowed during discussion of agenda items, and then the public was not allowed to comment on the item at the end of the meeting during general public comment. Vice Mayor Robinson explained a main reason for passing the resolution was to clarify the process. Motion to approve Resolution 05-21 made by Commissioner Krajewski. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments to Boards: The following appointments were recommended by the Board:

Financial Advisory Committee

Vice Mayor Robinson recommended reappointment of C. Henderson for District 3

Commissioner Blackburn recommended appointment of C. Buth for District 1
Commissioner Krouk recommended appointment of W. Sanders for District 2
Commissioner Krajewski recommended appointment of T. Boyd for District 4

Personnel Committee

Commissioner Krajewski recommended appointment of J. Weingart for District 4
Mayor Henderson recommended J. Strackle for At Large

Parks and Recreation Committee

Commissioner Blackburn recommended reappointment of D. McCarthy for District 1
Vice Mayor Robinson recommended appointment of B. Utz for District 3
Mayor Henderson recommended appointment of K. Sipniewski for At Large

Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Blackburn recommended appointment of S. Laird for District 1
Vice Mayor Robinson recommended reappointment of R. Caby for District 3
Mayor Henderson recommended reappointment of L. Foster for At Large

Vice Mayor Robinson recommended appointment of L. Coppock as alternate for District 3

Vice Mayor Robinson called out to residents who may be interested in volunteering for the PPI Committee for flood risk mitigation. Mayor Henderson opened for public comment. C. Muszik, 17822 Lee Ave – opposed appointment of L. Coppock and questioned her residency. Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to approve all recommended appointments. Seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Seawall Repair – Town Easement, 176th Terrace Drive: Commissioner Krouk stated that a 19-foot Town-owned portion of seawall on 176th Terrace Dr E needed the cap to be raised to meet the neighboring seawalls. She explained that Gibson Marine had analyzed work required and determined that seawall replacement would be required due to the erosion of the seawall itself and the soil underneath. She requested the Board provide approval obtain bids and to spend no more than \$16,000 on the project. Mayor Henderson pointed out that any expenditure over \$15,000 would require sealed bids. Commissioner Krouk settled on doing more research and coming back to the Board.

Approval of FY 21/22 Town of Indian Shores Police Budget: Vice Mayor Robinson stated a 5.5% increase was included in the budget for a total increase of \$27,080 and was reviewed by the Financial Advisory Committee. He noted reasonable salary ranges for the Department and recognized that the Town of Indian Shores had made contributions to the Department including new equipment. Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to accept the FY 21/22 Town of Indian Shores Police Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Pinellas County LMS and PPI 2020 Annual Reports: Vice Mayor Robinson reported he was looking for new projects to put into the plan and suggested locating a grant writer as there were grant funds available. Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to accept the Pinellas County LMS and PPI 2020 Annual Reports. Seconded by Commissioner Krajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Award bid for July 4, 2021 Fireworks Display: Mayor Henderson announced only one bid was received from Expo Shows for \$17,500. She also remarked on how inclusive the bid was developed and that the Police Chief was working on putting together a safety plan for the event. Motion by Vice Mayor Robinson to award the bid for the July 4, 2021 Fireworks Display to Expo Shows. Seconded by Commissioner Krouk. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: C. Muszik, 17822 Lee Ave. – expressed her belief that the Town needed a full time building official and inspector. She claimed that the only time the Town had not had a building official in decades is when Mayor Henderson became building commissioner in April 2018. She complained that her site plan for what she referred to as a “FEMA compliant house” submitted in February 2020 was delayed seven months due to the decision to not hold Planning and Zoning Board meetings. She continued, stating her plan review was further delayed because the two Building Officials on staff, B. Cooper and N. Mazzei only worked 12 hours per week and were too busy due to taking on a backlog of 600 permits between November 2020 and March 2021. She also claimed that she or her architect did not receive a phone call following up on her plan submittal for over a month and that her permit had been held up for a total of 14 months. She stated that after both the full time building official and inspector, S. Andrews and J. Walker, left the Town, the positions were

replaced with a part-time building official by Safebuilt.

L. Warich, 1771 Wall Cir – stated that work was consistently being done well past 6pm and on Sundays on a new home construction next door to her residence. She expressed her opinion that work ours on Saturdays should be changed to 9am instead of 7am and that the Police Department should be patrolling for violators outside construction work hours.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Henderson announced the following upcoming meetings:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm by Mayor Henderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri A. Zindars
Deputy Clerk