

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

Presentation Frontier FIOS for Town

Commissioner Krouk introduced representatives from Frontier Communications, who she had asked to attend this meeting to give the Commission a presentation on the work they are doing in town. The work started without the knowledge of the town and many residents had concerns regarding the project and exactly what was going on. Frontier Communications will be laying fiber optic cable up and down the beach communities. Representatives explained the project with the Commission and will be keeping the town up-to-date on the progress though out the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Financial Discussion

Vice Mayor Robinson introduced Andy Tess, CPA, who is now working with the town, handling some of the town's financial need. Andy is taking over at the town since Tom Pease is no longer available. Vice Mayor Robinson went over with the Commission questions from the Financial Advisory Committee and Commissioner Krouk. Andy will be working two days a week, handling cash receipts, accounts payable, monthly reconciliation, etc. Andy will meet possibly on a semiannual basis with the Commission and as needed with the FAC. Town Clerk Palmer and Andy will work daily basis together. The Town Clerk will still be responsible for payroll, payroll tax reporting, monthly and yearly reports, etc. Vice Mayor Robinson thanked Andy for attending the meeting tonight.

Building Official Compensation

Mayor Henderson asked Commissioner Krouk to speak on this item. Commissioner Krouk explained she is not prepared to present and asked Town Clerk Palmer what the status of the retirement for employees. Town Clerk Palmer explained it is her understanding that there are two different issues, one being retirement for all employees and the other is an increase in the building officials pay that was requested by Commissioner Krouk. Commissioner Krouk asked about the status of FRS. Town Clerk Palmer explained that Attorney Eschenfelder sent out an overview and there still seems to be some confusion. Town Clerk Palmer did talk to staff and public works expressed they would like to participate in the FRS and the deputy clerk and building official are still reviewing the plans. Commissioner Krouk stated she cannot proceed with adjustment to his salary until this is settled and stated this is not an emergency. Vice Mayor Robinson inquired about the performance expectations are of the building official. Commissioner Krouk stated there is a big learning curve and understanding our codes. The BO is very detailed with this. Commissioner Krouk stated he is not getting permits out as quickly as we like. He will spend hours on a permit to get it right. Commissioner Krouk stated she wants to give him every opportunity to get this right, he does feel he is making progress on this. **Commissioner Krouk stated he is not meeting her expectations at this time, and he knows this. This sentence does not reflect the intention of the statement which was relevant only to the timing of the permits, not overall performance.** Commissioner Krouk suggest Thursdays, as a non-interrupt day, let us agree we will not disturb the building official on Thursday, except for emergencies. Mayor Henderson would like two days for appointments. After discussion, Commissioner Krouk will speak with the building official on what he would prefer. Town Clerk Palmer stated for clarification that nothing will be placed on the agenda until directed to.

Recommendations for update of Ordinance 140-14. Identification Stickers

Commissioner Krouk presented some suggestions on amending the code and asked for the Commission opinions. After discussion the consensus of the Commission was to use stickers for residence and hangtags for the businesses. Residents will get one sticker per calendar year and the businesses will get two hangtags per year. There will be no fee to the residents or businesses. Town employees will not receive one at no cost. Commissioner Krouk will get this information to the attorney.

NEW BUSINESSDiscussion – Code Section 61-1 and 61-2A – Careless Watercraft Operation

Commissioner Blackburn spoke to the Commission regarding the large water basin by Del Bello Park and the reckless watercraft operations occurring in this area. Commissioner Blackburn has been contacted about this from a resident who lives on Pumpkin Key. Commissioner Blackburn stated this disturbs the property rights of the people that live on this basin. Town Clerk Palmer explained the town does have permits from the state for this area and other basin areas, including the beach area. After discussion, Commissioner Blackburn will review the files to see what action she needs to take and will also contact Chief Swann about getting in touch with the Marine Patrol.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

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

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, November 24, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk

**Correction to minutes per the November 10, 2021, Commission meeting.