

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mayor Commissioner Henderson, Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Blackburn, Commissioner Herig, Town Administrator Shoobridge, Attorney Robert Eschenfelder.

Absent: Commissioner Licata

Quorum present.

Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting April 12; Special Workshop April 17; Special Workshop April 25, Regular Workshop April 26

Commissioner Herig moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson 2nd. Vote taken: All yay.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Older Americans Month 2023- Mayor Commissioner Henderson read a proclamation from the Area Agency on Aging and proclaimed May as “Older Americans Month” for the Town of Redington Shores.

Agenda Revision:

Mayor Commissioner Henderson asked Town Administrator Shoobridge to come forward at this time and give an update regarding the FDOT Flashing Signs that are a part of his Administrator’s Report. This one item was moved forward due to a representative from FDOT being present for questions. Administrator Shoobridge explained that the Florida Department of Transportation is looking at replacing two of our speed limit signs with dynamic speed limit signs. They are flashing signs that will show the speed limit. One is located across from Town Hall. Administrator Shoobridge provided the information on the signs and a map with the locations previously by email to the Commission. The County will assist with the install. FDOT will fund the new signs. Commission discussed. Approval was requested by FDOT. Approval was granted and previously sent to the DOT by Administrator Shoobridge.

Appearances & Presentations

1. Beautification Committee Review of Landscape architect RFQ and Del Bello Park Sign: Loretta Fricks, 235 176th Ave E, spoke representing the Beautification Committee. She requested approval by the Commission for three items: 1. Requesting the approval of action to further the goal to develop a long-term plan to improve the esthetics and welcoming feel of our town. 2. They have prepared and submitted an RFQ (Request for Qualification) and are asking that the Commissioners authorize the Administrator to review and finalize the RFQ and have it published. 3. They would like responses to the RFQ to be reviewed jointly by the Administrator and Beautification Committee with the top candidates being then presented to the Board of Commissioners. Commission discussed. Attorney Eschenfelder spoke on the RFQ process under Florida Statute, Section 287.055. Loretta agreed to submit their plan to Attorney Eschenfelder by email. The Commission and Beautification Committee asked for direction on what the process would be. Attorney Eschenfelder explained that he would take the content submitted to him by the Beautification Committee, put it into a Request for Proposal Form, after confirming it has all that the statute requires, would send it to the Town Administrator to put on DemandStar. There would be a due date for submittals. After the due date, the proposals would be opened, evaluated, and ranked. The town could then negotiate a contract with the top ranked firm. If they do not come to an agreement, they would move to the second ranked firm, and so on. Being that the town already has a contract with Cardno, the Commission requested that the Administrator set up a meeting with Cardno, the Beautification Committee and himself to see if what the Committee is requesting can be done by their Landscape Architect prior to beginning the RFQ process.

Action Item: A meeting to be set with Cardno by the end of May and notify Commission and Beautification Committee once scheduled.

Person Responsible: Town Administrator

1. Beautification Committee Review of Landscape architect RFQ and Del Bello Park Sign (Continued)-

The Beautification Committee is recommending the replacement of the Del Bello Park sign to match the town signs that are at the town boundaries and the Constitution Park sign. Handouts were given by the Committee showing the proposed sign. Quotes have already been requested. The Committee is requesting that when the quotes are received, the Commission review and approve the best option for Del Bello Park. Commission discussed.

The Beautification Committee stated that they support the Commissioners continued review of town ordinances, particularly those related to the appearance and maintenance of residential and commercial properties. They suggest that when the ordinances are updated, they are shared on the town website, sign board and email.

2. Auditor Presentation- Draft of 9-30-22 Audit:

Administrator Shoobridge introduced Chuck Landers of Saltmarsh. A handout of the Draft Audit Report was given to the Commission and Clerk. Chuck thanked Heather and Jeff for their help and involvement with the audit. He reviewed the table of contents and other sections of the draft, and explained what is covered by audit opinion and what is not. The draft showed a favorable balance. No deficiencies were identified as material weaknesses. Commission discussed. No fees were assessed for the late filing last year however it was reflected in the report by Saltmarsh that they were in fact late. Discussion tabled until June Regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 23-05 - Amending § 140-2 and Articles III, IV and V of Chapter 140 (vehicles and traffic) of the town code to revise town parking regulations- Attorney

Eschenfelder read Ordinance No.23-05 by title. Commission Herig motioned to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Blackburn, 2nd. Commission discussed.

Commissioner Herig moved to approve the Ordinance with a change to 140-6, E changing 2 hours to 4 hours. Commission discussed.

Commissioner Herig amends her motion to merge 140-6, E and 140-6, F so that both the side streets east and west of Gulf Blvd and Gulf Blvd allow commercial vehicle parking for the duration of delivery pickup or work being done. Vice Mayor Hendrickson, 2nd. No Commission discussion. No public comment. Vote taken: All yay.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PPLC Interlocal Agreement – Administrator Shoobridge explains that that this is a routine extension of the Agreement. Commissioner Herig motions to accept the PPLC Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Blackburn 2nd. No discussion. No public comment. Vote taken: All Yay.

2. Wake Zone Discussion and Direction – Commissioner Herig explains that this is a discussion carried forward from the Workshop and asks if the Commission wants to extend the “No Wake Zone” to Buoy 27. Attorney Eschenfelder refers to an email that he sent on April 27th to the Commission regarding no wake zones. Administrator Shoobridge shares his concern regarding how we would go about enforcing a no wake zone and said he will reach out to the FWC for some answers. Commission discussed. Commissioner Herig motioned to request in writing that the FWC expand the No Wake Zone from Channel Marker 29 south to 23 with justifications from residents and the knowledge of the population of otters and manatees. Commissioner Blackburn, 2nd. No Commission discussion.

Public comment:

CJ Hoyt – 247 176th Terrace Dr E – Redington Shores

Vote taken: All Yay

3. Motorized Paragliders Discussion and Direction – Commissioner Blackburn said she spoke with Holly Short from the Audubon Society regarding the motorized paragliders interference during bird nesting season and that weddings also have been a concern. The birds are now currently nesting. Commissioner Blackburn said she wonders how she would go about contacting all the owners in the state of Florida of paragliders and anyone who would plan a wedding on the beach. Commission discussed. Attorney Eschenfelder said the town could adopt a law regulating paragliding. Commission discussed the possibly of banning paragliding and other motorized crafts for certain times of the year or banning them altogether. Captain Smith spoke regarding banning the paragliding, shared his concerns for public safety and discussed possible enforcement issues. Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson motioned to create an Ordinance that would ban the flying of paragliders, propeller powered parachutes and ultralight vehicles from the Redington Shores beaches. Mayor Commissioner Henderson 2nd. Commission discussed.

Public comment:

Alberto Monteiro – 7011 13th St N – St Petersburg

Tim Vandiger – 8533 110th St – Seminole

Harold Grant – 17720 Gulf Blvd – Redington Shores

Donna Waldman – 17716 Lee Ave – Redington Shores

Alan Kaiser – 4380 72nd Ave – Pinellas Park

Motion withdrawn by Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson.

Discussion tabled until May Workshop Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hurricane Meeting- Wednesday, May 17, 2023- 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting- Wednesday, May 31, 2023- 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Commissioner Henderson, Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Herig, presented reports. Town Administrator Shoobridge presented a report.

Mayor Commissioner Henderson - Mayor Commissioner Henderson thanked Attorney Eschenfelder for having the Ethics training for the Commission. She requested that the Commission approve our Town Attorney making a similar Sunshine Law or Ethics Training Class for our Town Boards and Committee Members. Commission discussed. Commissioner Blackburn requested a provision/training for intermediary members as well. Town Attorney to work with staff on coordinating the training. Consensus: All Yay.

Vice Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson - Shared that she received feedback from residents regarding the County Parking Lot having trash and overgrown foliage. She walked the lot herself and researched the 2009 Pinellas County agreement with the town. The agreement states that the town is responsible for maintenance and landscaping. Vice Mayor Hendrickson asked the Commission to give Administrator Shoobridge direction to clean up the parking lot, look into and schedule removal of invasives and rake the unkept foliage (or have our current Lawncare service do it). Consensus: All Yay. Vice Mayor Hendrickson gave a report on the April 22nd “Earth Day Turtle Cleanup Event”. 116.22 pounds of trash was picked up. She thanked all the non-profits and residents that came out. April 27th was the “State of the Beaches Mayor’s Town Hall Event”. She thanked the Commissioners that came out and said everyone did a great job.

Commissioner Blackburn - No report.

Commissioner Herig- She planted a native Gumbo Limbo in the greenspace between 174th Circle Terrace and 174th Drive to honor Carl Furstman who died from Legionnaire’s Disease. 35 people were in attendance. She reached out to Lisa Foster and sent her our 30-day letter for CRS. She inquired on the Duke Energy undergrounding, and it being added to the next Workshop.

Action Item: Duke Energy Undergrounding to be added as an item to the next Workshop Meeting and invite Mark from Duke Energy to attend.

Person Responsible: Town Administrator

Commissioner Licata – Absent.

Administrator Shoobridge - The Buoys are scheduled for May 18th install pending weather.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Waldman – 17716 Lee Ave

CJ Hoyt – 247 176th Terrace Dr

ADJOURNMENT 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Campbell

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Town Clerk