



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

A **Workshop Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Commissioner Lisa Hendrickson, Vice Mayor Commissioner Joe Licata, Commissioner CJ Hoyt

**Members Absent:** none

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Mike McGlothlin, Town Administrator; Robert Eschenfelder, Town Attorney; Margaret Carey, Town Clerk.

**1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK**

**2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS - none**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. GOGov UPDATE**

Administrator McGlothlin explained that we are formalizing the GOGov program which offers an app-based product to interact with citizens. Residents will be able to request services and report issues and those requests will be routed to appropriate staff. This will assist with complaint tracking and follow-up. The “go live” date is set for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board discussed potential names for the new app. After discussing a few options it was decided to go with “R Shores.”

**b. 30-60-90 DAY PLAN PROJECT TIMELINE UPDATE**

Administrator McGlothlin presented a handout with each task and estimated timeline of completion. Out of 25 projects in the beginning, we are down to 10. Larger projects have been pushed out.

Commissioner Licata inquired about the buoys. Administrator McGlothlin said the Pinellas County Marine Unit tried to get it today, but will be back next week to retrieve and secure the buoy that got loose. Divers will finish replacement of the buoys moved by Idalia. That should take place tomorrow - installing 4 that were displaced and adding 1 additional. Commissioner Hoyt expressed concern that buoys are installed at correct coordinates. She will email concerns to Administrator McGlothlin.

Commissioner Hoyt inquired about light upgrades and turtle lights along the Boulevard. McGlothlin said Duke Energy is working on a proposal for the Board that has 2 options; 1 is a regular LED light and the other is a “turtle friendly” option which is more expensive. McGlothlin will present the cost when it is ready.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. AGENDA PREPARATION**

Clerk Carey explained the procedure and deadlines for preparing agenda packets for Board meetings, citing the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Commissioners. She also discussed the need for prep time to complete research for complicated topics. Attorney Eschenfelder added that when a Commissioner requests an item added to the agenda, the Administrator *shall* add the item – unless adding the item violates any posting requirements.

**b. APPOINTING VOLUNTEERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Clerk Carey explained the process for accepting and processing volunteer applications. All boards and committees are listed on the website with a description and application. Applications are held for 1 year. Methods of advertising open positions were also discussed. Attorney Eschenfelder reviewed the current volunteer application and made a few edits. The application will be updated by staff. When vacancies occur, Clerk Carey will immediately advertise and notify the Board as soon as applications are received. Applications will be presented at the next available meeting.

**c. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR P&Z AND PAR**

Clerk Carey let the Board know that applications for current PAR and P&Z openings are in their packets. The Board will consider those applications at the next Regular meeting.

**d. BEACH RENOURISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES**

Administrator McGlothlin said our community did not receive enough easements to participate in the County renourishment program. There are starting to be talks at the State and County level and any opportunities that come our way will be communicated.

Town Hall frequently receives complaint calls regarding the beach, such as dogs on the beach and digging in the dunes. If we are going to finetune an education program, we need to identify the common problems and make sure we get the word to the right people.

Major Smith from Indian Shores PD was present to speak. He discussed the issue of dogs on the beach. Most of the issues originate from vacation rentals. Major Smith discussed all the ways the PD worked to educate the public. Most times when the PD made contact, the individuals simply didn't know the rules. Other times, the dog owners misrepresented their dog as a service animal. We don't get as many complaints as we used to. The Police Officers cite people only when they have to. Mayor Hendrickson said that she is hearing that people are uncomfortable calling police and so they are just not calling. Major Smith assured the Board that officers will never leave a priority call to respond to a complaint of a dog on a beach. Also it is not a problem to call the police after hours. We understand these are the issues important to this community.

Commissioner Hoyt asked about the difference between comfort animal versus service animal. Major Smith said service animals are trained for a service, usually 1 service. They don't need a vest, but will always be on a leash and will not be playing. Major Smith will work with his Community Service Officers to keep up with community outreach and education.

Attorney Eschenfelder provided a legal update about service animals and read related statutes. He will also bring information to a future meeting about a possible Ordinance for our community.

**e. DUNE PRESERVATION PROJECT WITH KEEP PINELLAS BEAUTIFUL**

Deputy Clerk Patterson presented information about a dune preservation grant program through the group Keep Pinellas Beautiful. There is currently a grant available for native vegetation to be planted along the dunes to prevent erosion. There is no set timeline. KPB would oversee the project. There would be a planting event where community members would participate, planting sea oats or sea grapes. We would need to commit to watering the plants for the first month. The areas they are looking at are: County Beach access and near Sunset Reef and The Shores Condominiums. Planting dates will not interfere with turtle nesting season.

Mayor Hendrickson clarified that no money will be exchanged. We direct Keep Pinellas Beautiful and put in touch with interested parties. This is a grant. Deputy Clerk Patterson will speak with KPB to inquire about how other communities are addressing the watering. Mayor Hendrickson and Vice Mayor Commissioner Licata pointed out the importance of communication with HOAs to give them an opportunity to participate and give input about the particular plantings.

**f. SWIMMING POOL REPAIR/MAINTENANCE – WAIVER OF WATER SERVICE FEE**

Administrator McGlothlin said he is revisiting this topic which was last discussed after Hurricane Idalia. When a pool is drained for repair or maintenance, the homeowner is charged for both water and sewer (even though the water is not going back out). New construction properties are only required to pay the water portion. But after repair, they get hit with both fees. After the 2 storms this winter, the issue resurfaced. What can we do? Does the Board want staff to pursue offering a

waiver of the sewer fee? Attorney Eschenfelder explained that if the water system is paid for by bond, there are specific laws about collecting utility rates. The Board and staff also discussed that for property owners, it is a lower cost to hire a water truck to fill the pool. Mayor Hendrickson directed staff to continue educating residents about water trucks. If the Board wants to continue to pursue the topic, a workshop meeting can be scheduled to address that topic by itself since it is so complex.

**g. TOWN NEWSLETTER**

Clerk Carey explained that newsletter articles had been submitted by Commissioners but shortly afterward we had resignations occur and the articles were no longer timely. So we will need to get new articles and also include the important flood information for CRS credit. The newsletter is posted on the website and included in the Beach Beacon newspaper. Administrator McGlothlin established a quarterly schedule. The deadlines for article submissions are: April 5, July 5, October 4, and January 3.

**5. MISCELLANEOUS**

Regular Meeting- Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.


Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 6:00P.M.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Margaret Carey  
Town Clerk

  
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Date Approved by Board of Commissioners