



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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, Commissioner Tom Kapper, and Commissioner Erin Schoos

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Mike McGlothlin, Town Administrator; Robert Eschenfelder, Town Attorney; Margaret Carey, Town Clerk, Major Glen Smith (Indian Shores PD).

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS - none

3. OLD BUSINESS - none

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. REPETITIVE LOSS AREA FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT DISCUSSION

Town Administrator McGlothlin explained there are two grant programs available through FEMA to rebuild in a way that mitigates future disaster for properties that have experienced loss from flooding. Lisa Foster, who is a resident and a Floodplain Manager for Pinellas County, participated via Zoom to provide additional information. Ms. Foster explained the FEMA grant programs – HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) and FMA Flood Mitigation. HMPG is available because of Hurricane Idalia. The application window is open now and the Town would need to submit an intent to apply. The prerequisite is County program participation, which we already have. The FMA program would be administered by the Town. The application usually opens around July. The town would need to decide administrative fees which a portion are reimbursed by the grant. This is a slow moving grant process but it is possible to do it. The Town would have to identify Capital Projects to include for consideration. The Town could submit a grant request to do an analysis of potential projects. Resident grant opportunities include elevating homes or demolition. It is usually a 90 / 10% grant where the resident pays 10% of the cost of the project. Attorney Eschenfelder cautioned that he has been involved on the litigation side of the grant program – and the Town is liable if the property owner does not pay their portion. The Commissioners discussed and directed Administrator McGlothlin to continue research and update Commissioners. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

b. GUNFIRE ASSOCIATED WITH HUNTING

Administrator Hoyt explained the concern of duck hunting and gunfire in the waterways of Redington Shores. Some of the gunfire occurred just 10 feet off the seawall. The concern was initially communicated to the Indian Shores PD and they responded to a call with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and confirmed hunters were hunting waterfowl in the waterway. However, they were within their legal rights and not doing anything illegal. Commissioner Hoyt contacted State Representative Linday Chaney for assistance with the matter. Commissioner Hoyt also contacted Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife. She was able to get a lot of background information and learned that the concern over duck hunting is not just isolated to Redington Shores. It is also an issue in Pinellas Counting – in various cities and towns, due to duck hunting becoming increasing in popularity. However, it is totally legal on our waterways.

Commissioner Hoyt explained the Town has a couple of options if we choose to pursue the matter.

We can create a restricted hunting area or we can establish a bird sanctuary. Major Smith said enforcement would be difficult due to the various jurisdictions involved. Commissioner Hoyt said she will continue to research the topic and communicate her findings with the Board.

c. SOLICITOR ORDINANCE

Clerk Carey explained it was reported that a door-to-door solicitor was operating in Town without a permit. She reached out to Attorney Eschenfelder to inquire if there was a solicitor permit process in the Town code. There was not a process in place so Attorney Eschenfelder prepared an Ordinance that establishes guidelines, but most importantly sets specific hours for soliciting. The Commissioners discussed the need for such an ordinance and decided not to move ahead with the matter.

d. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Administrator McGlothlin explained the Town is required by Charter to appoint a Charter Review Committee (CRC) at least every 10 years. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations on any amendments, additions, or deletions to the Town Charter. The last CRC was established on 4-11-2012. The Board must adopt a Resolution to establish the CRC. Upon Board approval, the Resolution can be ready for approval at the next Regular meeting on March 13, 2024. Once the Resolution is adopted, Commissioners can appoint residents to the CRC. The Board approved moving forward on this matter.

e. VARIANCE COSTS

Administrator McGlothlin explained that at the request of Commissioner Hoyt, he and his staff completed a survey of variance costs in our neighboring communities. The results of the survey indicate that Redington Shores' fee is much higher than the other communities in the survey. Mayor Hendrickson provided a history of fee adjustments and justification for raising the fees. The primary reason for raising fees was to cover the costs of processing a variance request. The Board discussed the issue and directed Administrator McGlothlin to research the current costs of a typical request. Mr. McGlothlin said he can come up with a "ballpark" figure. This item will be continued for further consideration.

f. POLICY FOR ISSUING PROCLAMATIONS

Clerk Carey explained that the Town receives a variety of requests to issue Proclamations. Mayor Hendrickson asked that a policy be developed to clarify the types of Proclamations that are appropriate for our Town to support. After receiving input from Attorney Eschenfelder, it was decided the Town would support proclamations that focus on people, events, or groups which have a direct tie to the Town, the Gulf Beaches, or Pinellas County. Attorney Eschenfelder will prepare a Resolution for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

g. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW DISCUSSION

Administrator McGlothlin explained the current performance review process and discussed a survey that he and staff completed regarding evaluation procedures for surrounding communities. Mr. McGlothlin asked the Commissioners if they wanted to continue following the current process or adopt any other process, based on information collected in the survey. The Commissioners discussed options and decided to keep the current evaluation form. Administrator McGlothlin will complete a self-evaluation and submit it to the Board. Then he will meet individually with each Commissioner for a one-on-one evaluation. Finally, the Board will gather collectively to discuss Mr. McGlothlin's evaluation at a future meeting.

h. AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Administrator McGlothlin explained this amendment is simple housekeeping in order to continue to receive funding and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. Attorney Eschenfelder will prepare a Resolution to authorize the agreement. The Resolution will be considered at the next Regular meeting.

i. RESIDENT PARKING PASS DISCUSSION

Clerk Carey explained the background. At the last Regular meeting, it was suggested the Town

consider issuing residents 2 parking passes per year instead of 1. Businesses are eligible for 2 passes. Ms. Carey said the passes allow residents free parking at 3 metered lots in town. There are a total of 40 parking spaces available. 150 passes were issued in 2023. 4 of those passes were issued to businesses. The Board discussed the issue and decided to keep it at 1 pass per household.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Regular Meeting- Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6:00P.M.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Carey
Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners