



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A **Regular 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, Commissioner Erin Schoos

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Administrator Mike McGlothlin, Town Attorney Robert Eschenfelder, Deputy Clerk Jolie Patterson, Chief Rick Swann (Indian Shores Police Department), Fire Chief Clint Belk (Madeira Beach), and Fire Chief Bill Schobel (Seminole)

1. ROLL CALL BY THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the Board of Commissioners at a workshop meeting. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion.

Consent Agenda items included approval of the following meeting minutes: Regular Meeting – March 13, 2024, and Special Meeting – March 27, 2024.

Commissioner Kapper motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt. Mayor Hendrickson stated that a small scrivener's error was corrected in the minutes being voted on. Vote taken: All yay.

3. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Chief Clint Belk, Madeira Beach Fire Rescue – provided a general update. Madeira Fire received 27 calls in March. Belk gave an update on recent drownings in the area and warned residents of rip currents and dangerous swimming conditions. Chief Belk also gave an update on the joint maintenance building and hopes to break ground by summer. Belk informed the Commission on upcoming events, including the Madeira Beach Fire Department and the American Legion charity softball game against the USA Patriots on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, the Madeira Beach Hurricane Expo on April 20th at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Chief Bill Schobel, Seminole Fire Rescue – Provided a dryer safety update and informed residents on how to keep your dryer clean and safe.
- c. Chief Rick Swann, Indian Shores Police Department- Provided the 24/25 ISPD Budget proposal. While the Commission reviewed the proposal, Chief Swann gave an update on the recent improvements that the Indian Shores Police Department has made. Informe4d the Commission that they have recently received the President's award from Santa's Angels from the combined efforts of Indian Shores and Redington Shores in this past years holiday toy drive/ fundraiser. The ISPD has also recently been nominated for an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Chief Swann stated that the proposed budget included a 4.5% increase which would account for inflation and salary increases.

Discussion: Commissioner Kapper commended Swann for his efforts.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve the 24/25 Indian Shores Police Department Proposed Budget, seconded by Vice Mayor Licata.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

- d. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee- Beach Access Recommendations- Cathy Sypniewski, member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, gave update on the renourishment of Nature Park and informed the Commission that the re-opening event date will be coming soon. Cathy stated that the beach accesses are now being investigated by the PRAC and the committee is attempting to make the accesses look more consistent. The Committee recommends that the new benches along the beach be painted with reflective paint to make them more visible, recommends bike racks across town, and recommended comprehensive beach signage be adopted at the accesses. Commissioner Hoyt thanked the PRAC for their efforts with this project. Mayor Hendrickson reiterated Commissioner Hoyt's comments and thanked Cathy for the supporting documentation. Mayor Hendrickson recommended the Administrator/ Commission revisit these recommendations after budget season.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE 2024-03 AMENDING 12-22 of the Town Code Related to Electioneering– 2ND READING**

Attorney Eschenfelder read the Ordinance.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve Ordinance 2024-03 Amending 12-22 of the Town Code Related to Electioneering, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

- b. **Repetitive Loss Mitigation Program Update**

Deputy Clerk Patterson gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Patterson stated that the town projects of the purchase of four portable generators and the improvements for 40 storm drains were both scored tier 1 from the County LMS group; therefore, qualified for full funding from the county's \$16 million in grant funding. Now that the County LMS group has decided on a prioritized list of projects to fund, it will move forward to the state. The town can expect an endorsement letter to be finalized after the next County LMS Group meeting on May 8th, 2024. The project application is required to be submitted no later than June 7th, 2024.

Administrator McGlothlin gave an update on the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program. He stated the structural improvements that would be considered in the grant, explained that homeowners would be responsible for the remaining costs of the project that were not covered by the grant, and informed the Commission that the grant is expected to open in May.

Public Comment:

Veronica Kats- 203 180th Ave. E.- Spoke on the need for FMA in RS.

Candice Bray- 586 182nd Ave E.- Spoke on the need for this grant opportunity/ house elevation due to consistent flooding.

Amir Dabiri- 845 180th Ave. E.- Thanked everyone for their efforts and stated that his home has flooded three times in three years and wants the opportunity to mitigate.

Michael Osborne- 201 180th Ave. E.- Informed the Commission that he raised his home without a grant and says everyone would benefit from residents raising their homes.

Steve Gabrys- 18005 3rd St. E.-Spoke on his flooding history and encouraged the Commission to give the town this opportunity.

Lisa Foster- 845 180th Ave. E.- Informed the Commission that with the proper legal contracts in place, the town will be protected. Foster went on to say that this assistance would be beneficial for the town

as a whole due to the reduction in the costs of debris collecting/ rebuilding after a storm. She encouraged the Commission to consider this as an option.

Barry Taylor- 300 182nd Ave. E.- spoke on the need for updates on this topic to be added to the town website.

Discussion: Commissioner Kapper asked clarification on the cost estimate for raising a home. Public commentors gave quotes that they have received. Administrator McGlothlin recommended that this project would need a temporary hire to move forward. Commissioner Hoyt asked if an intern could complete this project. Mayor Hendrickson stated this would be too complex for an intern and recommended reaching out to a consultant. Attorney Eschenfelder recommended the Administrator reach out to the consultant that Madeira Beach has previously used. Attorney Eschenfelder advised that the Town Administrator review the administrative compensation received from the program and stated that it does not always cover the full cost of the necessary consultant services. Attorney Eschenfelder also advised the Commission to determine how many houses would be able to participate. Vice Mayor Licata asked that updates be posted to the website throughout the process.

Commissioner Kapper moved for the Town Administrator to find consultant quotes, seconded by Vice Mayor Licata.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Utilities Rate Increase

Mayor Hendrickson requested this item be tabled until the next Regular Commission Meeting.

b. Appointment of Charter Review Committee Members

Attorney Eschenfelder discussed the parameters of the Charter Review Committee.

Discussion: Mayor Hendrickson listed the applicants. Each Commissioner moved forward with naming their appointment to the committee. Mayor Hendrickson appointed Jim Everett for the Charter Review Committee Member at Large, Commissioner Kapper appointed Marie Palena as District 1 Representative, Commissioner Hoyt appointed Christy Herig as District 2 Representative, Commissioner Schoos appointed Giner McQuigg as District 3 Representative, and Vice Mayor Licata appointed Lisa Foster as District 4 Representative.

Public Comment:

Marie Palena- 201 175th Ave E- explained her reasoning for applying for this committee.

Attorney Eschenfelder clarified that both Marie Palena and Ginger McQuigg could still serve on both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Charter Review Advisory Committee as it would not qualify as dual office holding.

c. Resolution 05-2024 Annual Holiday Distance Half Marathon

Attorney Eschenfelder read the Resolution.

Discussion: Mayor Hendrickson stated that she asked surrounding mayors on their experiences with the half marathon and said everyone had positive experiences. Chief Swann said that it is a very nice and calm event and does not cause much disruption.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Schoos moved to approve Resolution 05-2024 Annual Holiday Distance Half Marathon, seconded by Commissioner Kapper.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

d. Resolution 06-2024 Payment of Healthcare Insurance for Members of the Town Commission

Attorney Eschenfelder read the Resolution.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Vice Mayor Licata moved to approve Resolution 06-2024 Payment of Healthcare Insurance for Members of the Town Commission, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

e. Atlantic Pipe Piggyback Contract

Mayor Hendrickson requested this item be tabled until the next Regular Commission Meeting.

f. Resolution 07-2024 Requesting the Establishment of a Bird Sanctuary Within the Jurisdictional Boundaries

Attorney Eschenfelder read the Resolution.

Discussion: Commissioner Hoyt gave background information on the item and stated that she has reached out to FWC and this resolution could solve the problem of bird hunting around the bay.

Commissioner Hoyt moved to approve Resolution 07-2024 Requesting the Establishment of a Bird Sanctuary Within the Jurisdictional Boundaries, seconded by Commissioner Kapper.

Commission continued: Vice Mayor Licata asked for input from the Indian Shores Police Department. Chief Swann stated that the enforcement would be difficult, and this complaint has not been raised to the police department before. Commissioner Hoyt stated that there is currently a bird sanctuary established in Boca Ciega Bay and this resolution would extend it to Redington Shores. Hoyt also clarified that Pinellas County is aware of these complaints. Chief Swann requested that all commissioners involve ISPD in all jurisdictional concerns. Commissioner Kapper stated that he has never received a complaint of hunting. Commissioner Hoyt explained that this is a new issue. Chief Swann explained that this resolution would only regulate bird hunting within Redington Shores and would not apply to across the bay. Mayor Hendrickson asked Attorney Eschenfelder if the resolution passed and then FWC does not approve Redington Shores as a bird sanctuary, if this resolution would not be effective. Attorney Eschenfelder clarified. Mayor Hendrickson asked Administrator McGlothlin how to determine the number and cost of signage. Administrator McGlothlin recommended investigating signage costs and locations and to ensure the ISPD would be able to effectively enforce this. Chief Swann spoke. Attorney Eschenfelder clarified that the Code Enforcement officer would not have any enforcement capabilities under this resolution.

Public Comment:

-Cathy Taylor- 300 182nd Ave. E.- Spoke on preventing this issue before it becomes a larger problem. Supports this resolution for safety concerns.

-Chris Wood- 235 176th Terr. Dr. E.- Stated that they did not know what these noises were at first, which contributed to the lack of complaints. Wood Stated that this would help re-enforce the idea of "Nature's Beach" in Redington Shores.

Chief Swann clarified his position on the resolution. Mayor Hendrickson read written testimony submitted:

-Pat and Pauline Daninos- 244 176th Terrace Dr. E.- They are against duck hunting and hopes the town will ban it.

Upon vote, the motion failed 4 to 1. Mayor Hendrickson, Vice Mayor Licata, Commissioner Kapper, and Commissioner Schoos voted no, Commissioner Hoyt voted yes.

Vice Mayor Licata moved for the Town Administrator to gather a financial impact of the signage and to discuss enforcement and operational costs with the Indian Shores Police Department and bring his findings to the Regular Commission meeting on May 8th, seconded by Mayor Hendrickson.

Discussion: None

Public Comment:

-Chris Wood- 235 176th Terr. Dr. E- spoke in favor of the resolution.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson

Mayor Hendrickson reported that the Gulf Beaches Library proposed a 1.04% increase for their interlocal agreement. Hendrickson also informed the Commission that the library is gathering items for a time capsule and recommended that all commissioners bring one item to submit. Mayor Hendrickson reviewed the monthly financial report.

b. Vice Mayor Commissioner Licata, District 4

c. Commissioner Kapper District 1

Commissioner Kapper stated that he was very impressed with the effort of the new commission and the Town Administrator. Kapper asked the Administrator for an update on the sidewalk renourishment. Administrator McGlothlin estimated that 75% of the sidewalk on 176th needed attention.

d. Commissioner Hoyt District 2

Commissioner Hoyt spoke on the Wildlife Friendly Lighting meeting she attended that morning and asked that this item be placed on the next Workshop agenda.

e. Commissioner Schoos District 3

Commissioner Schoos thanked the Town Administrator and Deputy Clerk for resolving light outages around town. Schoos thaked the Indian Shores Police Department for their efforts in patrolling the beaches with the Easter crowds. Commissioner Schoos said she has received complaints on holes and dune diggings but thanks public works for staying on top of things. Schoos thanked PRAC for all of their efforts in the nature Park renourishment project.

f. Town Attorney

Attorney Eschenfelder reminded the commissioners that they do not have to read the whole resolution or ordinance by title when giving a motion.

g. Town Administrator McGlothlin

Updated the Commission on the status of the lighting project referenced by Commissioner Hoyt. McGlothlin stated that there were 21 lights identified as too bright. Administrator McGlothlin gave a Code Enforcement case update and Building Department update.

h. Public Works Department – Administrator McGlothlin provided the report.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Barry Taylor- 300 182nd Ave. E.- Asked if the upcoming storm would have any impact on the Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for April 11th. Administrator McGlothlin said they would make a weather call by noon.

Amir Dabiri- 845 180th Ave. E.- spoke on the lack of no wake zone signage behind Seabreeze.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Planning and Zoning Meeting- Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.


Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 6:00 P.M

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jolie Patterson
Deputy Clerk

5-8-24

Date Approved by Board of Commissioners