



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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:

Other Municipal Officials Present: Mike McGlothlin, Town Administrator; Robert Eschenfelder, Town Attorney, Mark Vasquez, Building Official; and Jolie Patterson, Deputy Town Clerk

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. BIRD SANCTUARY DISCUSSION

Mayor Hendrickson introduced the item and reviewed public comment procedures. Administrator McGlothlin spoke on the item and explained that from the previous meeting, the sanctuary border has been cut in half; therefore, reducing signage costs. Administrator McGlothlin stated that 14 signs would need to be placed around the intercoastal side and 20 signs would need to be posted on the land side. Commissioner Kapper asked for the size of the signage. Administrator McGlothlin explained that size would depend as long as the signs are deemed visible. Mayor Hendrickson asked if we would be able to utilize existing poles. Administrator McGlothlin confirmed. Commissioner Hoyt asked about water signage. Administrator McGlothlin explained that the signs would be mounted on buoys. Commissioner Hoyt asked if the town would be able to phase in signs. Attorney Eschenfelder explained that it would not be a problem but it would depend on enforcement. Mayor Hendrickson discussed the resolution regarding the bird sanctuary stating that she was in favor of the "bird sanctuary, no hunting" language recommended by FWC. Mayor Hendrickson also spoke on enforcement regulations and asked for confirmation that the police would maintain reactive patrol rather than proactive. Attorney Eschenfelder confirmed and explained that with this resolution, FWC and Pinellas County Sheriff would also have enforcement jurisdiction. Commissioner Kapper stated that he has never had a complaint about hunting and that this issue should be handled by the county. Mayor Hendrickson explained that she feels that this issues should start at the local level before bringing it to the county. Commissioner Hoyt presented a PowerPoint presentation on the need for a bird sanctuary in Redington Shores. Commissioner Hoyt played a video segment from Bay News 9 entitled "St. Pete Residents Fed Up With Duck Hunting on Lake Maggiore" which addressed resident concerns about duck hunting in the middle of a densely populated city. <https://baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2024/01/26/duck-hunting-lake-maggiore->

Commissioner Hoyt referenced public comments that were received on the topic.

Dmitry Koronkevich	17700 1 st St. E. Redington Shores, FL 33708	In favor of the bird sanctuary
Melissa Edwards, Seaside Seabird Sanctuary	N/A	In favor of the bird sanctuary
Peter Stueckemann	106 Wall St. Redington Shores, FL 33708	In favor of the bird sanctuary
Stella Zervos	246 176 th Terrace Dr. E. Redington Shores, FL 33708	In favor of the bird sanctuary
Christy Herig	17609 1 st St. E. Redington Shores, FL 33078	In favor of the bird sanctuary

The Mayor then opened the floor to public comment.

Bennett Walling	17446 Wall Circle Redington Shores, FL 33708	Spoke against more signage in the town in relation to the bird sanctuary.
Robert Thatcher	248 176 th Terrace Dr. Redington Shores, FL 33708	In favor of a bird sanctuary in Redington Shores and spoke on his experience with hunters.
Ryan Keen	247 176 th Terrace Dr. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Spoke in favor of banning hunting in residential areas.
Jennie Blackburn	17717 Gulf Blvd. #202 Redington Shores, FL 33708	Clarified that swim buoys are only on the gulf side-not the bay side
Allen Dekanskie	317 176 th Ave. Circle Redington Shores, FL 33708	Encourages Pinellas County to take action on this issue.

Commissioner Hoyt asked for consensus to add this item to the next BOC agenda. Attorney Eschenfelder said that the issue of signage would be later in the process. Kapper spoke on signage. The Commission discussed.

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Attorney to finalize Resolution and add this item to the next BOC agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator McGlothlin asked to move the Audit presentation to the first item of New Business. Commission consensus. Mayor Hendrickson asked for consensus to move the speed table item to item 2.

a. AUDIT PRESENTATION

Pete Schatzel, CPA with Wells, Houser & Schatzel, highlighted points from the 2023 Comprehensive report. Mr. Schatzel stated that the town has maintained a sound financial situation. Mr. Schatzel mentioned two building permits that LDU funds were not collected from in 2022 but stated after further review, no further permits had these errors and this is not an uncommon occurrence for small municipalities.

b. SPEED TABLE

Administrator McGlothlin introduced the item and gave background on the style of a speed table. Commissioner Kapper stated that these speed tables are found in Madeira Beach. Commissioner Kapper explained that he had noticed an excessive number of cars speeding in the neighborhood and many of the residents were concerned about their public safety. Commissioner Kappe estimated that the cost of a speed table would be approximately \$2,500 each and he recommends multiple in the area of concern. Vice Mayor Licata stated that he defers to the will of his constituents. Commissioner Hoyt explained that her constituents are not in favor of the speed tables and recommended increasing police presence in the neighborhood to alleviate the problem. Commissioner Hoyt referenced written comments submitted by her constituents.

Dmitry Koronkevich	17700 1 st St. E. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Opposed to speed tables
John Kenna	17606 Sterling Terr. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Opposed to speed tables
Stella Zervos	246 176 th Terrace Dr. E. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Understands the speeding concern but hopes to place ticketing cameras instead.
Christy Herig	17609 1 st St. E. Redington Shores, FL 33078	In favor of speed tables on 175 th , 1 st St. E, and north of 175 th .

Commissioner Kapper stated that the ISPD has been issuing tickets. Commissioner Hoyt asked for the ticket data for this area. Jeffrey Phillips, Indian Shores Police Department, stated that he could get the data for Commissioner Hoyt and reported that the speed trailer found the average speed in the neighborhood to be 20 mph. Commissioner Kapper stated that he has asked EMS if the speed tables would have an impact on response time and they have no opposition. Administrator McGlothlin asked if the ISPD could reposition the speed trailer to track the area of concern and highlighted the police department's recommendation regarding speed tables. Mayor Hendrickson emphasized the Vice Mayor's remarks and discussed a possible traffic calming policy enacted by the town.

The Mayor then opened the floor to public comment.

Robert Thatcher	248 176 th Terrace Dr. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Opposed to speed tables
Jennie Blackburn	17717 Gulf Blvd. #202 Redington Shores, FL 33708	Spoke in favor of speed tables and asked if more data could be collected before a decision is made. Also asked if google maps could be updated with the correct speed limit in the neighborhood.
Marie Palena	201 175 th Ave. E. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Opposed to speed tables and stated that curves and stop signs slow the traffic.
Ryan Keen	247 176 th Terrace Dr. Redington Shores, FL 33708	Spoke in favor of a traffic calming policy and asked if

		there was a more discrete way to collect traffic data.
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Commissioner Kapper asked for this item to be tabled until further notice. Commission consensus to table the item.

c. CROSSWALK ART AND BIRD SANCTUARY SIGNAGE

Commissioner Schoos explained that she has received negative feedback regarding bird sanctuary signage. Commissioner Schoos met with Creative Pinellas and asked for assistance to create aesthetic signage. She explained that the organization was very receptive and pairs grant funding with local artists. Mayor Hendrickson asked if the artists could make signs in the shapes of birds. Commissioner Schoos confirmed and believed we would have flexibility with our signage designs. Schoos stated that Creative Pinellas has recently partnered with the City of Largo and created a decorative crosswalk. She asked the commission if they would be open to possibly painting a decorative crosswalk at Nature Park.

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Commissioner Schoos to proceed with the project and coordinate with Administrator McGlothlin to schedule the project in conjunction with the new Nature Park sign.

d. TOWN LOGO UPDATE

Administrator McGlothlin introduced the item and gave background information on the topic. He discussed the options provided by the graphic designer and thanked Commissioner Schoos for her help in finding the company. Commissioner Schoos stated that she prefers option 1 and asked for various font options and for the design company to remove the clouds on the logo. She also asked that the bird in the logo look more like a skimmer by adding an orange bill and larger wings. Vice Mayor Licata said that he also preferred option 1. Mayor Hendrickson said that she prefers option 1 but thinks the teal colors are running together so likes variant option 1 with slightly different palms. Mayor Hendrickson asked if the turtle could look more lifelike. Commissioner Hoyt preferred option 1 and asked the stars to look more like starfish. Attorney Eschenfelder recommended that "Town of" be the same size as "Redington Shores".

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Administrator McGlothlin to bring these comments to the graphic designer and report back with the modified logos once available.

e. SAND DUNE SIGNAGE

Deputy Clerk Patterson introduced the item and gave background information on the issue. She stated that Public Works has noticed an increased number of beachgoers walking through dunes. She explained that while vegetation is protected by the state, the dunes themselves are not; therefore, making it difficult to create signage or enforce beachgoers to stay off the dunes. Deputy Clerk Patterson reviewed the highlights of her conversation with FDEP. Mayor Hendrickson stated that she supported creating informative signage encouraging beachgoers to protect vegetation. Attorney Eschenfelder discussed verbiage restrictions based on Florida statutes.

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Deputy Clerk Patterson to coordinate with Creative Pinellas to develop aesthetic signage to encourage visitors and residents to protect our dunes.

Jeff Phillips, Indian Shores Police Department, spoke on the upcoming July 4th crowds. Phillips stated that Indian Shores is closing parking lots at the town hall starting at midnight and asked if Redington Shore would consider parking city vehicles at entrances of town-owned lots and closing lots starting at 8:00 p.m. the week of July 4th. Administrator McGlothlin asked for consensus from the commission to close town lots after sunset for the evenings of the week of the 4th. Mayor Hendrickson opposed closing the town lots due to the possible impact it could have on the local businesses or making visitors feel unwelcome. Vice Mayor Licata asked for clarification for the times of closures. Commissioner Kapper spoke against closing the lots to protect the local businesses.

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Town lots are to be kept open for the holiday week and weekend.
2. ISPD to coordinate with Pinellas County for closure of the county parking lot.

Commissioner Hoyt asked if the clerk's office had received many phone calls regarding fireworks. Deputy Clerk Patterson stated that there have been calls; however, once explaining why we are not having fireworks this year and giving other locations to view fireworks, the callers were satisfied.

f. UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT CONSULTANT

Administrator McGlothlin introduced the item and recommended bringing on a consultant to assist in finalizing this project. If a consensus is reached, Attorney Eschenfelder will draft a contract for the consultant. Mayor Hendrickson asked if the Utility Consultants of Florida had any experience with Redington Shores. Administrator McGlothlin confirmed and explained that this consulting group assisted with the undergrounding of the east side of Gulf Blvd. Mayor Hendrickson expressed concerns about meeting the deadline and stated that she supported bringing on a project manager to assist in finalizing the BCE's by June 30, 2025. Attorney Eschenfelder spoke on Attachment A of the proposed contract and asked if the town would utilize engineering services or only need the project manager. Commission discussed. Attorney Eschenfelder requested a more specific fee schedule and SOW.

The Commissioners discussed and developed the next steps.

1. Attorney Eschenfelder and Administrator McGlothlin to schedule a meeting to determine the needs of the project manager.

4. MISCELLANEOUS


Regular Meeting- Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, July 31, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jolie Patterson
Deputy Town Clerk

7.10.24

Date Approved by Board of Commissioners