



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES
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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, Mark Vasquez, Building Official; and Margaret Carey, Town Clerk

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. UPDATED TOWN LOGO

Administrator McGlothlin presented the updated draft logo for the Commissioners to consider. The Board was pleased with the updated version and decided on the Buena Park font, no clouds, with the blue ring. Staff will confirm with the graphic artist.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Attorney Eschenfelder said the Committee did a good job and stayed on schedule. The next step is to bring forward an Ordinance with acceptable changes. Then it will go on a ballot to be voted on. The individual items need to conform with ballot language requirements.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Kapper said the Committee did a great job. No changes.

*Commissioner Hoyt said, the only thing that I would ask is that we reconsider what Attorney Eschenfelder had proposed by giving an option for the change in government. The feedback I received from some residents is they are concerned about changing our form of government and if there is an option rather than making it a straight change, that would be beneficial or potentially get it voted on.

Attorney Eschenfelder said the option previously presented at the Charter Review Committee (CRC) was the Commission could create a CEO-type position. It allowed for, at some time in the future, the Commission could go back to not having a CEO. However, after the CRC debated, they arrived at the language you see here.

Commissioner Schoos had no changes.

Commissioner Licata asked the attorney for a further explanation of section C.5.E. Removal of

Commissioners. Is this further explained anywhere else? Attorney Eschenfelder said the terms are in the State Statute. Other terms would apply the general definition. Commissioner Licata also asked about “excused absence.” Attorney Eschenfelder said this can be addressed in the Commissioners Policy & Procedures manual.

Mayor Hendrickson expressed concern with Section C-21-F regarding borrowing money. We already have guidelines in place to prevent irresponsible spending. \$1M is a low threshold. We need to think about emergency situations. The Board consensus recommendation is to deny that recommendation. The Mayor also expressed concern with section C.22. – Tax Revenue Bonds. The Florida constitution already includes specific requirements. The Board consensus recommendation is to deny that recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennie Blackburn	17717 Gulf Blvd. #202 Redington Shores, FL	Form of government. The past Commission wanted to try an Administrator first before committing to it. Mike McGlothlin has been great and it's a great idea.
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NEXT STEPS:

Attorney Eschenfelder will prepare an ordinance to be considered at the next Regular meeting.

b. HOLIDAY STREETLIGHT DECORATIONS FOR GULF BOULEVARD

Loretta Fricks from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PAR) presented to the Board. She said she has heard a lot of “sad” comments about our decorations. PAR is requesting the Board to direct staff to research alternative decorations. Commissioners directed Administrator McGlothlin to research options that include: more “beachy” theme, solar-powered, tinsel – and to bring options to the next meeting. Administrator McGlothlin said he will begin with our current vendor to check updated options.

c. FMA GRANT PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION

Administrator McGlothlin presented an update regarding the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program. This is a competitive grant program where individual property owners apply for funding assistance to help with structural improvements. The Town acts as a “pass through” and would require the assistance of a consultant to manage the program. Current staff are already working on the HMGP (FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant) program to shore up the town’s stormwater infrastructure. To date, all efforts to hire a consultant have been unsuccessful. Administrator McGlothlin said a decision whether to proceed with the FMA program will need to be made by the next regular meeting on August 14 to make the August 30 deadline.

DISCUSSION:

The Board directed Administrator McGlothlin to follow the procurement process and submit a Request for Proposal through DemandStar. Attorney Eschenfelder said DemandStar is a good product. These types of consultants are usually engineers. Managing the program is very difficult; similar to that of a construction project manager. He also suggested contacting FDEM to see what other communities have already hired a consultant. Mayor Hendrickson suggested contacting the FLC grant department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris French	17611 1 st Street E Redington Shores, FL	Spoke in favor of FMA. Stated benefits. It is really important.
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d. TOWN NEWSLETTER RESOLUTION DISCUSSION

Mayor Hendrickson spoke about the need for guidelines for the content, deadlines, and production of the Town newsletter. She distributed a list of suggested guidelines for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Frequency – must be distributed to the community a minimum of 2 times per year because it includes flood outreach information that must be disseminated at that minimum to receive our CRS credits.
Editorial Guidelines – Commissioner Schoos can share guidelines followed by her law firm just to provide an example.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ryan Kiehn	247 176 th Terr Dr. E Redington Shores, FL	He appreciates the content of the newsletter.
Jennie Blackburn	17717 Gulf Blvd. #202 Redington Shores, FL	Glad there will be guidelines. Also suggested adding a QR code that links to minutes.

NEXT STEPS:

Attorney Eschenfelder will start preparing a draft Resolution that can be discussed at the September workshop.

e. ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Administrator McGlothlin explained the agreement with Trask Daigneault, LLP will expire on September 8, 2024. The new agreement would be effective until terminated by either party – on 30 days written notice.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Kapper asked about the hourly rate of \$225/hour. Commissioner Schoos said that as a paralegal, \$225/hour attorney billing rate is quite reasonable. Commissioner Kapper also expressed concern about commissioners calling the attorney with questions that can be answered by staff.

NEXT STEPS:

Commissioners agreed to forward the agreement to the Aug. 14 regular meeting for consideration. Internal process changes regarding contacting the attorney, etc. will be discussed at a future workshop meeting with other items relating to updating the Commissioners Policy & Procedures manual.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- Regular Meeting- Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
- Budget Workshop Meeting- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
- Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



 Margaret Carey
 Town Clerk

8.14.24

 Date Approved by Board of Commissioners