



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 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, Andy Tess, Accountant

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. BUDGET UPDATE AND DISCUSSION FY2025

Administrator McGlothlin presented the proposed budget for FY2024-25. Total budget \$9,073,200. General Fund \$4,104,175. Capital Improvement Fund \$3,343,525. Sewer Fund \$1,715,700. McGlothlin then provided budget highlights and fund detail.

b. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Administrator McGlothlin reviewed anticipated projects, noting there have been a couple of additions since the last discussion.

UTV – a utility terrain vehicle to help Public Works staff access tight spaces better than a full-size tractor. The UTV will also be available for other town purposes such as special events.

Tractor and Beach Rake – We are currently sharing a tractor/beach rake with North Redington Beach and Mayor Queen and I both agree it must be replaced and it makes more sense for each town to have our own.

Public Works Vehicle – This was a planned acquisition as our current vehicle needs replacement.

Street Lighting Project – \$166,500

Public Beach Access Points Improvement - \$25,000

Nature Park Sign Project - \$25,000

County Parking Lot Improvements - \$25,000 for work within the islands with shell or concrete

Constitution Park Parking Lot Improvements - \$40,000 needs some attention

Utility Undergrounding (west side of Gulf Blvd) - \$2.5M

Storm Water Improvements/Master Plan - \$500,000 (hoping to defray the cost with a grant)

Lift station Generator - \$150,000 (also hoping to defray the cost with a 75% grant)

Sewer System - \$500,000 for FY2025 (\$4M total)

Street Lighting Project (to replace all of the globes and convert to wildlife friendly) – total of 107 fixtures. \$166,500 includes a 15% contingency to cover any inflationary issues.

Administrator McGlothlin noted that the street/sidewalk project would have to be put on hold to accommodate the street light project. His recommendation is to split the budgeted amount of \$166,500 50/50 and work on both projects in FY2025, with a budget of \$83,250 for each project.

Commissioner Hoyt said she is not okay with the split because she is hearing lots of complaints about the lights. Commissioner Kapper said he is okay with the split. Commissioner Licata said he is okay with the split and has not received any complaints about the lights. Commissioner Schoos said she is okay with the split. She also said that if the choice comes down to lights or roads/sidewalks, the roads/sidewalks seem like more of a safety issue. Mayor Hendrickson said she liked the chart comparing millage rates in Pinellas County. She appreciates our town being in the lowest 3 in the County. It is important. The Mayor also agrees with the split between lights and roads/sidewalks. The only complaint she has received was regarding Lee Avenue. Also the sidewalks along Gulf Blvd need grave attention. She will follow up with Administrator McGlothlin to contact FDOT to get our sidewalks included on their project list. Maybe we can piggyback on the Indian Shores project.

Commissioner Hoyt also inquired about budgeting for the repair of interior roads. Where is that in the budget? It is listed in the objectives section. Mayor Hendrickson said the roads are included in the split. The lights project will be phased over a couple of years. As far as the streets, McGlothlin said we need to complete a full census of the streets. Commissioner Hoyt asked about streets that need immediate attention. Commissioner Kapper agreed those streets need immediate attention. At least we can patch the holes. Administrator McGlothlin also pointed out that the street repair plan was not included in previous budgets.

Commissioner Hoyt also inquired about the garbage increase of 6.4% and asked about the terms of the contract and when does it expire? Administrator McGlothlin said we already completed the first 5 years and are entering the 2nd. Hoyt asked if we have an option to continue? No, we are already in our 2nd 5 years. Attorney Eschenfelder explained that normally when the town gets close to the end of the term of the contract, the administrator will present the to the commission with a recommendation and the commission decides between renewal or issuing an RFP. Commissioner Hoyt said a lot of people had concerns about cleanup after the last storm. Administrator McGlothlin explained our garbage hauler was working after the storm to keep up with all of the debris and had added extra pickups. Commissioner Kapper said Waste Connections has done a great job.

Mayor Hendrickson said the Commission will have a debris discussion at a future meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. MISCELLANEOUS

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

First Budget Public Hearing - Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M

Regular Meeting- Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Final Budget Public Hearing – Monday, September 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M


6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Carey
Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners