



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 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: Margaret Carey, Town Clerk, Robert Eschenfelder, Town Attorney, Chief Rick Swann (ISPD)

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

a. WELCOME TO OUR NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mayor Hendrickson introduced Steve Klapka, our new Code Enforcement Officer who began on August 10th. Steve is a Pinellas County Sherrif's Officer.

b. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ISPD OFFICERS

Chief Swann introduced Captain Lee Ann Holroyd and Lieutenant Dan Doherty. Captain Holroyd worked previously for the Monroe County Sheriff and Lieutenant Doherty worked previously with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and served as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Redington Shores. Commissioners congratulated Holroyd and Doherty and welcomed them to their new roles.

c. BEACH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Lisa Reich, CEO of the Coastal Wildlife Advocacy Group, presented information about the Beach Ambassador program. She explained they work in partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful. The program is staffed by volunteers and costs the town nothing except the cost of supplies. The beach ambassadors' purpose is to keep the beach clean, safe and clear for people and wildlife by creating awareness and educating beachgoers.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. GULF BLVD. HOLIDAY STREET LIGHT DECORATIONS - UPDATE

Clerk Carey reported that Administrator McGlothlin reached out to our current vendor, Holiday Outdoor Décor, to ask about decorations with more of a nautical theme and decorations that are solar-powered. The vendor said they do not have the inventory to support our order this year. They also advised against solar-powered units as they are not as bright as the traditional units. PAR had also supplied Administrator McGlothlin with a contact for decorations. McGlothlin also researched that vendor. Those decorations would need to be purchased instead of rented. The cost for 40 units would be in the range of \$14,432 to \$37,228, plus mounting brackets and installation. We would also need to store them. Currently we are spending \$10,370 to rent the units. Purchasing would be an investment. Based on these factors, Administrator McGlothlin recommends continuing with the rental this year and then research other options after the first of 2025.

Chief Swann said the town of Indian Shores just went through the upgrade and purchase process of their holiday light decorations. He will supply the vendor information and order details to Administrator McGlothlin.

Mayor Hendrickson said that a public comment was received from Loretta Fricks, 235 176th Avenue, and she said she appreciates the research and supports following through early next year to make arrangements to update the decorations for 2025.

Commissioners discussed and directed staff to continue with the rental this year, but research purchase options for next year. They also directed staff to make sure the lights are in working order this year. Any issues with the lights should be addressed immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

a. HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

Clerk Carey presented suggested dates for the 2024 Holiday Event Schedule. The dates are as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Tree Lighting	Sunday, Dec. 8
Parade	Saturday, Dec. 14
Holiday Party	Saturday, Dec. 14
Boat Parade	Sunday, Dec. 15

Also, the Annual Town Wide Garage Sale will be held on November 1st and 2nd.

Commissioners discussed and agreed with the schedule.

b. HEALTH INSURANCE

Clerk Carey reported this item is provided for information only. The employee health care benefit plan is due for renewal on September 30, 2024. Clerk Carey and Administrator McGlothlin have consulted with a broker and after considering options, suggest switching to a Florida Blue plan. This plan continues to provide similar coverage at no cost increase. A life insurance plan will also be added. This item has been budgeted but was not renewed in 2023 under the previous Town Administrator.

Commissioners had no further direction on the issue.

c. BEACH PATROL DISCUSSION

Mayor Hendrickson said that she previously discussed with Administrator McGlothlin about issues on the beach, such as: dogs, eBikes, etc. She asked McGlothlin to speak with Chief Swann about the continuing issues and requested increased enforcement of violations. Tonight she is pleased to announce that citation issuance is working! And the efforts by ISPD are making a difference. Mayor Hendrickson then invited feedback from the other commissioners. Responses were all positive. Chief Swann expressed his gratitude for the feedback.

d. SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Clerk Carey reported on an urgent item that was not on the agenda. Administrator McGlothlin has been working to address the sidewalk issues on 175th Avenue. McGlothlin has secured a quote of \$64,000 to begin the project as soon as possible. There is a provision in the Town Code that gives the Commission the authority to forgo the RFP process in case of an emergency. If the Commission feels this situation fits the criteria, staff will get started immediately on the project. Attorney Eschenfelder further explained section 36-9 of the code. Commissioner Kapper has been discussing the situation with Administrator McGlothlin and explained the history and the quote further.

Commissioners discussed the sidewalk and road needs. They agreed road repairs are a priority, but we must address the tripping hazards first. Mayor Hendrickson said that although \$64,000 is a lot, 1 lawsuit would cost more than that. Commissioner Licata asked about filling potholes. Commissioner Kapper said that Public Works staff can do that.

Commissioners directed staff to address the sidewalk immediately and then create a plan to repair the streets.

e. SUNSHINE LAW 101

Mayor Hendrickson said that Town Administrator McGlothlin had originally requested this item to be put on the agenda. Since he was unable to attend the meeting tonight, we should reschedule the training for another date. An ethics training will also be included. The format will be 1 hour of Ethics training and 1 hour of Sunshine Law. Commissioners discussed and tentatively agreed on October 16 for the training.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

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.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Carey
Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners