



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025
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 (via Zoom), Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Tom Kapper, Commissioner Erin Schoos

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Administrator Mike McGlothlin, Town Clerk Margaret Carey, Deputy Clerk Jolie Patterson, Town Attorney Rob Eschenfelder, Captain Lee Ann Holroyd (ISPD), Chief Williams (Seminole FD), Building Official Rob Peebles

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Building Official, Rob Peebles, provided an update and answered resident questions.
- b. **SEMINOLE FIRE RESCUE UPDATE** – Chief Williams provided an update and reminded that cold weather shelters are open. He also cautioned about space heaters.
- c. **INDIAN SHORES PD UPDATE** – Captain Holroyd provided an update. Officers transitioned from 11.5 hour shifts to 12 hour in December. Santa's Angels program raised over \$18,000. Public Works and Town Staff do great work. They are impressive and responsive.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. ORD2024-06 REPEALING 90-120 OF THE TOWN CODE – 2ND READING

Attorney Eschenfelder read Ordinance 2024-06.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve ORD 2024-06, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt. Vote taken: All yay.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONTRACT FOR CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL ELECTION – PINELLAS SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

Town Clerk Carey explained this is a standard contract with Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to conduct our March 2025 Municipal Election.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: None.

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve the Contract for Conducting Municipal Election with the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections, seconded by Commissioner Schoos. Vote taken: All yay.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson

Slow progress is being made to secure easements for the County's Beach Renourishment Program. Information about the program is posted to our town's website.

The Town is hosting a Building Department Update meeting on Saturday, January 11.

There is still a lot of glass on the beach. The sand was sifted already. Unfortunately, public works sifting equipment is broken. Asking residents to use caution when walking on the beach.

Beach access points will open back up this week. There are still some accesses that will remain closed because they are damaged.

The Town Administrator is working on lighting for the gravel lot. The Commission approved that in December.

b. Vice Mayor Commissioner Licata District 4

Also noticed debris in the sand. The Town should put a warning on the website and perhaps place notices at the beach.

c. Commissioner Kapper District 1

The town's focus should be getting our residents back in their homes. Whose fault is it that the Damage letters are delayed? We need to focus on that.

d. Commissioner Hoyt District 2

We have a lot of very upset residents, and I will focus my report on addressing these issues.

Potholes and street damage on 175th Avenue. Want to understand what the Town Administrator's plan is to address this. The Administrator said the contractor will be out Monday, January 13. They will address the large area.

Has Frontier been contacted about the damages they caused? Administrator – I will check and let you know.

Has Pinellas County been contacted about the damages? Administrator – multiple times.

Who is paying for road repairs? Administrator – the Town, unless it's caused by a contractor.

Please reach out to them to pay, since it was their projects that caused the repairs.

Damage Assessment letters – I have received many complaints that the Tidal Basin data is not correct. I am being asked by so many residents what is going on. So many residents have complaints about data and letters.

Grants – who is overseeing the LMS grants? Mike? Yes. Have you been participating in the LMS working group meetings and what is the last one you attended? I would have to check. Commissioner Hoyt said she is the only one from the town attending the meetings and town staff should be attending. There are many action items and deadlines. Additionally, the Elevate Florida program is available. This is complicated and very important to our residents. We have a lot more residents who qualify for these programs. This should be a high priority. There are many grant programs and maybe we can get the Deputy Clerk to work on them, but it really should be the Town Administrator.

The Mayor inquired about the Consultant that we were going to get to manage these grants. We need a dedicated focus on this.

Regarding the FDEM contractor scheduled for the January 29 workshop, does it have to be scheduled for January 29? And does her attendance have to be virtual? Attorney Eschenfelder said we have time and no, it does not necessarily need to be scheduled for January 29. We can postpone. Commissioner Hoyt asked Administrator McGlothlin if he gave her questions to (Ms. Quinn) the FDEM contractor. Yes. Did she respond? Not yet.

e. Commissioner Schoos District 3

Thank you to the staff. All are doing an incredible job. We received 2 good updates today: 1.) Uploading the substantial damage addresses on the website, and 2.) reopening the beach accesses. This is huge, especially for local businesses.

- f. **Town Attorney** - none
- g. **Public Works Department** – Update included in packet.
- h. **Town Administrator** – Administrator McGlothlin presented his report. He recognized town staff. They have been doing a tremendous job--with a lot of them suffering loss as well.

Building Department – We will have an update about Permit Techs at the January 29 meeting.

FMA Grants – They did open up and we submitted our notice of intent. Follow-up information must be submitted by February 17. We have 1 response to the FMA Consultant RFP. Now we have other opportunities for our citizens - Elevate Florida. If we are to continue with FMA we need to jump on this by February 17. Asking now do you still want to continue pursuing FMA? Or do we want to direct our citizens to Elevate Florida? The Mayor wants our residents to have access to all grant opportunities. If we need staff, then we need to hire staff. Commissioner Kapper suggested sending a letter to the Governor regarding how slow the process is moving to get people back into their homes. The Mayor said letters have already been sent. Commissioner Licata agrees with Commissioner Hoyt and the Mayor that we need to pursue all grant opportunities. Commissioner Hoyt spoke with Smita who runs the LMS Group. She suggested we reach out to the State for assistance in understanding and navigating all these grant programs. Administrator will continue to pursue grants and will keep the Commission informed. It is the consensus of the Commission to spend money on either a consultant or staff who would be dedicated to grant administration. Attorney Eschenfelder suggested that we begin by opening the RFP that we received. If that does not work out, he is aware of a grant consultant and can share that information. The Mayor suggested taking advantage of talent within our community. There may be residents who can help out with grant opportunities.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	COMMENT
Loretta Fricks	The town needs to pursue grants as soon as possible. It's very confusing.
Ryan Kiehn	The town should create a list of grant opportunities with deadline, etc.
Alan Nastansky	Spoke about the magnitude of errors in the assessments and Substantial Damage letters.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



 Margaret Carey
 Town Clerk

2.12.25

 Date Approved by Board of Commissioners