



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
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, Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Tom Kapper, Commissioner Erin Schoos

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Administrator Mike McGlothlin, Town Clerk Margaret Carey, Town Attorney Robert Eschenfelder, ISPD Police Chief Rick Swann, Seminole Fire Chief Bill Schoebel, Building Official Peebles (SAFEbuilt)

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. CONSENT AGENDA – none.

3. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Chief Bill Schoebel, Seminole Fire – We are returning to our normal number of calls. Nice to see getting back to normal. Issued a safety message regarding winter/holiday candles, trees, and cooking. Use caution and be safe.
- b. Chief Rick Swann, Indian Shores PD – Starting to get back to normal also. Lots of responses to illegal building activity and unlicensed contractors. Santa’s Angels toy drive is going on.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. RES 13-2024 ESTABLISHING A REDUCED FEE FOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS.

Attorney Eschenfelder prepared this resolution at the direction of the Commission at their last workshop, temporarily reducing the Variance application fee to \$750. Attorney Eschenfelder read the resolution.

Public Comment: Barry Taylor, Jennie Blackburn inquired about the resolution. Attorney Eschenfelder explained this is not a permanent fee reduction. The Town will evaluate for the next fiscal year.

Commission Discussion: None.

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve RES 13-2024 Establishing a Reduced Fee for Variance Applications, seconded by Commissioner Licata. Vote taken: All yay.

b. ORD 2024-06 REPEALING 90-120 OF THE TOWN CODE (RELATED TO LAND DEDICATION) – 1ST READING.

Attorney Eschenfelder read the Ordinance. The assessment is no longer necessary given the Town’s size and current park and environmental lands.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: None.

Commissioner Licata moved to approve ORD 2024-06 repealing 90-120 of the Town Code Related to Land Dedication, seconded by Commissioner Schoos. Vote taken: All yay.

c. **RATIFICATION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY FOR SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE INSPECTIONS AND ASSESSMENT DATA ENTRY.**

Introduced by Administrator McGlothlin.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Hoyt asked, was this replaced by the last agreement (presented at the November 20, 2024 meeting)? Attorney Eschenfelder said the agreement has largely been superseded but should be ratified since the Mayor has already signed it.

Commissioner Schoos moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for Substantial Damage Inspections and Assessment Data Entry, seconded by Commissioner Licata. Vote taken:

YES: 4 KAPER, SCHOOS, LICATA, HENDRICKSON

NO: 1 HOYT

d. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PINELLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLETION OF THE FLORIDA STATE-REQUIRED VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT.**

Introduced by Administrator McGlothlin.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Hoyt said she needs a better understanding of this MOU. Can anyone here discuss what this is or do we need to workshop it?

Attorney Eschenfelder explained this is a grant program received by Pinellas County to do further in-depth studies of flood-prone communities to assess where the flood risks are. There is no cost to the town, we only need to interact with reps that contact us.

Public Comment: Jessica Gough asked for additional information.

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve the MOU with Pinellas County Public Works department for Completion of the Florida State-Required Vulnerability Assessment, seconded by Commissioner Licata. Vote taken: All yay.

e. **2025 TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Clerk Carey presented the 2025 Town Hall Holiday Schedule where Town Hall will be closed. She explained the calendar follows the Pinellas County schedule with one minor difference. On Christmas Eve, Pinellas County closes offices at noon, where we would be closed all day.

Commissioner Kapper moved to approve the 2025 Town Holiday Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Schoos. Vote taken: all yay.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

a. **Mayor Commissioner Hendrickson**

- Project Hope – provides free meals at various locations.
- Elevate Florida – Statewide Flood Mitigation Program announced by FDEM. Information is posted on our website.
- Beach Renourishment – This is a new Pinellas County program that requires temporary easements. The County will be mailing letters directly to affected properties. It is imperative to get those residents to sign.

b. **Vice Mayor Commissioner Licata District 4** – Received many compliments about Building Official Peebles.

- c. **Commissioner Kapper District 1** – Really appreciate town staff getting the Substantial Damage letters out.
- d. **Commissioner Hoyt District 2**
Resident concerns that should be addressed:
 - FMA Grant
 - Elevate Florida Grant
 - Substantial Damage letters
 - Building Permits – we should be handling in 3 categories (condos with no impact, raised structures, single level homes who lost everything). We should be factoring in what each category of homeowner is dealing with.
- e. **Commissioner Schoos District 3** – Thank you to town staff for the Tree Lighting. It is important to the community. Starting to get updates and progress from the Building Department. Sign up with the town to receive updates. The Seminole High School marching band will be marching the Rose Bowl Parade.
- f. **Town Attorney** - none
- g. **Town Clerk** – provided a general update regarding Clerk’s Office projects.
- h. **Town Administrator** – Discussed CIP Projects
 - Mayor Hendrickson said to prioritize high-risk items such as lighting projects, the gravel lot. Those projects can begin.
 - An Undergrounding Project update should be scheduled alone at an upcoming workshop.
 - Administrator McGlothlin was directed to schedule a CIP priority discussion at the next workshop.
- i. **Building Department** – Official Peebles presented an update and answered resident questions.
 - We have added 3 temporary permit technicians.
 - Our full-time staff permit technician submitted her notice and her last day is next Wednesday.
 - We have requested 3 more permit technicians.
 - We are receiving substantial damage data from Tidal Basin.
 - Mr. Peebles suggested the Town implement deadlines for after—the-fact permitting applications and establish a date to begin enforcement of working without a permit.
 - Tidal Basin representative, Richard Lee was present. Commissioner Hoyt asked who hired Tidal Basin. He said FDEM/Pinellas County requested them. Ms. Hoyt also asked what can residents do while they are waiting for flood mitigation grants? Mr. Lee said residents can make the home “habitable”. Mr. Peebles added that we have FEMA provisions that allow residents to make their home safe, secure, and sanitary. Residents can apply for a rebuild permit and make their homes “minimally habitable” while they wait for the grant.
- j. **Public Works Department** – none

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	COMMENT
Barry Taylor	Complimented the Board for the work they are doing on the Substantial Damage letters. Also spoke about Veronica Katz, a resident who has been organizing community support for residents.
Terrie Laird	Asked about Beach Renourishment deadline. Spoke about glass fragments still on beach.
Jessica Gough	Why can't we submit resident permits online? Asked additional permit questions.
Colleen Woodburn	Asked permit questions.

9. 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