



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 Tom Kapper, Vice Mayor Commissioner Erin Schoos, Commissioner Douglas Harr, Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Larry Maynard

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Interim Town Administrator/Town Clerk Margaret Carey, Deputy Clerk Melissa Fultz, Town Attorney Rob Eschenfelder, Building Official Rob Peebles, Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Chief of Police Rick Swann (ISPD), Chief Bill Schobel (Seminole Fire Rescue), Deputy Chief John Martellite (Madeira Beach Fire Rescue).

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **MINUTES** – Vice Mayor Schoos made a motion to approve of April 30, 2025, Special Meeting and Workshop meeting minutes. Commissioner Maynard seconded, all approved.

3. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Deputy Chief John Martellite, Madeira Beach Fire Rescue Update** – The Redington Station subcontractors are in the process of being chosen, with a groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for early June 2025. The Legends Never Die 5K Race was April 13, 2025, and raised \$18,000 that will be donated to The Franciscan Center on May 29, 2025, at 10:00 am, the event is open to the public. Madeira Beach will hold a Hurricane Expo on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Madeira Beach City Hall, all are welcome.
- b. **Chief Bill Schobel, Seminole Fire Rescue Update** – Seminole Fire Rescue had 18 fire calls in the month of April, with 20 EMS calls, and one motor vehicle accident. He reported there was a fire in St. Pete Beach on May 13, 2025, that was contained.
- c. **Chief Rick Swann, Indian Shores Police Department Update** – Hurricane and flood insurance workshops were held in partnership with the towns of Redington Shores and Indian Shores. Discussion for debris contractors and emergency services building donations were reviewed. Repairs for the emergency evacuation sirens were underway. A final budget for consideration of a cost-of-living increase of 5% was requested.

Vice Mayor Schoos made a motion to adopt the 5% cost-of-living increase. Commissioner Maynard seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Tanenbaum	He thanked Chief Swann and ISPD for their response to hurricanes Helene and Milton.
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- d. **Rob Peebles, Building Department Update** – Building Official Mr. Peebles updated as to the current number of appeals and permits received, and he indicated 83% completion of renovation permits at this time. He stated 1,593 permit applications have been processed since October 1, 2024, equaling a 92% issuance rate.

Mr. Peebles stated that staff have done an amazing job ensuring permits are being processed timely.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. UNFIT STRUCTURES

Administrator Carey noted that the Commissioners had approved letters for unfit structures to proceed to be mailed to residents at the April 30, 2025, workshop meeting. Commissioner Hoyt requested to speak to the needs of residents, reviewing the Elevate Florida program. She asked Building Official Peebles to clarify the intent of the letter. Mr. Peebles spoke about the process for required permits and safety. Mr. Peebles stated other barrier island communities were also addressing unfit structures. He believes known hazards need to be mitigated to reduce risks and make homes safe, sanitary, and secure.

Mayor Kapper and Vice Mayor Schoos were concerned with the safety of unfit structures.

Commissioner Hoyt also reviewed community development block grants through Pinellas County.

Attorney Eschenfelder stated Mr. Peebles has the legal authority to send letters.

Commissioner Maynard was concerned with the timeframe of responding to the letter.

Commissioner Harr agreed with the need for a time extension.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennie Blackburn	She agreed with the content of the letter and believed it was clear.
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5. NEW BUSINESS

a. SAFE BUILT CONTRACT

Administrator Carey reviewed the agreement of the current SafeBuilt contract and future specifications that were being reviewed for adoption. Vice Mayor Schoos made a motion to review the contract at a workshop at the end of June.

Commissioner Hoyt and Commissioner Harr agreed that a workshop later in June was necessary prior to deciding.

Attorney Eschenfelder concurred further discussions would need to be tabled for a workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennie Blackburn	She clarified the need for a workshop.
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b. TIDAL BASIN CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Administrator Carey described the agreement for emergency services with Tidal Basin and options for ratification. Vice Mayor Schoos asked Mr. Peebles to elaborate on the current contract's needs to which he clarified.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schoos to ratify the Tidal Basin contract; Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The floor was opened to the public and no further comments ensued.

c. ORD 2025-01 AMENDING THE CODE REGARDING PERMIT FEES – 1ST READING

Attorney Eschenfelder read the first reading of the ordinance. Commissioner Maynard made a motion to amend the code for permit fees. Vice Mayor Schoos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Wallerab	He spoke about his experience with permit fees.
Jack Tanenbaum	He described fees incurred for work without permitting.
Christine Cook	She inquired about permitting fees.

d. RES 01-2025 ADOPTION OF THE LMS 5-YEAR PLAN

Attorney Eschenfelder read the resolution and Administrator Carey clarified the formal adoption. Commissioner Hoyt made a motion to adopt the LMS five-year plan. She thanked Administrator Carey and her staff for their efforts to maintain LMS compliance. Commissioner Har seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The floor was opened to the public and no further comments ensued.

e. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY FOR MULTIMODAL IMPACT FEE COORDINATION

Administrator Carey read the ordinance and described the interlocal agreement. She noted that Attorney Eschenfelder gave his approval. Vice Mayor Schoos made a motion to adopt the interlocal agreement; Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The floor was opened to the public and no further comments ensued.

f. INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION

Administrator Carey itemized her duties and roles serving as the Interim Town Administrator. She noted her diligence and commitment to serving the role, and discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Maynard for the salary of \$126,000.00 and was seconded by Commissioner Harr. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Blackburn	She believed Clerk Carey should receive \$137,000.00 in compensation as the Interim Administrator.
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g. LIBRARY BOARD ALTERNATE

Administrator Carey read the agreement for an alternate library board member. Vice Mayor Schoos described the role and her experience with it. She made the motion to appoint Marie Palena as library board alternate. Commissioner Hoyt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Palena	She volunteered to serve as the library board alternate.
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6. COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. **COMMISSIONER HARR** – He will be attending FDEM training.
- b. **COMMISSIONER HOYT** – She noted the hardships of her constituents after Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Additionally, she thanked Administrator Carey for her role in supporting the Town.
- c. **COMMISSIONER MAYNARD** – Special thank you to the volunteers for the building department.
- d. **VICE MAYOR SCHOOS** – She attended the ribbon cutting event for the Gulf Beaches Library. She also attended the Indian Shores Hurricane Expo. She noted holes on the beach are becoming prevalent hazards to residents and wildlife.
- e. **MAYOR KAPPER** – He receives multiple calls daily regarding the building department.
- f. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Mr. Pafumi provided the Public Works updates and thanked Administrator Carey for her outstanding job as Interim Town Administrator.
- g. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Carey thanked the Town staff for their outstanding support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Conroy	She believes visitors are drawn to natural environment.
Marie Jantchek	She inquired about variance magistrate meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Carey
Town Clerk

6.11.25

Date Approved by Board of Commissioners