



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A **Budget Workshop Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Commissioner Tom Kapper, Vice Mayor Commissioner Erin Schoos, Commissioner Douglas Harr, Commissioner CJ Hoyt, and Commissioner Lary Maynard

Other Municipal Officials Present: Margaret Carey, Interim Town Administrator/Town Clerk; Melissa Fultz, Deputy Clerk; Robert Eschenfelder, Town Attorney

1. ROLL CALL BY TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS – None

3. OLD BUSINESS – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget & Goal Setting Discussion FY25/26

Administrator Carey explained that the policy goals and objectives for FY25/26 were largely going to remain the same as the previous fiscal year. Items 1. A. and 1.B. remain the same. She reviewed FY24/25 updates.

1.C. Beach Access Points - completed consolidated signage, new benches, and garbage cans. Commissioner Harr asked for a list of Access Point action items to be completed. Administrator Carey informed FEMA conducted a site inspection on May 27, 2025 to assess hurricane damage, and a list of action items would be provided with inventory from Public Works. Commissioner Hoyt noted the Parks and Recreation beautification committee had previously worked on the inventory list. Wayfinding signage was to be improved with consistent branding and logo. Vice Mayor Schoos would like to see those improvements come to fruition. Completion dates will be updated. Commissioner Hoyt would like to see best practices with examples of what worked through the storms, including native plants.

1.D. Parks Master Plan – Administrator Carey has not seen development of such a plan yet. Commissioners suggested checking with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

2.A. Pavement Preservation – street repairs will continue.

2.B. Alternative Funding for Storm Drain Maintenance and Improvement. Administrator Carey said the town just completed an application for a \$2.5 million HMGP grant has been submitted through LMS.

2.C. Sidewalk Improvement - will continue.

3. Administrator Carey said that the topics of Sewer Improvement and Utility Undergrounding should be two separate items. Commissioner Hoyt agreed and requested they be separated. She also informed there are two grants available from EPA and Southwest Water Management District (SWFMD) this summer

3.A. – Sewer Improvements – will continue. Administrator Carey has met with representatives to review past proposals and plans and will present a more detailed update at a future meeting.

4.A. Utility Undergrounding Project - Administrator Carey noted that the updated cost of the project is \$4 million. \$2.3 million is available through Penny for Pinellas. We need to pay the Duke Energy BTE first and then submit to Pinellas for reimbursement. The balance would be paid from a town investment account.

B. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Next Administrator Carey discussed the Capital Improvement 5-year Plan. She referenced the previous discussion of capital improvements that occurred at the January 29, 2025, Regular Commission meeting. At that time, all CIP projects were re-prioritized.

The top priority projects was as follows: utilities undergrounding, sewer system improvements and stormwater infrastructure. Reviewing the status of the five-year plan, Administrator Carey gave status updates. She noted that the Public Works UTV was canceled, Town Hall lighting enhancements will remain a goal, the tractor/beach rake was purchased, and the lift station generator was removed from the list. Under Parks and Recreation, the public beach access points will be mostly covered by FEMA reimbursement now. The nature park sign project will be paused until the new fiscal year. County parking improvements were discussed to include parking lot resurfacing and medians. Constitution Park gravel lot lighting is in progress. Town Hall lighting enhancements were also reviewed and paused. A less expensive option was suggested. This item came about after a FMIT risk assessment of town property. Commissioner Harr explained risk assessments for curb paint and lighting from an insurance perspective. Town Hall parking lot resurfacing was reviewed. Mayor Kapper suggested cold patching instead of resurfacing. Stormwater infrastructure will have a \$3.3 million budget over the next four years. Sewer lift station acquisitions were canceled, although sewer system improvements will be updated when numbers are confirmed. Last CIP they were are \$4 million for the project. The street lighting project will remain wild-life friendly. Administrator Carey will receive quotes for wildlife friendly lighting. Street sidewalk improvement project will remain on the schedule and have Public Works conduct a sidewalk census. Attorney Eschenfelder noted there may be FDOT funds for streets. Utility undergrounding will be \$4 million. Administrator Carey will update the goals and CIP for the next budget meeting. Mayor Kapper expressed concern over high legal fees. Attorney Eschenfelder referenced the Commission Procedures Manual and noted that any elected official is free to contact him according to the procedures.

The budget calendar required activities and requirements have been met so far for the current fiscal year.

5. MISCELLANEOUS


Regular Meeting- Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Workshop Meeting- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.


6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Fultz
Deputy Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners