



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 13, 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 CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Doug Harr, Commissioner Larry Maynard

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Manager Margaret Carey, Deputy Clerk Melissa Fultz, Town Attorney Rob Eschenfelder, Captain Daniel Doherty (ISPD), Deputy Chief John Mortellito (Madeira FD), Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Intern Rafael Soto

1. ROLL CALL BY THE DEPUTY CLERK

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. MINUTES

This item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

3. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. MADEIRA FIRE RESCUE UPDATE** – All fees have been paid for on the upcoming station. They expect work to begin within two weeks and all that remains is a permit from the Southwest Florida Management District. Deputy Chief Mortellito noted a drop in calls over the past month.
- b. INDIAN SHORES PD UPDATE** – Captain Doherty provided an update. Sergeant Jason Hicks was nominated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the Floyd Smith Award for DUI enforcement and education on August 1st. Sergeant Hicks also graduated from the Florida Leadership Academy on August 8th. ISPD was also able to secure a \$5000 grant for their vehicles that they use on the beach. They will be looking for other grants. Captain Doherty made note of an upcoming hurricane preparedness on August 28th meeting for town staff and commissioners.
- c. Proclamation for 70th Anniversary-** Vice Mayor Schoos and Mayor Kapper read a proclamation marking August 30th as The Town of Redington Shores' 70th Anniversary of Incorporation.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ORD 2025-03** – Renaming the Town Administrator Position to Town Manager- 2nd Reading

Attorney Eschenfelder read Ordinance 2025-03

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve ORD 2025-03, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt
vote taken: All yay.

b. Building Department Services

Mayor Kapper and Town Manager Carey met with the Town of Indian Shores to discuss the potential of Indian Shores providing building department services for the town. Mayor Kapper noted that the Town of Indian Shores approved in a meeting staff are authorized to begin negotiations for a building department services contract

Town Manager Carey stated that Indian Shores is actively preparing an interlocal agreement. She stated that over the past week she attended two meetings regarding this issue. The first was with the Building Official of Indian Shores to discuss the operations of the building department and the second was with the Town Administrator and the Finance Director of Indian Shores. The second meeting was for the Town of Indian Shores to get an understanding of how the Town of Redington Shores processes and collects payments and other financial information. Town Manager Carey asked commissioners to bring any concerns and issues to her so that they may be addressed in the interlocal agreement.

Mayor Kapper was pleased with the Building Official of Indian Shores. Commissioner Hoyt asked if this was the definitive direction the Town wants to move in. Commissioner Harr wanted to know if a plan b was being kept. Town Manager Carey stated that the bids already received would be the plan b.

Vice Mayor Commissioner Schoos asked if the Town Manager knew when this interlocal agreement would be done. Town Manager Carey said that she does not know but has expressed the urgency to the Town of Indian Shores and said she would be following up with Town Administrator of Indian Shores.

Town Manager Carey shared that Indian Shores plans to use their fee schedule. She made note that currently residents would not have to pay more for services than they already do. Town Manager Carey stated that Indian Shores plans to charge Redington Shores hourly for the work done.

Attorney Eschenfelder had questions regarding the payment process for residents and how the Town would pay Indian Shores. Town Manager Carey stated that she would have better details and could answer questions once the agreement has been developed and reviewed by her.

Agreement was made that further discussion would be had about this topic at the August 27th workshop.

Commissioner Hoyt brought up a concern that she had related to an issue a resident had related to the building department and the working hours of both town hall and the building department. She expressed concern with not being open to the public on Fridays. Town Manager Carey stated that she would bring statistics building department traffic to the next workshop meeting. Operating hours will be discussed in the workshop meeting as well.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. BLD Piggyback Contract for Sewer Project

Town Manager Carey stated that this is the last contract needed to cover all sewer and stormwater improvement projects.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Vice Mayor Commissioner Schoos motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Harr.

Vote Taken: All yay.

b. Approve Town Support of Nomination for BIG-C / Forward Pinellas Board Appointment

The BIG-C's current representative on the Forward Pinellas Board, Mayor Will, gave notice that he would no longer be able to serve. Mayor Brooks of Maderia Beach volunteered for the position. Town Manager Carey stated that each municipality in the BIG-C must vote to support the nomination.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Hoyt motioned to approve the nomination, seconded by Commissioner Maynard.

Vote Taken: All yay.

c. Town Clerk Position

The Town Clerk position was posted on July 18th. Town Manager Carey recommended Deputy Clerk Fultz for the position. She gave praise to Deputy Clerk Fultz on her hard work for the residents of the Town. Commissioner Maynard expressed the same sentiments for Deputy Clerk Fultz.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Maynard motioned to appoint Ms. Fultz to the Town Clerk Position, seconded by Commissioner Harr.

Vote Taken: all yay

d. ORD 2025-04 Election District Revision

Attorney Eschenfelder read Ordinance 2025-04.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Vice Mayor Commissioner Schoos motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Vote Taken: all yay.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Commissioner Harr

Commissioner Harr reminded residents that there is an August 20th Flood Insurance and Hurricane Workshop.

b. Commissioner Hoyt District 2

Commissioner Hoyt gave praises to the Property Appraiser for what he is doing for residents of Pinellas County. She provided statistics from a presentation provided by Mike Twitty. She shared that the preliminary taxable value percentage change increased by .8% while neighboring communities have gone down.

Commissioner Hoyt shared statistics from Elevate Florida. Nearly 12000 applications went into the program while only 1500 applicants were funded and hundreds others were waitlisted.

She mentioned that there is an opportunity for funding for residents through the Pinellas County CDBG-DR program. She also highlighted other opportunities from grants: the Homeowner Rehabilitation Reconstruction Program and a Homeowner Reimbursement Program.

c. Commissioner Maynard District 4

Shared that 15 homes have been demolished. Residents are waiting on Elevate Florida to

rebuild. Saddened for those who were not approved by Elevate Florida.

d. Vice Mayor Commissioner Schoos District 3

Expressed gratitude for Town Staff for the July 12th Constitution Park Grand Opening.

e. Mayor Kapper

Nothing to report.

f. Town Attorney

A new legal action was presented to the Town and Attorney Eschenfelder shared that he would give an update after he has read through it.

g. Public Works Department – Update included in packet. Also introduced the new Public Works Technician, Matt Harner.

h. Town Administrator – Update included in packet

Reminded Commissioners of the August 28th 70th Anniversary Celebration and shared that staff are currently working on planning for the upcoming picnic on October 4th.

Sewer System projects are moving along.

Will be advertising for the planning on zoning board following the resignation of current board member Barry Taylor.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

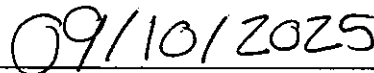
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rafael Soto
Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners