



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
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 Clerk Michelle Lowe, Deputy Town Clerk/Management Analyst Rafael Soto, Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Town Attorney Nancy Meyer, Chief Lee Ann Holroyd and Captain Dan Doherty (ISPD), Chief Schobel (Seminole FD), Deputy Chief Mortellite (Madeira FD)

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. MINUTES

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting and March 25, 2026, Workshop, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 0.

3. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

a. MADEIRA FIRE RESCUE UPDATE – Deputy Chief Mortellite presented the update. The new fire station is under construction, with an expected opening in early 2027. Chief Mortellite also informed the Commission that the City of Madeira has hired a new City Manager, who will start at the end of the month.

b. SEMINOLE FIRE RESCUE UPDATE – Chief Schobel provided the update. He noted there were 29 calls within the Town and spoke about lithium-ion batteries and potential hazards.

c. INDIAN SHORES PD UPDATE – Chief Holroyd provided an update. She stated there were three occasions of missing children on the beach this past month, which were all found and reunited with their families. She noted ISPD will be discussing their contract with the Town at the next Commission meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. ORD2026-01 Updating the Town Charter to Increase Term for Commissioners – 2nd Reading

Attorney Meyer read the ordinance.

Commissioner Maynard moved to adopt ORD2026-01, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt.

Commission Discussion: none.

Public Comment: none

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 0.

b. ORD2026-02 Updating Election Date and Qualifying Periods – 2nd Reading

Attorney Meyer read the ordinance.

Commissioner Maynard moved to adopt ORD2026-02, seconded by Commissioner Harr.

Commission Discussion: none.

Public Comment: none

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 0.

c. Membership with the Suncoast League of Cities

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve membership with the Suncoast League of Cities and allow the representative to provide periodic updates, seconded by Commissioner Schoos.

Discussion:

Commissioner Hoyt expressed concern about possible sunshine law violations arising from discussions of this topic outside a public meeting.

Town Attorney Meyer stated that Sunshine Law violations are not adjudicated by the Town Commission and will not be addressed at this meeting. She reminded the Commission that members may not discuss agenda topics with each other outside a publicly noticed meeting.

Commissioner Harr agreed that Town representation is important, particularly at the discounted rate, but recommended that the meeting attendee provide an update. He suggested adding this as an agenda item.

Commissioner Hoyt summarized the legislative update from the February Big C meeting and requested that the Suncoast League of Cities representative provide a similar update.

Public Comment:

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENT
Loretta Fricks	235 176 th Ave E	She believes this is a good opportunity, especially at the reduced rate. She agreed that the Town representative would need to report back and that the update be included in the agenda packet.
Barry Taylor	300 182 nd Ave E	Has attended Suncoast League of Cities (SLC) meetings and thinks it is a great idea to join. He noted they could also bring residents' concerns to SLC and agreed that a report should be included in the agenda packet.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Event for July 4th Holiday

Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst Soto explained that Commissioner Schoos suggested the Town host a family-friendly July 4th event. Staff proposed that the Town hold a Movie in the Park on Friday, July 3rd, in the evening at Constitution Park. He noted the approximate cost is between \$800-1,100 and would include the vendor, the movie, and the licensing fee.

Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Support for the family-friendly, low-cost event
- Possibility of conducting a golf cart parade earlier in the day
- Using a vendor vs. buying equipment for the event
- Possible alternative times for the event
- Movie choices

Chief Holroyd noted that a parade would not be possible as that requires a permit from FDOT, but the Town could hold a vehicle escort similar to the holiday event in December. She informed the Commission that ISPD will receive mutual aid from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office during the holiday weekend, and that staff will be spread thin and they cannot spare officers for the Town's proposed event. She asked about the parking agreement with the County and whether that was approved.

Town Clerk Lowe noted the agreement was approved by the County and is on the Agenda for the May 13, Regular Meeting.

Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst Soto suggested the event be held June 27th and asked the Commission to choose a date to secure the vendor.

Action: Unanimous consensus to hold the July 4th event on Saturday, June 27th, and forward the topic to the next workshop for the remaining details.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Commissioner Harr District 1

Has had a couple of meetings with the Yacht Club Association to engage with them. They asked what is going on with the vacant lot by them. Building Official Spencer informed that the lot is a planned unit development, split into 5 single-family plots.

b. Commissioner Hoyt District 2

Staff are researching the two topics that came from coffee with the Commission: kayak launch and dog park. She attended the State of the Beaches Mayor's Town Hall & Chamber Mixer which was a round table discussion among Pinellas County elected officials regarding the challenges with Elevate Florida, Pinellas Recovers Program, and insurance. Byron Donalds, Florida Governor Candidate, was also present.

She also noted there were 60 properties that are either for sale or under construction in her district. She thanked the building department for its work.

c. Commissioner Maynard District 4

He noted that another home was demolished on 180th Ave. E.

d. Vice Mayor Commissioner Schoos District 3

Attended the Turtle Lighting Workshop, Ribbon Cutting for the Bill Krajewski Public Service building in Indian Shores, Boy Scout event on the beach with Public Works Supervisor Pafumi, and Redington Beach Easter Egg Hunt. She noted the County parking lot looks better than it has in months and thanked Public Works for their hard work.

Sea turtle nesting season has begun and asked if anyone observes any lights or other issues on the beach to let the Town know. Black Skimmer nesting season starts in May and there is currently a colony by the Towers.

e. Mayor Kapper

Attended the Big C meeting. Noted a resident bought a lot across the street from his home off 174th Ave. E. to prevent a house from being built on the parcel. He turned the lot into a park.

f. Town Attorney – none.

g. **Public Works Department** – Supervisor Pafumi provided his update. He and his staff finished the cleanup and improvements to the County lot. He thanked Madeira Beach for allowing the Town to borrow its tractor. The next project is the back of Town Hall: improving the railing and landscaping.

h. **Building Department** – none.

i. **Town Manager** – Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst Soto noted that both the Building Department report and Town Manager report were included in the packet. He noted the Indian Shores Police Department will be holding a Hurricane Awareness & Preparedness training on April 30th for Commissioners and staff.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Lowe, CMC
Town Clerk

05/13/2026

Date Approved by Board of Commissioners