



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026
Immediately following the Budget Workshop
MINUTES**

A **Workshop** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:08 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Commissioner Erin Schoos, Vice Mayor Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Douglas Harr, Commissioner Larry Maynard, Commissioner Smith

Members Absent: None

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Manager Margaret Carey, Town Clerk Michelle Lowe, Town Attorney Nancy Meyer, Chief Lee Ann Holroyd and Captain Dan Doherty (ISPD)

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**
3. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Code Enforcement Program**

Town Manager Carey noted at the August 12th Regular meeting that it was decided to renew the Code Enforcement contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for another year, but staff was directed to add this topic to a future workshop agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Hybrid options that involve using both PCSO and hiring an in-house code enforcement officer.
- Multiple complaints have been received regarding the code enforcement program being more reactive than proactive.
- Redington Beach was contacted, and they do not want to share their second code enforcement officer. That employee will primarily be working evenings and weekends.
- ISPD Chief Holroyd said ISPD is available to assist on calls when requested. She noted the benefits of having a police officer vs. a civilian code enforcement officer.
- The training required to become a code enforcement officer, hiring someone part-time, CAP, and what services they can provide, and clarifying the job responsibilities.

Public Comment:

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENT
Christy Herig	17609 1 st St E	Feels that the current code enforcement officer is inconsistent. She likes the idea of a hybrid option. She would like an in-house employee.
Stella Zervos	246 176 th Terr Dr E	She thanked everyone for their ideas and analysis. She noted this has been a topic for a while and prefers a full-time employee.
Terrie Laird	148 175 th Ave E	Asked if the current code enforcement officer has been addressed about these concerns. If they are not meeting expectations, they should be told.

Bennett Walling	17746 Wall Cir	Thinks this is a good idea and that code enforcement has interaction with the building department and is sometimes involved in plan review. He would like the in-house employee to be part of the plan review process.
Gail Conroy	841 180th Ave E	She felt that code enforcement should focus on building department issues and not worry about whether someone's grass is too tall.

ISPD Captain Doherty stated there is a difference between code enforcement and the building official. The permitting and inspection process goes through the building department; code enforcement is not included.

Discussion continued regarding:

- Whether concerns stem from the current code enforcement officer or the overall code enforcement program.
- There was a conversation with PCSO Deputy/Code Enforcement Officer Klapka clarifying his role and the Town's expectations.
- Ensuring whoever is hired is familiar with the Town's Code and has defined roles and responsibilities.

Attorney Meyer informed that there are certain issues the PCSO's attorney interprets differently than the Town. When that happens, the PCSO deputy will follow their attorney's interpretation. However, that issue is not always resolved with an in-house employee. They can refuse to cite someone if they don't agree with the reputation, as they are responsible for their own certification.

Action: Asked Staff to advertise a part-time code enforcement officer position for 20 hours a week with the range of \$25 - \$30 and report the results.

b. Town Signs

Town Manager Carey presented design options for the Town Sign project, noting that these do not include the sign at Nature's Park. She is collaborating with Commissioner Maynard to select a unique sign for the park at a later date.

Discussion included maintaining consistency in all town signage and considering various color options.

Action: Unanimous consensus to proceed with the teal design and contact a designer for additional options.

Public Comment:

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Loretta Fricks	235 176 th Ave E	She noted that the Parks & Recreation Committee used AI to generate the design options, which can be refined with a designer's assistance. She encouraged the Commission to update other items, such as bulletin boards, to match the new signage.

c. Benches and Bus Shelter

Town Manager Carey informed the Town has one bus bench just north of the County lot; Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PTSA) will replace it at no cost or will give approximately \$18,000 towards the cost of a custom shelter.

Discussion included being conservative given the uncertainty of the proposed constitutional amendment regarding the homestead exemption and the preference for the standard PTSA shelter that complements the Town's new sign design.

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Loretta Fricks	235 176 th Ave E	Asked if PTSA could provide another shelter at Nature Park.

Action: Unanimous consensus to ask PTSA for a standard bus shelter.

Town Manager Carey also reviewed the bus bench and town bench options and informed that the Town will be using LDU funds to pay for the updated benches. When she spoke to PTSA, she learned that Creative Outdoor can currently place advertisements on the benches.

Discussion ensued regarding the sign ordinance, updating or drafting an ordinance to address advertising, bench materials, starting a memorial bench program, and approval of the proposed bench design.

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENT
Loretta Fricks	235 176 th Ave E	She noted that the PAR committee wants to implement an adopt-a-bench program that includes landscaping and beautifying the area where it is placed. She noted that the material that is chosen needs to be weather-resistant.

Action: Unanimous consensus to have the Town Attorney draft an Ordinance to address advertising and to move forward with the proposed bench design.

d. Sail Shade for Spitzer Park Playground

Town Manager Carey stated that after the July 29th Workshop, it was suggested the Town install a sail shade over the playground area at Thelma Spitzer Park. She noted they received several quotes and the proposed sail shade was the lowest one.

Action: Unanimous consensus to purchase the sail shade.

e. Adopt-a-Drain Program

Town Manager Carey stated that after the July 29th Workshop, it was suggested the Town install a sail shade over the playground area at Thelma Spitzer Park. She noted they received several quotes, and the proposed sail shade was the lowest.

Action: Unanimous consensus to implement the program.

f. Coffee with a Commissioner

Town Clerk Lowe noted that after the August 12th Regular Meeting, she sent the Commission additional dates for the event. October 24th at 10:00 a.m. was the date that everyone could attend. She received concerns that the event was too close to the picnic and asked the Commission whether they would like to hold the next event on February 27, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. as scheduled.

Action: Unanimous consensus to hold the next event on February 27, 2027.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Lowe, CMC
Town Clerk



Date Approved by Board of Commissioners