**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**
*Immediately following the 1st Budget Public Hearing*
**MINUTES**

A **Regular Meeting** 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 Larry Maynard, Commissioner Ken Smith

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Doug Harr

**Other Municipal Officials Present:** Town Manager Margaret Carey, Town Clerk Michelle Lowe, Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Accountant Andy Tess, Town Attorney Nancy Meyer, Division Chief Williams (Seminole FD), Chief Belk (Madeira FD)

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   a. **MINUTES**

      Commission Discussion: None.

      Public Comment: None.

      Vice Mayor Hoyt moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting, August 26, 2026 Special Meeting, Budget Workshop & Workshop, seconded by Commissioner Maynard.

      Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5 to 0.
3. **APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS**
   a. **MADEIRA BEACH FIRE RESCUE UPDATE –** Chief Belk thanked Town Manager Carey and Mayor Schoos for touring the new Fire station. He noted the proposed completion date is January 2027.
   b. **SEMINOLE FIRE RESCUE UPDATE –** Division Chief Williams noted they had 29 calls in the past month. He also advised the public against going outdoors during thunderstorms and noted recent deaths from lightning strikes throughout the state.
   c. **INDIAN SHORES PD UPDATE –** Chief Holroyd reported ISPD received their accreditation. She thanked Corporal Kevin Andrews for his hard work and noted the accreditation isn't official until the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation votes on it.

      Captain Doherty told the Commission that they identified the individual responsible for stealing two bicycles. He noted the thefts were crimes of opportunity and advised residents to lock up their valuables.

      He also addressed recent social media posts about shark fishing. He informed the Commission that state law allows individuals to fish for sharks as long as they have the proper fishing license endorsement. He noted that the recent law protects the public's right to fish for sharks and that the Town of Indian Shores recently amended its ordinance to reflect the Florida Statutes.

      Town Attorney Meyer informed the Commission that it can appeal the ordinance and amend it to

apply only to town property, since the Ordinance cannot be more restrictive than the state statute.

**Action:** There was unanimous consensus to amend the shark ordinance to only Town Property.

**d. PROCLAMATION –** 25TH Anniversary of 9/11 – Mayor Schoos read the proclamation and announced Madeira Beach was holding a Remembrance Ceremony at Patriot Park beginning at 8:45 a.m. and invited all to attend.

## 4. OLD BUSINESS

### a. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Town Manager Carey previously discussed updating the committee name. Parks and Recreation voted and decided they would like to be renamed the Community Enhancement Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the reason for the name change, different options, and overall dissatisfaction with the chosen name.

**Action:** Ask the Parks and Recreation Committee to pick their top five name options and present it to the commission.

Town Attorney Meyer informed the new committee name does not need to have the word advisory in it.

| NAME | ADDRESS | COMMENT |
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| Jennie Blackburn | 17717 Gulf Blvd # 202 | She noted the proposed name was a mouthful and proposed Community Improvement Committee. |

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. RES 04-2026 Trash Increase

Town Manager Carey received notification of a fee increase from Waste Connections. They are proposing a 5.2% increase. They cited the increase due to rising costs and Pinellas County increasing their rates at the solid waste facility.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Overall satisfaction with the service Waste Connection provides.
- Going out to bid when the contract expires instead of renewing.
- The County is raising their utility bill rates as well.
- Possibility of negotiating a different rate increase.

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve RES 04-2026, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 3 to 1.

Vice Mayor Commissioner Hoyt voted no.

### b. Invitation to Bid - Generators

Town Manager Carey reviewed the dates for the upcoming ITB. She informed the generators are from the HMGP grant and are for the four lift stations, to serve as backup if the Town loses power. She noted they are critical in the case the Town is impacted by a hurricane.

**Action:** There was unanimous consensus to allow staff to formally announce the bid.

### c. ORD 2026-05 Construction Activities

Town Attorney Meyer read the Ordinance by title.

Town Manager Carey noted that this ordinance updates the Construction Noise Code to include language prohibiting construction work during designated hours and days.

Public Comment:

ISPD Captain Doherty noted that Surfside Beach Club private beach access does not have an address. He researched the topic and noted that the Town Building Official needs to contact the Property Appraiser to assign an address.

| NAME | ADDRESS | COMMENT |
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| Barry Taylor | 300 182nd Ave E | He noted that if someone calls 911 the dispatcher does not know where to send the emergency responders. |

Commissioner Maynard moved to adopt ORD 2026-05, seconded by Vice Mayor Commissioner Hoyt.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4 to 0.

**6. COMMISSION REPORTS**

**a. Commissioner Harr District 1 –** None.

**b. Commissioner Hoyt District 2 –** Noted there is a new grant through DOT focused on resiliency in disaster and flood-prone areas and is one the Town could apply for. She noted Rafael is doing an excellent job in researching and applying for grants. FEMA announced an additional $317 million for Florida recovery, and it is for Florida municipalities.

For Code Enforcement, she reached out to various municipalities and heard back about positions, salaries, and job descriptions. She noted she has received feedback from residents on both ends: some want more, and others want less code enforcement.

Hurricane Recovery – She has heard from residents that they are having to drop out of assistance programs because they are not what they thought. She feels there is not much assistance for residents on barrier islands. She noted, however, that she has received positive feedback about Permit Tech Jenny Gonzalez, and everyone is very complimentary of her. Lastly, she thanked Public Works Supervisor Pafumi for installing the bike rack at Constitution Park.

**c. Commissioner Smith District 3 –** Thanked Commissioner Maynard and town staff for the veteran brick program. He already honored three of his family members. He has also heard from one resident that they are questioning the County's Customary Use campaign.

**d. Commissioner Maynard District 4 –** None.

**e. Mayor Schoos –** Attended a meeting with the neighbors of the County Lot, ISPD Touch a Truck event and thanked them for participating, the open interview for the ISPD accreditation process, the August 24th library meeting, and the Big C meeting. She also invited all to attend the Seaside Seabird Sanctuary ten-year celebration on Saturday, September 12th from 12 p.m. to 4p.m.

**f. Town Attorney –** None.

**g. Public Works Department** – Public Works Supervisor Pafumi thanked the Town Clerk office staff and interns for updating the bulletin boards. He noted the utility boxes are still being addressed, and more recently the Town is dealing with an intention killing of dune plants in front of a property. The county and FDEP are investigating the situation.

**h. Building Department** – None.

**i. Town Manager** – Town Manager Carey reviewed her memo.

ISPD Chief Holroyd informed the Commission FDOT is repainting curbs and are starting with the no parking areas, they have also received concern about the raised sidewalk areas and expect to hear something from FDOT in the upcoming weeks.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT –** None.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lowe, CMC
Town Clerk

10/14/2026
Date Approved by Board of Commissioners