

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2003, 7:00 p.m.**

Present upon Roll Call: Vice Mayor Dopp, Commissioner Scarpitta, Commissioner Foerster, Mayor Beyrouiti, and Attorney Denhardt. Absent: Commissioner O'Connor.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2003 Regular Meeting

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to approve January 14, 2003 Regular Meeting
Minutes as read.

Second by: Vice Mayor Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to approve list of bills to be paid and ratified as presented.

Second by: Vice Mayor Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Mayor Dopp, Commissioner District No 1

Stormwater Litigation – Attorney Denhardt reported that he is in the process of filing litigation with Kamminga and Roodvoets in regard to the stormwater problems that need to be corrected.

Commissioner Scarpitta, Commissioner District No 3

Hazardous Waste Pick-up – Commissioner Scarpitta is working in getting another pick up for hazardous waste items. He plans to notify residents by distributing flyers, printing brochures and advertising in the Beach Beacon.

Commissioner Foerster, Commissioner District No 4

BIG-C – was held here at Town Hall on January 22.

Gulf Beaches Public Library – To date, the library is right on target for the FY Budget. Redington Beach and the City of Treasure Island have not yet paid their assessment.

Indian Shores Police Department – Traffic citations are down compared to one year ago. This is due mostly by fact that the reclaimed water project is completed.

Mayor Beyrouiti

BIG-C – met January 22 here at Town Hall. Progress Energy Director Michael Lewis was the speaker for this meeting. The main issue discussed was Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding and Beautification. Progress Energy has no problem getting this project underway. The Cities are

working with the County to finalize the plans and cost. The County will pay for the underground wiring, and the municipalities will most likely have to pay for its own beautification. Redington Shores will be planting palm trees in the medians at the Town's cost. The project will include trees, fill in, sod, irrigation and DOT permits.

American Assembly – The Mayors' Council has set up six task forces to address the issues of Fire Protection Services, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, Annexation, etc.

Sewers – are running fine. [Bids for repair of the two lift stations will be opened later in this Meeting.]

Florida League of Cities – Mayor Beyrouti (Vice Chair for the FLC Advocacy Committee) attended a Meeting in Washington D.C. on January 28-30. Issues discussed were Homeland Security, terrorist, and possible war. The cities would like to see some monies channeled directly to the police departments. The federal government has \$3.7-million allocated to the municipalities; there is concern of how to channel monies down through the State to each municipality.

Beach Renourishment – Funding is a critical issue. The government is not willing to raise taxes and Governor Bush is proposing to cut beach renourishment funds in half (from \$30-million to \$15-million); the House is proposing to eliminate the funding entirely. There is also a statewide as well as Tourist Development Council concern that due to the possible war, tourism will decrease which will lower the bed tax revenue. Congressman Young is continuing to work for the beaches, but there is a lot of pressure. This issue will effect the beaches and all of Pinellas County.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Advisory Committee Appointment

Mayor Beyrouti stated that Rock O'Neal, Planning and Zoning Board Alternate, has resigned from the P&Z Board and would like to be appointed to the Financial Advisory Committee.

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to appoint Rock O'Neal to the Financial Advisory Committee.

Second by: Vice Mayor Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Sealed Bids – Lift Station Repairs

Attorney Denhardt opened the following three sealed bids for lift station repairs at (1) 176th Avenue and 1st Street East, and (2) 178th Avenue West and Gulf Boulevard.

1. The Drain Team - \$8,860.
2. Infrastructure Restoration Inc - \$19,450.
3. Kloote Contracting Inc - \$67,015.47

Motion by: Vice Mayor Dopp to accept the bid from The Drain Team, \$8,860, subject to review and recommendation by the Building Official.

Vice Mayor Dopp withdrew this motion.

This Commission was in agreement to have the Building Official study these three bids, check references and backgrounds, and report back to the Commission with his recommendation.

Main Lift Station Agreement with Pinellas County

Mayor Beyrouti explained the shared ownership and billing procedures we have with the Town of North Redington Beach for the Main Lift Station (located in the Town of North Redington Beach). Mr. Todd Tamberg from Pinellas County Utilities explained that if this Agreement is approved, the billing will come directly from the County. Pinellas County will be buying the entire main lift station from both the Town of Redington Shores and the Town of North Redington Beach, and will assume all maintenance and repairs. There will be no maintenance cost to either Town.

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to enter into the Agreement between Pinellas County and the Town of Redington Shores with the transfer of ownership, operation, maintenance, administration, replacement, and rehabilitation with the master waste water pumping station [in the Town of North Redington Beach], and under the terms of the agreement our debt service is canceled and we are relieved of responsibility of future maintenance of the station.

Second by: Vice Mayor Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

Mr. Tamberg mentioned that there will be a special emergency phone number available 24-hours/day. He also mentioned that residents are starting to hook up the reclaimed water system.

Planning and Zoning Board Alternate Appointment

This item tabled for the April Meeting at which time the appointments/reappointments to all Board will be addressed.

Appoint Canvassing Board Representative for Testing of Equipment and Tabulation of Votes for March 11, 2003 Municipal Election

Motion by: Commissioner Scarpitta to appoint Town Clerk Donna Draper to represent the Canvassing Board for the test of equipment and tabulation of votes for the March 11 Town election.

Second by: Commissioner Foerster.

Roll Call: All yes.

Resolution No 01-03, Tampa Bay Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA) Awareness Week

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution No 01-03 by Title only.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Dopp to adopt Resolution No 01-03.

Second by: Commissioner Foerster.

Roll Call: All yes.

Grant for Constitution Park Flooring

Mayor Beyrouti explained that there is a \$10,000 grant available for the flooring at Constitution Park (over and above the other grants we have). The Commission was in agreement to apply for this grant. The Building Official is working with the State to get State Contract pricing, which is about fifteen percent less than private sector bids.

Pinellas County Community Block Grant for District No 3, Resolution No 02-03

Mayor Beyrouti noted that District 3, west of Gulf Boulevard, is in need of improvements. There is no street parking, several homes have retaining walls that are up to the property lines. We would like to help these property owners improve their properties and standard of living. The grant monies would be used for e.g. underground wiring and curbs.

This Grant application is for \$400,000 and requires a 25% match. The County is willing to apply the \$100,000 that is budgeted for the upcoming stormwater project for this area as the 25% match, and Town will need to provide approximately \$30,000 additional monies.

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution No 02-03 by Title only

Motion by: Vice Mayor Dopp to adopt Resolution No 02-03, the Pinellas County
Community Block Grant for District No 3, as stated.

Second by: Commissioner Scarpitta.

Roll Call: All yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

17720 Lee Avenue – Michael Glick requested that the 6' high chain link fence be removed, since no permit was issued and, in his opinion, is illegal. The Building Official stated that this is a construction fence, does not require a permit, and the property owners have not notified him that they are not going to build.

CTF Zoning District – Mr. Glick read a petition (attached to these Minutes) signed from some of the voters in the CTF Zoning District opposed to changing the zoning to allow multi-family homes in this district. Attorney Denhardt responded that this Commission is already doing what the residents want and is not discussing changing the zoning in this district; therefore, no action needs to be taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Old Town Hall Properties – Mr. Brent Cobb canceled his contract with the Town. There is another interested party who will discuss his interest with Mayor Beyrouti.

City Planner – Mayor Beyrouti spoke with Dr. Moore about the contract and reiterated that he does not plan to revise/rewrite the code or increase the density, but meet with a committee of residents and find out what the people want.

Volunteer Stipend - Commissioner Foerster suggested approving a stipend for Monica, or any volunteer, for assisting with televising the Commission Meeting. Attorney Denhardt stated that since Monica is related to the Mayor, this would be in violation of the anti-nepotism Statute.

Town Election – Mayor Beyrouti reminded everyone to come out and vote Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Time being 8:30 p.m. and no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Donna J. Draper, CMC
Town Clerk

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