

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
Canvassing Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting – Immediately Following**

**MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Ishmael, Mayor Beyrouiti and Attorney Denhardt.

Mayor Beyrouiti opened the Canvassing Board Meeting to certify the March 9, 2004 election results for District Three Commissioner, which is a two year term. The total votes cast were 118. Jody Armstrong received 73 votes; Gail Conroy received 43 votes. There were two undervotes and zero overvotes. Commissioner Reynolds moved to certify the election results as stated, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes. Mayor Beyrouiti explained that Vice Mayor Lishamer, District One and Commissioner Holmes, District Four, were unopposed in the election. At this time Attorney Denhardt gave the Oath of Office to Commissioner Armstrong, Vice Mayor Lishamer and Commissioner Holmes.

Mayor Beyrouiti Closed the Canvassing Board Meeting.

Commissioner Armstrong joined the Commission at the dais at this time.

Mayor Beyrouiti opened the Regular Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 10, 2004, Regular Minutes; February 24, 2004, Workshop Minutes, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, Special Meeting. Vice Mayor Lishmer moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS** – Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the bills for March 10, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call: all yes.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Mayor Beyrouiti**

Mayor Beyrouiti told the Commission that during the recent elections misinformation was being given to the Town residents. For the record Mayor Beyrouiti explained that the recent plan approved by HDR Engineering has nothing to do with individual homeowners obtaining permits or how or what they can do with their homes. This study which was well attended by town residents deals with improvements along Gulf Boulevard, which enables the Town to create it's own identity. The density was never an issue during this study and remains the same.

*Local Mitigation Grants* – Mayor Beyrouiti told the Commission that there is 2.4 million dollars in grant money available for those residents who wish to raise their homes out of the floodplain. The state does target the repetitive loss properties and the Town has sent letters to these property owners altering them to the grant money available. Mayor Beyrouiti encouraged anyone who is interested to contact Town Hall for an application.

*Beach Cleaning Machine* – Mayor Beyrouiti explained that the beach-cleaning machine that was given to five beach communities from the county has been very costly to maintain. There are five communities sharing this tractor, with five different operators. Mayor Beyrouiti will keep the Commission abreast on the situation.

*Pinellas Assembly* - The task force committees have submitted their findings. The findings are being reviewed and Mayor

Beyrouti will report to the Commission as the process moves along.

*BIG-C* – Mayor Beyrouti will step down as President, as his term is up. Mayor Kelley of Belleair Beach will take over as President.

**Vice Mayor Lishamer, Commissioner District No 1**

*Stormwater Projects.* – The approval for the Phase 1 project should be next month. The West Gulf Boulevard Project is moving forward.

Vice Mayor Lishamer told the Commission that at the last workshop meeting a committee was appointed for the landscape design on 175<sup>th</sup> Ave. In speaking with Attorney Denhardt Vice Mayor Lishamer would like to formally appoint this committee by Commission vote as their recommendation might result in expenditures of the Town. Mayor Beyrouti explained that the committee was not commissioned by the Board, but rather a group of citizens who would like to form a committee to look into the possibility of doing some landscaping along their street and therefore does not need a Commission vote.

**Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner District No 2**

*Sewers* – Commissioner Reynolds told the Commission that after the recent substantial rains the lift station at 176<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 1<sup>st</sup> Street East had problems pumping. Commissioner Reynolds spoke with the manufacturer who confirmed there is no way to fix this problem.

Commissioner Reynolds asked the Parks Department to trim the palms on the corner of Long Point and 1<sup>st</sup> Street East.

**Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner District No 4**

*Police Department* – No unusual activity to report.

Commissioner Holmes told the Commission the town tractor has been repaired.

Commissioner Holmes is still looking into the purchase of a new copier.

Mayor Beyrouti asked Commissioner Holmes to send a letter to the two Police Officers who heard the screams of the women who was being thrown off the balcony at Redington Towers. The officers responded and saved the women's life. Commissioner Holmes will draft a letter to be sent and to be signed by Mayor Beyrouti and Commissioner Holmes.

**Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner District No 3** –

*Maintenance* – Commissioner Armstrong told the Commission a commercial mower has been purchased for \$875.00. At the next workshop meeting Commissioner Armstrong will discuss the need for licensing of pesticide spraying in the Town. The RFP for the seawall repairs is complete and Commissioner Armstrong will have this item on the next workshop agenda. Commissioner Armstrong told the Commission that she has given authorization for the repair of the light at the Town sign at the north end of Town and also electrical work to be done at Del Bello Park.

*Parks and Recreation* – The Committee has completed safety walks for all four districts and will be submitting recommendations as to what areas need to be addressed and in what order. Commissioner Armstrong explained to the Commission that she would like to expand the Parks and Recreation Committee, adding two members from each district; chosen by each District Commissioner to form a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as August 30, 2005 is quickly approaching. Commissioner Armstrong moved to expand the Parks and Recreation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner Armstrong has been approached by residents and business owners to see if the old town hall site could be used for parking. Commissioner Armstrong asked each Commissioner to think about this to see if they would like to proceed with this request.

Commissioner Armstrong has heard concerns from absentee owners in regard to their inability in keeping up with what is going on in Town. Commissioner Armstrong will be looking into having a telephone answering system that would allow people to call for the agenda, current events, etc. Commissioner Armstrong asked the Commission to think about this suggestion.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR – Tabled for April meeting.**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION SUPERVISORY AREAS – Tabled for April meeting.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 04-06, Amending Section 140-2 and 140-3, Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Commissioner Holmes

Mayor Beyrouti announced this is an Advertised Public Hearing. Attorney Denhardt read Ord. No. 04-06 by title only. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to approve Ord. 04-06, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Mayor Beyrouti asked if there was any discussion as this is an advertised public hearing. There being no discussion, roll call on the motion and second, all yes. Mayor Beyrouti closed the Public Hearing.

### Approval of Travel Policy – Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti reviewed the revised travel policy with the Commission. After review Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the travel policy, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call: all yes.

### Selection of Town Administrator – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes explained that the Commission has interviewed four candidates in the last week and a selection is to be made. Commissioner Holmes turned this process over to Mr. Bob Chambers, the consultant hired to help the Town through the process. Mr. Chambers explained that he has received good feedback from some of the Commissioners and the one-on-one interviews changed some of your selections. Mr. Bob Chambers told the Commission he has provided a form for selecting the candidate. The candidate with the lowest number of points would be the successful candidate for the position. Each Commission made their selections, which was then tallied by the Town Clerk. Mr. Chambers told the Commission that there was a tie vote between Mr. David Recor and Mr. Donald Lusk. Mr. Chambers suggested going on to the next agenda item as he reviews the numbers. After reviewing the numbers Mr. Chambers explained that the distribution of the numbers shows that Mr. Recor received three first place votes and Mr. Lusk received two. Mr. Lusk received two-second place votes and one-third place vote. Mr. Recor received one-second place vote and one-fourth place vote. The next step in the process would logically be that Mr. Recor would be your selection unless the Board has a different way of choosing. The Commission choose to repeat the vote between the two candidates. Mayor Beyrouti told the Commission he chooses Mr. Lusk as he has worked in Florida as a City Manager in Pinellas Park. Mr. Lusk told the Commission in the interview process that he would deal with the Commission fairly and be fiscally conservative. After reviewing the new voted numbers it was three votes for Mr. Recor and two votes for Mr. Lusk. Attorney Denhardt advised the Commission to have motion as to whom they select. Commissioner Holmes moved to nominate Mr. David Recor as the person selected to be the first Town Administrator, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: Commissioner Armstrong, yes; Commissioner Reynolds, yes; Commissioner Holmes, yes; Vice Mayor Lishamer, yes and Mayor Beyrouti, no.

Mr. Chambers told the Commission the next step is to negotiate with the candidate the salary and the benefits. The Commission each has a copy of the Employment Agreement and asked each Commissioner to review the agreement and to fill in any blanks with information. Mr. Chambers will contact each Commissioner on Friday for their input and then will start negotiating with Mr. Recor on Saturday. Attorney Denhardt wants to make sure that the Commission is also allowing Mr.

Chambers to negotiate with Mr. Lusk if in the event Mr. Recor withdraws his name. The Commission was in agreement for these negotiations to occur.

Approval for Town to enter into Agreements with Progress Energy, Verizon, Brighthouse, D'Andrea Electric and Pinellas County Community Development for Utility Undergrounding - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained that the under grounding process for the Business District in District Three has been discussed at many meetings. Mayor Beyrouti asked Building Official, Mike Nadeau to review the project with the Board and residents. Mr. Nadeau explained that he has received prices from the utility companies, which total approximately \$414,000.00, which will be funded by a \$300,000.00 block grant from the County and \$114,000.00 from the LDU Fund. At this time the Commission needs to approve entering into contract with the companies to start the process. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into contract with the stated utilities to proceed with the under grounding in the Central Business District of District Three, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes. Mayor Beyrouti asked if all the hookups and connections to the homes are included. Mr. Nadeau explained that the only thing not included is where the power came out of the top of the meter, will not be removed, as it is an aesthetic item, and the Town should not be involved. Mayor Beyrouti would like a letter to be sent to the residents involved in regard to the project and the action the Commission has approved. Resident Tom Armstrong asked if maybe the gas company could get involved in this process. Mayor Beyrouti will have this checked into.

Approval of Library Agreement - Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes explained that the Library Ad-Hoc Committee has reached an agreement. Commissioner Holmes explained the agreement to the Commission and has submitted for the record a listing of the agreement items. The retroactive portion that will be due from the Town and will be included in the FY05 budget will be approximately \$2,400.00. Commissioner Holmes moved that the town adopt the three year contract with the other members of the Gulf Beaches Library and that the budget be based on per capita percentage for each community's fair share and that the City of Treasure Island receive a 10% discount to their fair share amount and that this amount be paid for by per capita percentage on the remaining member communities and that the retroactive amount of approximately \$2,400.00 be approved for payment in the first quarter of the FY05 budget, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Proposed Ordinance Changing Zoning and Land Use, Front 100 Feet at 17720 Gulf Blvd. – Commissioner Reynolds

Attorney Denhardt explained this proposed ordinance changes the zoning on the front portion of the Suncoaster Motel to Commercial as the Commission discussed in the Developers Agreement. To complete this process the first step is for the Commission to review the ordinance and then refer the ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Board sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA). The LPA will hold an advertised public hearing and then would recommend to the Commission whether the ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and if they recommend passing the ordinance. The Commission would then hold an advertised hearing for the first reading. If passed, then it would be referred to the Pinellas Planning Council, who would have to look at making changes to the County Wide Plan. It would also be referred to the Department of Community Affairs. Attorney Denhardt explained that this is a lengthy process.

Resolution 03-04 Proposed Zoning and Land Use Change 100 Feet at 17720 Gulf Blvd., to the Local Planning Agency – Commissioner Reynolds

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 03-04 by title only. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to adopt Resolution 03-04 as stated, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Authorize Mayor and Commission to sign Checks and Legal Documents – Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained this process needs to be approved each year. Commissioner Holmes moved to authorize the Mayor and Commissioners to sign checks and legal documents, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Parsley Sewer Contract – Redington Shores/North Redington Beach – Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained that in the past a contract was created between North Redington Beach and

Redington Shores in regard to the sewage flow, flowing into the main lift station, which since has been sold to Pinellas County. Mayor Beyrouti would like to have Attorney Denhardt to look into this matter, to see if the contract is still binding. The consensus of the Commission is to have Attorney Denhardt to look into this matter.

Planning and Zoning Site Plan Recommendation - 142 174<sup>th</sup> Terrace Drive - Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained that according to the Town Code, the Planning and Zoning Board must complete a site plan review any lots having more than two units. The Planning and Zoning has reviewed the site plan and is recommending approval of the proposed triplex. Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Vice Mayor Lishamer asked if the height situation was taken care of. It was indicated that the height was taken care of. There being no further discussion, roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Mel Koch asked if anyone from the Town has inquired as to Parsley Park incorporating into the Town. A brief discussion ensued as to why Parsley Park was never incorporated into the Town.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Beyrouti announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, March 30, 2004 – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC  
Town Clerk