

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Holmes, Mayor Beyrouti and Attorney Denhardt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2005; Special Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2005; Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call, all yes.

Vice Mayor Lishamer entered the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call, all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Beyrouti

Beach Renourishment – a record of over 70 million dollars has been obtained for the beaches in Florida.

Progress Energy – are petitioning for a rate increase.

Mayor Beyrouti reported that at last meeting the Commission approved the Phase 1 and 5 projects, which came in roughly about \$434,000.00 over budget. Mayor Beyrouti and Vice Mayor Lishamer will meet with the SWFWMD Board to ask if they will share this overage with the Town. The meeting with the Board will be June 1st.

Vice Mayor Lishamer, Commissioner District No 1

Phase 1 and Phase 5 contract has been finalized with Rowland, Inc. Administrator Lusk had met with George Fries from SWFWMD today and Vice Mayor Lishamer asked Administrator Lusk to report on the meeting. Administrator Lusk told the Commission this would be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner District No 2

There was a sewer line break in District Three around the undergrounding area, the Town did an emergency repair and are seeking reimbursement.

Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Armstrong told the Commission a sinkhole had formed on Beach Avenue and has been taken care of.

Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner District No 4

Indian Shores Police Department – all activity is down for Redington Shores.

Commissioner Holmes, Administrator Lusk and Town Clerk Palmer attended a seminar on Federal Emergency Management Training at Pinellas County hosted by Dewberry Associates. Commissioner Holmes is attending the Governor's Hurricane Conference this week and also encourages all to attend the Town's Hurricane Awareness Meeting on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Administrator, Don Lusk

Administrator Lusk spoke to the Commission about repairing the BBQ Pit at the Town Park. A price of \$2,900.00 was obtained last year. A bid of \$3,100.00 was obtained this year for the company who originally constructed the pit area. This bid covers new grills to match existing, repairs and point up existing fire brick and raise the hood. Mayor Beyrouti asked if the grill area should remain the same or design a more functional grill. Consensus of the Commission is for Administrator Lusk and Commissioner Armstrong to research how to go about this repair and bring a proposal to the Commission for approval.

OLD BUSINESSGoals and Objectives for Town Administrator

Commissioner Holmes explained that at the last workshop meeting the Commission was given a summary of the Town Administrator's evaluations from the Commission. Each Commissioner on recommendation from Mayor Beyrouti was going to submit what they thought was important on an individual basis. The following goals and objectives were suggested:

Commissioner Holmes: develop a comprehensive continuity of operations plan pertaining to both natural and man made disasters; monthly status reports on what and how the town is doing; final plan for undergrounding utilities, become familiar with and actively involved with the pursuit of all grants that are available for all projects, ongoing and for the future; develop a plan for a quartley town newsletter.

Vice Mayor Lishamer: financial structure for the town with projections of funds, what the town has and where money can be obtained from, work on obtaining future grants.

Commissioner Armstrong: agrees with the items listed from Commissioner Holmes, adding an item of the inventory of the town.

Commissioner Reynolds: agrees with the items already listed, wants to see the stormwater projects and paving parallel with the undergrounding.

Mayor Beyrouti: explained the Town created a new position of Town Administrator and all are still in a learning period. Training the staff is very important, continuing education is very important to the Town. Mayor Beyrouti agrees with the rest of the items already discussed by the Commission.

Administrator Lusk addressed the Commission recommending that the number one priority would be to find and obtain 4.5 million dollars for two projects (undergrounding and stormwater); the second priority would be to oversee that the projects get started. Mayor Beyrouti explained that the town is embarking on big infrastructure projects and is recommending hiring a consultant to look at the Town finances, availability of bonding, etc. to work with the Town during this budget process. The Town is in good shape financially, but it is necessary to look into future projections. Commissioner Holmes asked the Town Clerk to submit a list of the objective and goals submitted so that the Commission can discuss and rank them at the next workshop meeting.

50th Anniversary Luau

Commissioner Armstrong reviewed with the audience the events being held for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The luau will be held on August 27, 2005 on the beach at the Pinellas County Park Beach Access. The committee is now at a point to proceed placing deposits on some items that are needed for the luau.

Commissioner Armstrong thanked Darci Sheffield for all of her hard work on this luau and for securing a price of \$14.00 per person from the caterers. The cost with all involved would be about \$60.00 per person; the town is seeking donations from corporate sponsors to help with the cost, so hopefully tickets can be sold for about \$35.00 per person. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the expenditures of Rent All City of Tampa for \$2,150.75, Rent All City of St. Pete for \$5,505.00, All Events Catering for \$4,200.00 and to enter into a tentative agreement for portable A/C units not to exceed \$4,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Florida League of Cities request for Resolution (Resolution 11-05)

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 11-05 by title. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve Resolution 11-05 as stated, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Fire Hydrant Policy

Resident and Developer Tom Kapper addressed the Commission in regard to a fire hydrant that needs to be installed on 174th Ave. East. Mr. Kapper is building a triplex and recently has been told by the Fire Department that any structure with three units or more is required to have a fire hydrant within 100 feet of the building. There is no fire hydrant on 174th Ave. East so therefore Mr. Kapper is asking the Town to contribute monies toward installing this fire hydrant. The fire hydrant would be placed in the middle of the block for all to benefit from. Mr. Kapper has one price of roughly \$25,000.00. There are a couple of ways to install this fire hydrant, one being the less expensive is to cut across the town property from 174th Avenue to 174th Terrace Drive. Mayor Beyrouti recommends that on the basis of safety to the residents the Commission consider paying 50% of the cost to install the fire hydrant and Mr. Kapper will obtain the prices and bring them back to the Town. Commissioner Reynolds moved that the Town of Redington Shores agree to participate at 50% of the lowest possible cost with a maximum of \$24,000.00 to supply a fire hydrant on 174th Terrace Drive with a 6" water line and placed in the proximity for all to benefit, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call: all yes.

Appeal of Board of Adjustment Decision – 18100 Gulf Blvd., Mr. Elliott

Attorney Denhardt explained that the applicants are represented by Attorney Reynolds, 535 Central Avenue. Attorney Reynolds presented comments to the Commission in regard to their request for an appeal of the decision of the Board of Adjustment. The Elliott's had applied to the board for variances to construct three single family homes on three lots that are now covered by a hotel with six units. Attorney Reynolds went over the survey and each variance setback and living area that was presented to the Board of Adjustment. Attorney Reynolds told the Commission this development would be consistent with the surrounding area and there has been no opposition from the neighboring properties. Attorney Reynolds told the Commission the new structures would conform to FEMA regulations. Attorney Reynolds told the Commission this plat was of record before the current code was adopted. At this time Town Clerk Palmer swore all in who would give testimony. Mr. Elliott addressed the board in regard to his requested project, stating that this project would be consistent with the neighborhood, would not increase density and they would conform to the Urban Design Guidelines. Mrs. Elliott explained that the hotel business is not profitable, they have lived in Redington Shores and want to stay; and the best way is to develop the property. Building Official Mike Nadeau told the Commission he quoted Section 90-115 (h)(3), which refers to building one building on combined lots and now being considered one lot. Attorney Denhardt told the Commission if the structure was placed before the ordinance went into effect, the lots still could be considered three lots. The Commission discussed the fact that there are many variance requests for this project; it appears that they need relief from setbacks, living areas and pervious areas. Commissioner Holmes moved to uphold the Board of Adjustment findings in reference to the variance requests for Lots 1, 2 and 3, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS2005/2006 Tentative Budget

Mayor Beyrouti explained the budget process to the Commission and also asked the Commission to start thinking of any expenditures or plans for their departments.

Interlocal Agreement – July 4, 2005

Mayor Beyrouti explained that this agreement is approved every year for the combined July 4th celebration between Redington Shores and North Redington Beach. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for July 4, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes. Mayor Beyrouti explained that the price for the pier rental is at \$350.00. Commissioner Armstrong stated on the Interlocal Agreement the representative for Redington Shores is not named. Mayor Beyrouti told Commissioner Armstrong she can be named as the representative for the Town. The agreement this year is for \$7,000.00 for each Town.

Proclamation – Proclaiming May 8 – 15, 2005, National Tourism Week

Attorney Denhardt proclaimed May 8 – 15th 2005 as National Tourism Week.

WyFi

Larry Karisny of Project Safety gave a presentation to the Commission explaining they have a project that has national recognition and they are looking for a test bed for the project. The project is basically using a WyFi radio, wireless broadband. There is a tremendous telecommunication need in this area. There is an opportunity to build a radio system that puts public safety primary into the radio. It is a public/private partnership. This would provide communications during disasters, when all other communications are down. Mr. Karisny would like to receive a Proclamation looking for an agreement for Project Safety inventory existing assets, shared government assets and private sector assets in support of a public/private broadband internet network. He would also like to receive a letter of support in selecting the beaches, specifically the Town of Redington Shores as a test area, and would like support in promoting the importance of network to the private sector. He would also like support through a Proclamation supporting Project Safety and pursuing the need of public/private funding and in kind assets to build a wireless broadband communications network and local base services for all the beach communities. Attorney Denhardt told the Commission he has read the documentation submitted to the Commission and is concerned with the public/private partnerships and the use of public funds and public facilities. There seems to be a lot of legal considerations before it can be determined if the Town can join into this type of partnership. Consensus of the Commission is to provide a Proclamation in support of exploring the concept, but not to bind the Town to any contract.

Richard Greenberg – 17745 Long Point Drive

Commissioner Reynolds explained to the Commission that Mr. Greenberg has sent a letter saying he would like to withdraw from the agenda, as the red tag on his job has been lifted and all has been worked out with the Building Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darci Sheffield asked the Commission if they would allow money to be spent now to contract with the D.J. for the 50th Luau, and other incidentals. The Commission discussed that Commissioner Armstrong would be able to approve these expenses.

Martha Holthaus suggested when the tickets are sold for the luau to give a party favor of a lighted glass. This expense would be approximately \$1,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong will discuss with the Committee and workshop the remaining items with the Commission.

Resident complaint on the music from Shells Restaurant. The Commission will direct the Police Department to enforce the Noise Ordinance.

Mayor Beyrouti explained he and Administrator Lusk met with Brighthouse on the undergrounding; they are being very reasonable and the cost is approximately \$519,000.00. There is a contract, but at this point we are not ready to approve. Mayor Beyrouti told the Commission they are welcome to review the contract and Attorney Denhardt will also review.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Beyrouti announced the following meeting dates:

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, May 31, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk