

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Present upon roll call:** Commissioner Jody Armstrong; Commissioner Marshall Reynolds; Commissioner Lee Holmes; Mayor J. J. Beyrouti. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Launa Lishamer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Goals and Objectives Town Administrator: Commissioner Holmes began by reviewing the list of goals and objectives compiled from each Commissioner after the last meeting. The recommendation was to narrow the list to four important items for which the Town Administrator should be responsible: monthly status reports to on the Town's progress; ongoing plans for the undergrounding of the Town; paving and stormwater projects in the Town; and continuing financial planning for the Town. Mayor Beyrouti stated that, in his opinion, the list provided by the Commissioners was more about projects that are already in place rather than goals to achieve. Mayor Beyrouti also said that the Town Administrator has a responsibility to look into grant money for Town projects. Commissioner Holmes suggested that the goals for this position could be reviewed from time to time.

2. Phase 1 & Phase 5: Mayor Beyrouti reported that Vice Mayor Lishamer was absent, and said that the Town has approved \$400,000.00 over budget for the Phase 1 & 5. He and Mike Nadeau, Building Official, plan to return to SWFWMD June 1 to request that the added \$400,000.00 be shared by the Town and by SWFWMD. The Mayor also said that the phases for stormwater improvements were originally subdivided into projects that were too small; Phases 2 & 3 will be combined to save costs, and the added monies will be directed toward engineering costs for both. The Mayor believes there is a good possibility that SWFWMD will agree to split the extra cost. Mike Nadeau, Building Official, said that he had talked to Cumbey & Fair and had received submittals from the contractor. When asked how soon work can begin, Town Administrator Don Lusk said that he had learned that Rowland, Inc. – the contractor for the project – offers a 2 week company wide vacation yearly; they have asked to begin work after July 4 proposed date. Mayor Beyrouti asked if that would interfere with the completion date, since there would be a penalty. Mike Nadeau agreed to have the start and completion dates by the next Commission meeting.

3. WiFi Proclamation: Mayor Beyrouti referred to Resolution 05.17 from Madeira Beach to support a concept of a wireless community. He asked the Commissioners to review the concept for now, and to discuss it more in depth at the next Commission meeting. The Mayor expressed concern about possible hackers, and what expense would be incurred by the Town, if any. Administrator Lusk met recently with another wireless company representative who has contracted with Dunedin, and has the Town of Dunedin do the billing for the contracts in-house. Mr. Lusk said that, since the Town cannot offer such in-house billing this company offered free service for the Town and its employees as the only perk to hire them. Mayor Beyrouti suggested that more investigation is necessary before adopting a resolution, and legal advice to determine a wireless company's installation parameters for the Town.

4. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Administrator Don Lusk stated that, at the last meeting, a discussion about use of air

conditioning for the Luau was put on hold; a deposit of \$1,000 is required. Mayor Beyrouti asked for a decision to be made at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Jody Armstrong reported that there are 30 tables for the Luau; the committee would like to reserve 15 tables for “sponsors” who would contribute \$500.00 to hold a table for 10 in exchange for advertising and a place on the program, and to include the cost of tickets. Commissioner Marshall Reynolds said that he has found 3 people already who would like to donate \$500.00 each for the cost of air conditioning. Patti Herr, Administrative Secretary was asked to prepare a letter for these 3 people. Mayor Beyrouti asked the Commissioners to solicit donations and sponsorships within their constituents.

5. Constitution Park BBQ Pit: Commissioner Lee Holmes reported that the barbeque pit at Constitution Park can be rebuilt, and the hood raised for a cost of \$3,100.00. Mayor Beyrouti asked Administrator Lusk to research prices for grills at the last meeting. Mr. Lusk suggested a large replacement grill, and had been offered a stainless steel grill for the park. Mayor Beyrouti preferred to see more functional smaller grills – preferably brick – to discourage vandalism and invite more use. A discussion of replacement picnic tables followed. It was decided that it should be addressed at the next meeting, with pricing provided by Mike Nadeau and the Mayor.

6. Discussion Beach Access Design: Mayor Beyrouti provided a picture of a beach access design from one of the developers of the Redington Yacht & Tennis Club properties. The arch will have a 2 ft. wall and a 2 ft. fence, and will have a design compatible with the rest of the Town’s architecture. Commissioner Armstrong suggested that, with the proper depth of the columns, the arch could be used for posting signs for the Town. It was decided that at the next Commission meeting engineering and costs for 3 beach accesses will be provided. Commissioner Holmes recommended using some of the \$94,000 grant money to build the beach accesses and plan for more.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bighthouse Proposal Undergrounding: Mayor Beyrouti reported that the undergrounding proposal is for \$519,258.00, and will be considered for approval at the next Commission meeting. Mayor Beyrouti said the changes to the language of the agreement - made by the Town’s attorney – allowed a satisfactory compromise to the contract. The Mayor and Administrator Lusk had met with Verizon regarding their portion of the undergrounding process. The meeting with Progress Energy produced an initial cost of \$1.8 million dollars, but was increased to \$2.6 million. The west side of Gulf Blvd., however, was omitted; new figures will be provided soon. The consensus of opinion was that the Town’s undergrounding project is progressing well with both Bright House and Progress Energy; but that Verizon is being unreasonable with its costs, justifying it by being under a tariff and protected by public service commission. Commissioner Holmes asked if all 3 companies involved must dig individually. He was informed that only Progress Energy will be paid for underground trenches, and the other 2 companies will use their own conduits.

2. Evaluation of Town Administrator Position: Commissioner Holmes referred to the Town’s decision to hire a Town Administrator in the summer of 2003, when the then Town Clerk retired. The ordinance was drafted to do so. Currently Commissioner Holmes is not satisfied with how the position has performed for the Town – partly blaming the Commissioners’ input. After 1 year the consensus is to agree to a referendum to create a City Manager position or to terminate the position of Town Administrator. Commissioners Reynolds and Armstrong agreed that the Town would prefer not to have a City Manager form of government, but would like to see the option to better define the role of the Town Administrator. Commissioner Holmes expressed concern that waiting another 6 months to reevaluate the position. Mayor Beyrouti called this a testing ground for the past year, and said it is the Commission’s responsibility to do what is best for the Town.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Building Official Mike Nadeau asked permission to attend “Breakfast with the Bucs” by invitation from Cumbey & Fair, which was approved.

2. Resident Ed Curtin requested the Commission to consider paving the south part of Del Bello Park’s walk path, having observed that some older residents hesitate to walk on the uneven mulch and grass that exists there. Mayor Beyrouti reminded the group that the mulch was agreed to a long time ago so that people with

skateboards or bicycles would not race the length of the path. He requested that Mike Nadeau get measurements and costs to finish the path in cement and to seal the existing walk to match.

3. Commissioner Holmes reminded everyone of the Hurricane Awareness meeting Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

4. Rick Gannaway of Gannaway Builders requested permission to close 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. at Gulf Blvd. on June 13 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in order to move concrete block and overhead power lines for construction; it was approved.

4. Commissioner Jody Armstrong mentioned 8 parking spaces along 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. at Gulf Blvd., just north of Sunset Reef. These spaces are private, but have been used for beach parking frequently. She asked that the Town Code be modified to allow resident only parking (Sunset Reef). Commissioner Armstrong will discuss the change with Attorney Denhardt.

5. Mayor Beyrouti said the roofing material to repair Town Hall was finally here; he hoped the repairs would be completed quickly.

6. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4 at Town Hall to hand distribute the Redington Shores Newsletter.

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

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

Patti Herr

Administrative Secretary