

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
Tuesday, September 2, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Kaplani, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Lishamer, and Mayor Beyrouiti.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Appointment/Reappointment to Boards – Mayor Beyrouiti

This will be an agenda item for the next regular meeting.

Special Master – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Resumes have been received from two attorneys and a short discussion was held on the fees for the service. Commissioner Holmes will check with both attorneys to determine what is covered in their regular fees and what will be billed separately as expenses in order to compare.

Landscape Design 175<sup>th</sup> Ave. East – Vice Mayor Lishamer

The resurfacing and curbing is being done in District 1, and Vice Mayor Lishamer is working with the Building Official to have prices available for the regular meeting.

Vice Mayor Lishamer commented that she contacted Progress Energy and received an informal bid for undergrounding the electric cables on 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue of approximately one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00). This could be done in conjunction with the resurfacing and curbing project. Commissioner Holmes asked if the bid included all the utilities? The bid only includes electrical power cables and separate bids would need to be obtained for cable and phone lines. Commissioner Kaplani questioned if this project had been included in the budget. Mayor Beyrouiti pointed out that this is a priority of the town citizens and that this is just an information gathering stage of the project to find out the cost. Later on when all the costs are known, the information would be available for the people to decide if they wanted to have the project done.

A short discussion was held on the steps needed to fully underground all overhead cables on a street and connect to the buildings. Mike Nadeau has received an average cost of connecting electric undergrounded cables to homes would be approximately four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) for each home. This would be an expense for the property owner, and needs to be considered before proceeding with any projects on under-grounding utilities.

A discussion about the current Median project followed. Mike Nadeau gave an informal progress report on the project. The sod and the balance of the trees will be delivered this week, and the irrigation system is up and operating. He will contact the contractor for a project completion date, and will include a project completion and penalty date in all future contracts. Commissioner Kaplani also commented that in the future, the specifications for contracts should be made clear, so variations in quality and conformity would be avoided. He pointed out that the trees did not look uniform along the boulevard. Mike Nadeau explained the Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements for median landscaping and that the shorter trees were to be moved so they will look more uniform.

#### Appoint Charter Review Committee – Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti reported that two Commissioners have expressed an interest in heading up to Charter Review Committee and he felt the choice should be made using straw vote by the Commission. Commissioner Kaplani suggested letting the Committee decide whom they wanted as Chairman. A discussion followed on the method of choosing a Chairman for the Committee and why a Commission member should be involved to advise the Committee during the Charter review process.

Commissioner Holmes introduced his candidate for the Committee from District 4 and provided the Board members with a copy of his resume. He went on to suggest the Committee choose their own Chairman and that there should be a liaison for the Committee to interface with the Board of Commissioners and the Town Staff. He also suggested that a Mission Statement should be provided as a guideline to the Committee from the Board of Commissioners. Mayor Beyrouti asked Commissioner Holmes to write a Mission Statement for the Committee to present to the Board at the next regular meeting. The Mayor asked the Board members to have their committee member recommendations and resumes ready for the next regular meeting.

#### Planning and Zoning (LPA) Recommendations on Proposed Ordinances 1, 2, and 3 - Land Use Amendments - Commissioner Reynolds.

Commissioner Reynolds briefly reported on the meeting held by the Planning and Zoning Board acting as the Local Planning Agency for the town. He stated that although there was a quorum of three members to hold a meeting no quorum was reached during the vote. Commissioner Holmes explained the rules of the quorum and stated that since the Planning and Zoning meeting was held to make only a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, that the vote was not necessary to proceed with the Ordinance changes involved. Mayor Beyrouti explained the Ordinance changes under consideration and reported that he has presented the proposed Ordinance to the Pinellas Planning Council. He was advised by them that the Proposed Ordinance No. 1, should not be passed as written, instead each case should be heard on an individual basis to allow the Town more control over future projects along Gulf Boulevard. He said the other Town proposed Ordinances were good and recommended that they be passed as written. A brief discussion of the Ordinances and future land development issues followed on what steps should be taken at the regular meeting concerning the Ordinances. Ron Stein, Chairman of the Urban Design Committee explained how these changes would affect future planning issues.

Discuss Old Town Hall Property – Commissioner Kaplani

Commissioner Kaplani recommended that the Old Town Hall property be withdrawn from the market and a Town Recreation Center should be built there to help our citizens as well as help increase foot traffic and business in town. A discussion followed on the types of uses the property could support and the possibility of having the Urban Design Committee make further recommendations concerning the property. Mayor Beyrouti stated that the decision was made by the Board of Commissioners to have the question of whether or not to sell the property taken back for Referendum. A short discussion followed on the time needed to bring a Referendum before the voters and if it would be possible to do so before the next election in March. Mayor Beyrouti will get the information on how long is needed for a referendum for the next regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**Resolution No 12-03, Supporting Gulf Boulevard Improvements Between Walsingham Road and Park Boulevard – Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the next regular meeting.

Resolution No 15-03, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Coastal Cleanup – Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the next regular meeting.

Proclamation – National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month – Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the next regular meeting.

Planning and Zoning Recommendation - 17541 1<sup>st</sup> Street East - Haley - Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained the parking issue to the Board; he recommended that the Board support the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board to deny the request. A short discussion of the parking problems and possible solutions followed.

Re-district Electoral Districts - Commissioner Kaplani

Commissioner Kaplani described the need for the electoral districts to be redone or voting should be done at large, due to population distribution in the town. A discussion followed about the need for re-districting and the Town Charter requirements. Commissioner Holmes suggested making the mission statement for the Charter Committee include taking a look at the issue of re-districting.

Meeting Times for Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Vice Mayor Lishamer explained the problems that the board members and the petitioners are having due to the daytime meeting of the boards. She has had complaints that people who want to serve on the various Town boards and committees cannot serve because all the meetings are held during business hours, and there is a hardship to the property owners who are petitioning the Boards due to the meeting hours. A discussion followed with input from the Chairpersons of the Planning and Zoning Board, John Fink, and the Urban Design Steering Committee, Ron Stein. It was suggested that the meeting times should be made flexible and set at the convenience of the Board or Committee members to allow for different personal schedules and needs. Vice Mayor Lishamer will call the Board and Committee members to get information on the meeting times.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Beyrouti announced the following meeting dates:

Special Meeting – Monday, September 8, 2003, 5:15 p.m., Adopt FY 2003/2004 Final Millage and Budget

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kaplani requested changing the Workshop meetings to immediately before the Regular meetings. After a brief discussion took place it was the consensus of the Board to leave the meetings as they are, allowing time to research issues coming before the Board.

Commissioner Reynolds passed out estimates of computer equipment repairs damaged by the power failures over the weekend. He explained the damages done to the computer routing equipment and the repairs needed. He authorized the repairs, and the estimate of costs was for informational purposes only.

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported that the failing outfalls were being repaired. The repairs were being coordinated between two contractors, and should be completed soon. Mike Nadeau will get a completion date for the Board.

Commissioner Holmes reported that Mr. Chambers has completed his interviews with the Town employees and the Board of Commissioners members, and is moving onto the next phase of hiring a Town Administrator. Commissioner Holmes will check on when ads will be run in the papers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Hamilton  
Admin. Secretary