

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003 – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Vice Mayor Lishamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 03-04, Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained the Ordinance was for the RD15 Medium Density District that will allow the combining of property at a maximum of two lots, and that it will be the Second Public Reading at the Regular Commission Meeting on November 12, 2003, this Ordinance was delayed a month due to changes in the total footage allowed in the dwelling and setback changes.

2. Ordinance No. 03-07, Amending Town Election Ordinance, Second Reading – Mayor Beyrouiti

Vice Mayor Lishamer explained the Ordinance and that that it will be the Second Public Reading at the Regular Commission Meeting on November 12, 2003. A brief discussion followed about why the dates were changed and the rewording to avoid election conflicts and having these dates fall on weekends and holidays.

3. Discussion Amending Section, 90-120, LDU Fund – Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the LDU Fund (Section 90-120) sets aside money for Parks, from fees for new construction. He has spoken with the Town Attorney, Jim Denhardt, and the Town Auditor, Tom Pease, and it appears that the Ordinance can be revised to allow the money in the LDU Fund to be used for other Town Beautification projects in the future. The term “Town Beautification” would need to be defined in the Ordinance, and the fund would be restricted to those types of projects, like the ongoing beautification of Gulf Boulevard, street furniture, undergrounding utilities, etc. A brief discussion followed on the LDU Fund and how it is currently restricted to Parks, and how it could be used to help offset costs of other projects in Town. Commissioner Reynolds will attempt to have an Ordinance ready for the Regular Meeting next week, if he can get the changes from Attorney Denhardt in time for the Commission to review before the meeting.

4. Computation of Pervious Area – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes reported that there was a lack of interest or benefits in changing the pervious area requirements, and asked that this issue be withdrawn from the Agenda.

5. Final Payment United Irrigation and Landscape - Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds asked Mike Nadeau, Building Official, to report on how this project was doing, and if it was nearing completion. Mike reported that we do not have a release on Lien One and that he has called the various contractors involved in the project and he recommends that the payment be made jointly, with all vendors on the project. He went on the report on the condition of the plants on the medians; he will have a final report from the Maintenance Dept. ready for the Regular Meeting next week. The report will show if all phases of the project are completed, if they are the Mayor can release the final payment to the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 03-08, Amending Chapter 54, Alcoholic Beverages – First Reading – Mayor Beyrouti

Vice Mayor Lishamer explained the Ordinance and read the proposed change, to allow alcoholic beverages to be sold at a different time on Sundays. This will make the hours the same as those throughout Pinellas County under the new County Ordinance passed recently.

2. Commissioner District Three Appointment - Mayor Beyrouti

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported that to date there has been one resume submitted for the position. Commissioner Reynolds introduced Ms. Armstrong to the Board members and went on to review her qualifications. There was a brief discussion about the position and Ms. Armstrong's experience in Land Use and other legal issues.

3. Resolution 20-03, Greater Awareness of Cycling - Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2003.

4. Proclamation - November 2003, National Epilepsy Awareness Month - Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2003.

5. 2004 Beach Watch Membership - Mayor Beyrouti

Commissioner Reynolds explained that the Beach Watch Membership is a State lobbying organization dedicated to preserving the beaches and is funded through Municipality Memberships. Since they are a new lobby, and work for the Beach Communities' interests at the State level, the BIG-C is asking that all municipalities donate \$500.00 for a total of \$5,000.00 to help fund the organization. Commissioner Holmes asked if the BIG-C could send a written request for these funds. Mayor Beyrouti reported that a request for \$500.00 to join the Beach Watch Membership would be sent to the Town from the BIG-C.

6. Resolution 21-03, Appointment to MPO - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained what the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is and the need for the beach communities to participate in this organization. This organization makes recommendations to the State and Federal governments on municipal planning. Participation in these types of organizations allow communities to communicate and plan projects together to be submitted at a State and Federal level, and facilitates in the Grant approval process on a Regional basis. He explained the background and the need for the beach communities to be represented at the State Legislature level by this and other organizations like the Tourist Development Council, the PSTA, the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB), etc.

7. Appointment to the Library Ad-Hoc Committee - Mayor Beyrouti

Commissioner Holmes explained the Progression of the Library Committee into a Methodology Committee, and that Mayor Beyrouti will recommend him for the Primary member of the committee and the Mayor will serve as the Alternate member. He reported on the meetings that are currently scheduled and the efforts to resolve the problem with funding the Library, due to Treasure Island's nonpayment. A brief discussion followed on the problems, the ongoing negotiations, and possible solutions.

8. Proclamation - Proclaiming December 1, 2003 World Aids Day - Mayor Beyrouti

This will be an agenda item for the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes reported on the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), it is a report that is sent by the County to the State yearly, showing proposed projects and plans for improvements. He explained in detail the proposed changes that the Town needs to submit to the County for inclusion in this year's document. Commissioner Holmes requested that this item be added to the Regular Meeting agenda, since the document must be completed and back to the County before 9:00 A.M. on November 14, 2003.

2. Town Administrator Interview Scheduling Memo – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes went over the memo of his recommendations to schedule time for interviews, meetings, etc. to choose a Town Administrator from the final candidates. He explained the time that would be required for interviews of candidates and the meetings involved, and travel plans needed for the process. He explained the progress that has been made to narrow the field of candidates for the position and the proposed process of choosing a candidate. He reported that per Bob Chambers there has been 53 responses for the position, and the field has been narrowed to approximately 15 to date. The final list of candidates should be around 5, which will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for interviews to facilitate the final choice for the position. Commissioner Holmes requested that this item be added to the Regular Meeting agenda. He requested that Special Meetings be advertised and held on both December 3rd and 4th to allow this interview process. Commissioner Holmes asked that this item be placed on the Regular Meeting agenda.

3. Tree Removal / Landscaping Ordinance – Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained that presently the Town does not issue Permits for tree removals. He said this could be a future source of revenue for the town, since currently these types of permits are handled by the County, and are fairly expensive. Vice Mayor Lishamer had earlier requested examples of other municipalities Ordinances dealing with tree removal and landscaping after reviewing these he felt they could be used as examples for a proposed Ordinance for the Town. This would also allow the town to monitor types of trees and landscaping issues closer. He asked Mike Nadeau to have a proposed Ordinance prepared for the next meeting. This item will be on the Regular Meeting agenda.

4. SWFWMD Grants – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported there was possible Grant money available from SWFWMD for Stormwater / Repaving Project in Phase 1, this had been reported to her by the Engineers in charge of the Project. This Grant would have to be applied for before December 1, 2003, and could save the Town approximately \$150,000.00 if approved. A brief discussion followed on the possibility of getting a Grant to help offset the cost of the Project and the various requirements for the Grant. Mayor Beyrouiti asked Mike Nadeau to work with him on checking into this possible Grant and reporting the findings back to the Board. This item will be on the Regular Meeting agenda.

5. Charter Review Committee Report – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported that the Charter Review Committee will have a report ready to present to the Board of Commissioners at the next Regular Meeting. This item will be on the Regular Meeting agenda.

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, November 12, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

“Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hamilton, Admin. Secretary