

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003 - 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2003, Regular Meeting; November 4, 2003, Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS - Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to approve the list of bills for November 2003 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Beyrouti

Islands – very pleased with the medians. There has been difficulty to pay off the contractor, he owes more money to the suppliers than the balance owed. The checks will be written to the supplier and the contractor for the appropriated amount owed.

Sewers – doing well.

BIG-C – major concern for the BIG-C is conversions of motels to condominiums. A meeting is set with Mayor Beyrouti, Dave Healey, Brian Smith and city managers of the beach communities to look into what can be done about this issue.

Beach Renourishment – depending on the condition of the beach, renourishment is set for 2006/2007.

Gas Tax – Dead issue.

Mayor's Council – Mayor's Christmas lunch is planned for December 3rd in Tarpon Springs and the Commission is invited.

Vice Mayor Lishamer, Commissioner District No 1

Nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner District No 2

Commissioner Reynolds reported that both the Business District Committee and the Urban Design Committee are making good progress.

Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner District No 4

Indian Shores Police – criminal activity is up slightly, traffic citations are down, parking tickets up.

Gulf Beaches Library – still working with the ad-hoc committee to negotiate a new formula with Treasure Island and the other communities.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Reynolds explained the amendments to the ordinance. Attorney Denhardt read Ord. 03-04 by title only. Mayor Beyrouti announced this is a public hearing and invited the audience to participate with

comments. There being no discussion Commissioner Reynolds moved to adopt Ord. 03-04 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

Ordinance No. 03-07, Amending Town Election Ordinance, Second Reading - Mayor Beyrouti

Attorney Denhardt read Ord. 03-07 by title only. This change in the election qualifying dates stemmed from a mandate from the Supervisor of Elections. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to adopt Ord. 03-07 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Roll call: all yes.

Discussion Amending Section, 90-120, LDU Fund - Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained traditionally the money from the LDU fund is used for capital improvements to the parks. All parks have been improved. It has been discussed at previous workshops to use this money for other beautification of the Town. Commissioner Reynolds at this time would like to table this matter so that the proposed ordinances can be reviewed. This item will be placed on the next workshop meeting. Vice Mayor Lishamer asked if the funds in place could be reallocated? Commissioner Reynolds spoke with both the Town Attorney and Town Auditor and they have both indicated they can be. Attorney Denhardt stated there are two ordinances, one deals about the land dedication units, and the second deals with parks and recreation open space capital asset fund.

Schedule of Interviews with Town Administrator Applicants – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes reiterated to the Commission the timeline for the selection of the Town Administrator. The Commission was in agreement with the dates and times set. Mayor Beyrouti told the Commission Mr. Chambers needs a letter extending the date of the contract to December 19, 2003. The consensus of the Commission was for Mayor Beyrouti to send a letter extending the time.

Charter Review Committee Report – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported the committee meetings are going well. There needs to be an appointment to the Committee for District Three. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, at 7:00 p.m. and Vice Mayor Lishamer encourages all to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Attorney Denhardt read Ord. 03-08 by title only. After discussion Attorney Denhardt will make the following amendments; keep paragraphs A, B and D, and in lieu of E, F and G, insert the identical language of the new county ordinance. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve Ord. 03-08 on first reading, as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Commissioner District Three Appointment - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti reported there were two candidates who have submitted resumes. This appointment will be until the March 2004 election. Residents, Jody Armstrong and Lou Claubuex have submitted resumes. Each candidate addressed the Commission on why they have submitted resumes. A brief question and answer session followed. Each Commissioner by secret ballot wrote down their choice of candidate. Attorney Denhardt read the votes, announcing three votes for Jody Armstrong, one vote for Lou Claubuex. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to appoint Jody Armstrong as Commission of District Three, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes. Attorney Denhardt at this time swore in Commissioner Armstrong.

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

Attorney Denhardt read Resolution 20-03 by title only. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve Resolution 20-03, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

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

Attorney Denhardt read the Proclamation by title.

2004 Beach Watch Membership - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained this is a \$500.00 membership fee for each BIG-C municipality and Mayor Beyrouti recommends the Town to participate in this membership. This money is used for lobbying efforts in regard to beach renourishment. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve a \$500.00 membership fee to Beach Watch, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Resolution 21-03, Appointment to MPO - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti explained the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) oversees the planning of the whole county. The ten beach municipalities are not represented on the board. Each of the beach communities have adopted resolutions asking for representation, but unfortunately this item was brought before the MPO and they have denied the request. Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution 21-03, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Appointment to the Library Ad-Hoc Committee - Mayor Beyrouti

Mayor Beyrouti reported the five beach communities that fund the library (Redington Shores to Treasure Island) have been meeting in regard to Treasure Island deciding that for this fiscal year they will not approve their share of the budget. The other communities have been trying to tell Treasure Island to pay their share for this year and then an Ad-Hoc Committee will review the formula of the assessment to the Towns. Right now the formula is based on per-capita, Treasure Island would like to base the fee on usage. Treasure Island has met with St. Pete Beach in possibly joining their library. Mayor Beyrouti is suggesting Commissioner Holmes be appointed to the ad-hoc committee, with Mayor Beyrouti being the alternate. Vice Mayor Lishamer moved to appoint Commissioner Holmes to the ad-hoc committee with Mayor Beyrouti as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Roll call: all yes.

Attorney Denhardt advised the Commission that he is also the Attorney for Treasure Island. Attorney Denhardt has indicated that being the Attorney for both municipalities could cause a conflict of interest. Treasure Island has obtained at Attorney Denhardt's suggestion an independent Attorney to advise them on this issue.

Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy – Commissioner Holmes

Commissioner Holmes referred to the November 4, 2003 memo concerning the Town's annual input and updating of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy. Mike Nadeau has submitted changes to the document, which Commissioner Holmes reviewed with the Commission. Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt the changes as our input to the County's Local Mitigation Strategy, seconded by Vice Mayor Lishamer. Roll call: all yes.

Proposed Ordinance Tree Removal – Commissioner Reynolds

Commissioner Reynolds explained that at this time residents who want or need to remove a tree must get a permit from the county. Attorney Denhardt has submitted a sample ordinance for review. Commissioner Reynolds would like to table this item for the next workshop, so that the Commission has time to review and have input at the next workshop. Vice Mayor Lishamer told the Commission she came upon this issue on a personal level and would like to see the permit fees be received by the Town and hopefully a little more control and convenience for the residents.

Mayor Beyrouti told the Commission he received a letter from the County today in regard to grant money available for beach lighting. Mayor Beyrouti asked Mike Nadeau to review this matter and report at the next workshop meeting.

SWFWMD Grant Money Available – Vice Mayor Lishamer

Vice Mayor Lishamer reported that the Commission had previously approved \$550,000.00 for repaving and

curbing in District One. Vice Mayor Lishamer told the Commission Tim Borne of Cumby and Fair, has reported that SWFWMD has told him that grant money is available for installing Constant Deflection System (CDS) Units, this grant money would save the Town thousands of dollars and the project will still provide repaving and curbing as well as incorporating the CDS Units for water treatment. Vice Mayor Lishamer recommends moving forward with this grant, which would need to be submitted by December 5, 2003. Tim Bourne of Cumby and Fair addressed the Commission. Mr. Bourne told the Commission this grant would possibly provide 50% cooperative funding. Mr. Bourne met with SWFWMD showing them the plans and what was being done; and they indicated this is a viable project. Cumby and Fair would add the CDS Units to the plans for the paving and curbing project to provide the water quality component. The budget for the paving and curbing project at this time is \$550,000.00, with the CDS Units added the application would be roughly around \$700,00.00, with SWFWMD hopefully paying around \$350,000.00. This would delay the project until the middle of next year. After further discussion, Vice Mayor Lishamer moved for the Town to move forward with the grant application, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Roll call: all yes.

Proclamation, December 1, 2003 World Aids Day – Mayor Beyrouti
Attorney Denhardt read the Proclamation by title only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Beyrouti announced the following meeting dates:

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

Special Meeting - Wednesday, December 3, 2003 - 1:00 p.m. Social following the meeting

Special Meeting - Thursday, December 4, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

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

March 9, 2004 Town Election, District 1, 3 and 4. Qualifying begins 9:00 a.m. December 5, 2003, closing date 12-noon, December 19, 2003

Commissioner Armstrong thanked everyone and will do the best she can for the Town.

All of the Commission welcomed Commissioner Armstrong.

Commissioner Holmes told the Commission a budget item has been approved for the Town's emergency power and would like the consensus of the Commission to move forward with the RFP. Consensus of the Commission was in favor to move forward.

Mayor Beyrouti shared with the Commission and residents his itinerary for the following week.

Respectfully submitted

Mary F. Palmer, CMC
Town Clerk