

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present Upon Roll Call: Commissioner Branch; Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Holthaus; Vice Mayor Adams; Mayor Armstrong; Steve Andrews.

Presentation – County Administrator Steve Spratt – Penny for Pinellas

Steve Spratt, County Administrator, and Neil Nissan gave a video presentation about the Pennies for Pinellas program, which goes for referendum on March 13, 2007. Mr. Spratt explained that this program is vitally important to provide revenue – relied on for 15 years – for roads, parks, fire service, emergency shelters, street improvements and human services to name several. Mr. Spratt said that the split of monies is 52% to the county and 48% to the cities. The county website will be linked to the area cities' websites as a vital outreach.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Rental in Residential Areas

Mayor Armstrong referred to a comparison chart from Commissioner Wojcik listing area towns' short term rentals. Discussion ensued regarding limiting short term or "transient" rentals in residential areas of Town. Mayor Armstrong said that the Town is not receiving a share of "bed taxes" from the County or State, due to a lack of enforcement of regulations to renters and real estate agents. Mayor Armstrong also said that an overlay zoning may be the answer, and would address all residential zoning areas except the RS-7 and RS-10 areas, which are single family only. Vice Mayor Adams expressed concerns about enforcement of rental policy; Steve Andrews, Building Official, said that code violation citations and eventually Special Master proceedings may be necessary. It was agreed that Attorney Jim Denhardt will be asked to prepare the verbiage for first reading of a change in rental policy for residential single/duplex districts, including the triangle between 180th and 181st Ave. W., which is RS-10 but almost completely vacation rentals.

Discussion Sign Ordinance

It was agreed that, due to the lack of thorough investigation into this matter, the Commission will table it until the next Workshop.

Discussion Parking Fees

Vice Mayor Adams suggested that the issue of parking fees for the County Park be tabled until the next Workshop. Mayor Armstrong said she will lobby the County Commission to reduce or change the fee times for the Park, in order to accommodate more visitors and the business district.

Discussion Street Cleaning

Mayor Armstrong said that as a result of a recent meeting with the business community comments were made regarding the lack of cleanliness and maintenance along Gulf Blvd. – specifically sand, lawn clippings, and other debris. Mayor Armstrong asked for the Commission's thoughts on the matter. Commissioner Branch suggested finding prices for regular sweeping; Steve Andrews said that there will be inspections of the area by NPDES, and some of the Gulf Blvd. debris may violate the regulations by washing into the storm drains. Vice

Mayor Adams asked Patti Herr to investigate area beach towns to see if regular street cleaning is performed, and how much it may cost.

Old Town Hall Property

Mayor Armstrong said that there has been discussion regarding use of the old town hall site at 17798 Gulf Blvd. for parking or another use. Steve Andrews said that there may be a need for a site plan review, or a variance to determine paving, entrance and handicapped accommodations for the lot. Several residents expressed concerns about the current misuse of the lot by beachgoers, and by late night restaurant patrons. Discussion ensued regarding whether a buffer should be in place between the parking spaces and the homes, and who should pay for the improvements to the lot. It was agreed that Steve Andrews will prepare some information by the December Workshop.

Proposed Ordinance – Amending Parking

Mayor Armstrong expressed concerns about the lack of space west of Gulf Blvd. to allow emergency vehicles to pass, due to parking. Mayor Armstrong referred to the amended parking Ordinance prepared by Attorney Jim Denhardt, allowing a Resolution to allow the Commission to periodically amend parking in the areas west of Gulf Blvd. as necessary. The amended Ordinance will be heard at first reading at the December 12 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint of Jerry Knight as North Beaches Representative of the Pinellas Planning Council

A motion was made by Commissioner Branch to accept reappointment of Mr. Knight as representative to PPC; Vice Mayor Adams seconded. Roll call: all yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Armstrong invited all of the Commission to the next Big C meeting at Indian Shores Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 9:00 a.m., with the topic emergency preparedness. The Annual tree lighting will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Adams reported that there was a fire by vandals at Spitzer Park last night, and the slide was damaged. All the juveniles involved were apprehended. Vice Mayor Adams suggested the Town look into leasing Christmas lights for Gulf Blvd. in next year's budget.

Steve Andrews, Building Official, said that 2 firms have submitted engineering qualifications for upcoming sewer repairs: Cumbey & Fair and George F. Young. Mr. Andrews will review the information and come up with a recommendation for the December 12 meeting.

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, December 26, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr
Administrative Secretary