

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2002, 7:00 p.m.**

Present upon Roll Call: Commissioner Dopp, Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner Foerster, Mayor Beyrouti, and Attorney Denhardt.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2002 Regular Meeting; December 3, 2002 Workshop Meeting

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to approve Minutes of November 12, 2002 Regular Meeting and December 3, 2002 Workshop Meeting as submitted.

Second by: Commissioner Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to approve list of bills to be paid and ratified as presented.

Second by: Commissioner Dopp.

Roll Call: All yes.

Mayor Beyrouti announced that Vice Mayor Clell Miller passed away on November 13 and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. Vice Mayor Miller will surely be missed on this Commission and throughout the Town.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Dopp, Commissioner District No 1

Paving Project for District 1 – should start approximately September 2003.

Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner District No 2

Boat Parade – is scheduled for Sunday December 15; will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Pub [Indian Shores]; come down the intra coastal waterways and through the Redingtons.

Thelma Spitzer Park – is completed. Unfortunately, some of the lettering has been vandalized. We have removed the remainder of the letters and will use them at Constitution Park.

Constitution Park – The specs should be ready for the January Meeting.

Tennis Courts Renovations – is on track. The resurfacing is done and the contractor is installing the docks. The sidewalk still needs to be done. This should be finished next month.

Verizon Boxes – Verizon gave us fencing to enclose the junction box on 175th Avenue and will pay to do the installation.

Commissioner Foerster, Commissioner District No 4

Florida League of Cities Round Table – was held on November 18 at the Wine Cellar. In attendance were Mayor Beyrouiti, Commissioner Foerster, Commissioner Dopp and Town Clerk Donna Draper. The main topic of discussion was international relations with sister cities and the international trade.

BIG-C – The November 27 Meeting was canceled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Indian Shores Police Department – Citations are down; arrests are up.

Mayor Beyrouiti

Sewers – Everything is running fine. The maintenance department is doing a great job cleaning the beach accesses.

Florida League of Cities Annual Legislative Conference – Mayor Beyrouiti attended the conference held in Orlando on November 13 and 14. The transportation issue was discussed in detail. Although Pinellas County is the most heavily populated county in Florida, it is the seventh smallest county in size (out of sixty-seven). Evacuation is a major issue of concern. Therefore, attention needs to be considered at the Gandy corridor as well as 49th Street in Pinellas Park. Other issues discussed were the Policing grant and the need for funding to be channeled down from the state to the municipalities.

Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding and Beautification – The study is underway for Gulf Boulevard undergrounding of utilities and streetscaping. This project will run the entire Boulevard from Pasa Grille south to Mandalay north. The steering committee estimated \$40-million for the project; Contractor Phil Graham now estimates \$79-million. The committee believes a lower price of \$50-million should be workable.

Pinellas County Mayors' Council – is working with the County on the American Assembly. This combined membership has created six task forces that will study the future of e.g. public services, health care, recreation.

BIG-C – will be studying density issues of this area.

Reclaimed Water – The County will host an informational session with the residents here at Town Hall on January 9, 2003. Everyone is encouraged to attend and hear more about how the system will work, installation process, costs, etc. The reclaimed water should be in place and available by February 15, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

District No 3 Commissioner Appointment

Attorney Denhardt explained that pursuant to the Town's Charter, when a vacancy occurs on this Board, someone from that district shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board. Such is the case at this time in District No 3. Mayor Beyrouti introduced Roy Scarpitta (District No 3 resident) who would like to be considered for this position. Mr. Scarpitta presented his resume and spoke to the Commission.

Motion by: Commissioner O'Connor to appoint Mr. Roy Scarpitta to fill the vacancy in District No 3.

Second by: Commissioner Foerster.

Roll Call: All yes.

Attorney Denhardt swore in Mr. Scarpitta.

Vice Mayor Appointment (and Supervisory Areas)

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to appoint Commissioner Dopp to serve as Vice Mayor for the Town.

Second by: Commissioner O'Connor.

Roll Call: All yes.

Mayor Beyrouti stated that he would like the supervisory areas to remain the same, with Mr. Scarpitta assuming those of Vice Mayor Clell Miller (Building Department and Maintenance Department). The Commission was in agreement with this recommendation.

Authorize Mayor, Vice Mayor and Town Clerk to Sign Checks and Documents

Mayor Beyrouti noted that this is a procedure that is done at election time [and must be done at this time since we have a new Commissioner].

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to authorize the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Town Clerk to sign checks and documents.

Second by: Commissioner O'Connor.

Roll Call: All yes.

2003 Holiday Schedule

Mayor Beyrouti read the 2003 Holiday schedule as presented to the Commission and noted that these days coincide with those of Pinellas County.

Motion by: Commissioner Foerster to adopt the 2003 holiday schedule as read by Mayor Beyrouti.

Second by: Commissioner O'Connor.

Roll Call: All yes.

Employee Christmas Bonuses

Mayor Beyrouti noted that normally the Town divides \$1,500 equally between all the employees for Christmas Bonuses and recommended the same for this year.

Motion by: Commissioner Dopp to divide \$1,500 equally between all the employees for Christmas Bonuses.

Second by: Commissioner O'Connor.

Roll Call: All yes.

Proclamation – National Epilepsy Awareness Month

Attorney Denhardt read the Proclamation declaring November as National Epilepsy Awareness Month. Mayor Beyrouti proclaimed same.

Amendment to Section 140-6(J), Parking

Commissioner Dopp read Section 140-6(J) of the Code of Ordinances stating that she would like to amend this ordinance to create some relief to residents on cul-de-sacs who are being ticketed for parking. For the time being, while she works on a proposed amendment to the ordinance, she would like the Commission to approve the following:

Motion by: Commissioner Dopp to authorize the police officers to not enforce issuing tickets for 90-days to anyone parking on any portion of the streets east of Gulf Boulevard in so far that it does not create a safety issue or traffic hazard; the police would have to use their own discretion.

Motion died for lack of second.

Indian Shores Police Office Doug Pasley and the Commission discussed this issue. There was concern for overflow parking during holiday time when residents have guests as well as the general need for parking.

Motion by: Commissioner Dopp to give relief for 90-days to residents on 174th Avenue and 175th Avenue cul-de-sacs, providing it is not a safety issue and providing that the police would have authority to act on this matter.

Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Dopp will study this subject further and bring it back to the Commission at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reclaimed Water and Underground wiring – Mr. Donald Bryant, 194 176th Terrace West asked about the fees that will be imposed for reclaimed water. Mayor Beyrouti spoke of the fees noting that the County, not the Town, mandates this cost. Mr. Bryant also asked about underground wiring. Mayor Beyrouti stated that this subject will be addressed when we meet with City Planner Dr. James Moore.

Old Town Hall Property – Mr. Bud Hebbell, property owner adjacent to the old town hall property, expressed concern about potential problems that could arise if the proposed bar/restaurant is constructed on the old town hall property. Mayor Beyrouti responded that the buyer submitted another site plan that still does not comply with code requirements, so this may not be an issue of concern.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Planner – The Commission will begin the planning steps in regard to the contract with Dr. James Moore (city planner). This Commission will be asking Dr. Moore to look into undergrounding and sign beautification.

17720 Lee Avenue – Mayor Beyrouti stated that last month Mr. Michael Glick asked this Commission for information about 17720 Lee Avenue. Building Official Mike Nadeau wrote to Mr. Glick and responded to his query. Mr. Nadeau's letter provided correct information to erroneous statements by Mr. Glick.

Mayor Beyrouti noted the following:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Town Election – Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Candidate Qualifying Dates for March 11, 2003 Town Election -

Thursday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. through Friday, January 24, 12-noon

Seats open for election are for Mayor and Commissioners for Districts 2, 3 and 4.

Time being 8:15 p.m. and no further business, this Meeting was adjourned.

Donna J. Draper, CMC
Town Clerk

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