

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Neal, Vice Mayor Kapper, Mayor Henderson and Attorney Rubenstein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, July 10, 2019; Combined Commission/FAC Meeting, July 31st, 2019 and Workshop Meeting, July 31st, 2019.

Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Roll call: all yes.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS – July/August 2019

Vice Mayor Kapper moved to ratify the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Henderson

Mayor Henderson displayed one of the new beach signs that will be placed out on the beach to help with getting information out about the town's beach rules and information regarding the turtles. Hopefully these signs will help visitors and residents with these rules.

Beach Renourishment – letters have been sent out from Pinellas County asking beachfront property owners to sign a Storm Damage Reduction Easement.

Gulf Blvd. Beautification - undergrounding is moving along. No new information to report.

Mayor Henderson announced the Annual Town Picnic will be held October 12th, 2019.

Mayor Henderson asked Vice Mayor Kapper if he would take over Fire/EMS Supervisory Area. Vice Mayor Kapper accepted.

Mayor Henderson stated she has invited Lisa Foster to the meeting to explain and help clarify the amendments to the proposed amended flood ordinance. As she is not here at this time, she will move on and have her speak to the Commission when she arrives.

Vice Mayor Kapper, Commissioner District No 1

Vice Mayor Kapper reported bids are being obtained for the new fence at Spitzer Park. Town Clerk Palmer will call the City of Seminole to see if they went out to bid for the fence they installed at their new park. If they did, we might be able to piggyback of that contract.

Commissioner Neal, Commissioner District No2

Sewers - still waiting on a start date from Miller Pipeline, should be soon.

Signs – the town welcome signs have been ordered and two signs for the Veterans Park have been ordered to help identify the park.

Commissioner Neal spoke regarding getting increase coverage (Increase Cost of Compliance) for your foundation if you are flooded and raise your home up. Commissioner Neal stated he will ask Ms. Forester to explain.

Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner District No 3

Commissioner Robinson announced a letter went out from Pinellas County to beachfront property owners in Redington Shores to obtain perpetual easements for replacing sand up to seawall. John Bishop from Pinellas County is willing to come out to hold an informational meeting with the residents. Commissioner Robinson is working on getting that meeting scheduled.

Commissioner Robinson reported he has been in contact with the Sea Turtle Conservatory located in Orlando, who has grant money for retrofitting properties to be in compliance with lighting during the turtle. The Conservatory is going to be in this area in September and he is working with them to schedule a meeting for the residents.

Commissioner Robinson and Deputy Clerk Mauter have attended the LMS County Working Group meeting last week and again he just wants to say how impressed with the knowledge she has for LMS, CRS and the building department. The Town's Flood Risk Mitigation Committee has met and reviewed all messaging and projects and is in the process in preparing the Annual Report for the Commission.

Commissioner Robinson reported the FAC met and discussed the 10% increase the town is receiving from Pinellas County, and they have recommended a pass through to the residents. Raising the rates is a lengthy process and would like to start at the next workshop meeting so the Commission can discuss, and residents can attend.

Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner District No 4

Commissioner Drumm reported the new lift gate for the town truck has been installed.

Commissioner Drumm told the Commission he has contacted a company about new audio system but has not received a call back.

Commissioner Drumm asked Commission Neal to please have the sign at Constitution Park looked at, as he thinks that sign might also need to be replaced.

At this time, Lisa Foster addressed the Commission reviewing with them the FEMA 50% rule, which no one can deviate from and the town's 5-year cumulative tracking. One of the amendments to the Flood Ordinance modifies the town's 5-year cumulative tracking, exempting certain improvements whose express purpose is either the mitigation of future wind or flood damage, or the improvement of energy efficiency of the building from the 5-year Cumulative amount. It does not amend FEMA's 50% rule, as again no one can do this. This new amendment, which was worked on with herself, Mayor Henderson, Building Official Cooper, Town Clerk Palmer, Deputy Clerk Mauter and FEMA representatives, is the first in the State of Florida. Ms. Foster suggest working with Building Official Cooper to create a policy to accompany the amendment. This documentation will be needed for CRS, to see if we get credit for this.

OLD BUSINESSApprove Bid for Re-Facing Cabinets

Commissioner Robinson explained an RFP and only one bid was received. The total cost of the bid with the cabinets and new granite tops is \$43,500.00. Commissioner Neal and Vice Mayor Kapper stated they thought that was too high and it should be re-bid. Vice Mayor Kapper said he would like to re-bid and bid for new cabinets. Commissioner Drumm stated he just had new cabinets put in his home and he have a lot of less cabinets and the cost was much higher and does not think it is out of line. After discussion Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the contract with Home-Depot and the amount not to exceed \$47,000.00, seconded by Vice Mayor Kapper. Roll call: all yes.

Approve Quote for Standby Generators

Commissioner Neal stated he has contacted three companies for quotes to have standby generators for the sewer lift stations during hurricane season. These quotes are from June 1, 2019 – November 30, 2019. Sunbelt, \$9,360.00; American Spot Cooling Inc., \$10,330.08, the third company contacted did not bid. Commissioner Neal moved to approve the contract with Sunbelt Rentals, seconded by, Vice Mayor Kapper. Commissioner Drumm asked who is supplying the fuel. Commissioner Neal stated he is working on this. After further discussion, roll call on the motion and second: all yes.

Approve Bonus for Part-Time Employee

Vice Mayor Kapper stated he would like to give Patti Herr a \$500.00 bonus for coming in to help the town when she is asked. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to approve the bonus in the amount of \$500.00, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Commissioner Robinson stated strictly on a financial standpoint, that equals a 25% bonus, besides what she was paid hourly, which is \$20.00 per hour. Resident, Cinda Krouk, addressed the Commission, with concerns this could create a problem with other employees who work very hard and do not receive a bonus. After further discussion, roll call on the motion and second: Commissioner Drumm, yes; Commissioner Robinson, yes; Commissioner Neal, yes; Vice Mayor Kapper, yes; Mayor Henderson, no.

NEW BUSINESSRatify Merit Increase – Town Clerk Palmer

Commissioner Robinson stated stemming from Town Clerk Palmer's evaluation she has received a 3% increase. Vice Mayor Kapper moved to ratify the increase of 3%, seconded by Commissioner Neal. Roll call: all yes.

Mayor Henderson asked Commissioner Neal if he had seen the latest sewer bill, which was an estimated bill due to the meter malfunction. Mayor Henderson asked about the meter that was talked about last year, as this has been the fourth time for an estimated bill. Commissioner Neal said he will investigate this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS**MISCELLANEOUS**

Town Clerk Palmer reported to the Commission that Attorney Denhardt has asked to have a Special Meeting on August 28th, regarding the two applications regarding Redington Long Pier. Commissioner Robinson asked to have the workshop meeting first, then the Special Meeting so the sewer increase can possibly be voted on at the Special Meeting. Commission agreed.

Mayor Henderson announced the following meeting dates:

September 2, 2019 - Town Hall will be closed:

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 – following the Workshop Meeting.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer