

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019- 6:00PM**

Call to order: 6:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

Roll: Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Drumm, Commissioner Robinson, Vice Mayor Kapper, Mayor Henderson

Old Business:

1. **Discussion - Sewer Pass Through Increase to Residents:** Commissioner Robinson spoke about a letter that residents received from the county about a 9.5% increase (compounded) over the next four years, which added up comes to about 43.8% increase. The way the budget was sent up for this year was based on no increase. By moving forward with the way, the budget is now it would require \$195,473 on a surplus in order to balance the budget. The question was asked on whether or not to pass the additional costs onto the residents. For this to happen we would have to advertise and hold a public hearing before voting on it. The vote would be not to raise the rate but to enter the process. The question was asked on if we could do this for all four years, it was stated they do have the option do it for all four instead of doing it each year. Mary checked with the county and to follow the Florida Statute, it states we can do this. Commissioner Drumm stated it would end up costing him about \$2.92 a month more, he also agrees to pass it on because of the issue of eating up the surplus and running into an issue if the infrastructure needed to be fixed. The sewer fund balance is roughly a million dollars. Commissioner Drumm suggests advertising it as a yearly increase of the 9.5% and do it for four years. Mayor Henderson asked if there was a way to have a lesser number, Commissioner Robinson does not think we should shave off anything from the fee, we cannot afford to absorb it. FAC was big on working on the billing cycle, they did not want to work on a recommendation. They did issue a pro and con list on remaining the same for the fee. Pinellas County was at the BIG C and made a plea to raise the rates.

The fee, as of right now, is based off the number of bathrooms or fixtures in the home, versus any kind of water usage or pressure a resident places on the system. Commissioner Drumm's view is to pass it onto the residents. Commissioner Robinson stated that if nothing occurs the billing would stay the same and it would take an action and motion at a board meeting in order to change the billing. Commissioner Robinson reinstated the fact this was merely a discussion and nothing that needed to be voted on right away. Commissioner Neal stated he was in favor of the pass through.

Adjourned: 6:13pm