



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, was held on **Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 pm**, in Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida.

Mayor Will called the **Regular Meeting** to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Cariello	X	
Commissioner Murray	X	
Commissioner Thompson	X	
Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk	X	
Mayor Will	X	
Town Attorney Eschenfelder	X	
Town Planner Fisher	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Approval of Agenda: A motion by Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to approve the agenda. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Santas Angels: Representatives from Santas Angels presented the Town with a plaque of appreciation for the Town's continual support throughout the years.

Public Forum: None

Reports:

Public Safety

- Nothing to report

Building/Code

- Commissioner Thompson reported that, after meeting with the Redington Shores Building Department, the Town is ready to transition to the Redington Shores Building Department as soon as they are ready. Discussion about how current open permits will be closed out after the transition date.

Public Works/Parks

- Vice Mayor Cariello reported that Shenandoah Contractors will be in Town on April 15th to correct the leaking valves with hydraulic cement or epoxy. He also reported that the Public Works Department received 2 estimates for the new Friendship Park decking and is waiting for a third estimate.

Finance

- Nothing to report.

Mayor

- Mayor Will reported that the Short Term Rental bill, SB280, has not hit the Governor's desk yet, please contact Governor DeSantis and ask him to veto SB280.

Town Clerk

- The Town Clerk reported that the Public Works position has been filled. The new staff member will start on Thursday, April 18th, 2024.

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report.

Boards and Committees

- Mayor Will reported that the Library is having more plumbing issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Regular Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2024

B. Bill List for Day Ending March 29, 2024

A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and second by Vice Mayor Cariello to approve the consent agenda as presented. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Park Board member:

Applicant Bev Rowsey was unable to attend. Vice Mayor Cariello was able to speak about his experience while working with her on the Park Board.

Vice-Mayor Cariello motioned to appoint Bev Rowsey as the alternate Park Board member. Second by Commissioner Kornijtschuk. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hiring of Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Will opened the discussion about the salary requirements for the new code enforcement officer. The board discussed advertising the non-exempt position for \$22-\$26/hour for a 40-hour week.

Leslie Wilkins, 505 161st Avenue, asked if the position will be funded by short term rental registrations.

Further discussion among the board regarding overtime, budget line items, and benefits.

Board consensus to post a job opening for a full-time code enforcement officer at a rate of \$22-\$26/hour plus benefits.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading: Ordinance 2024-02:** Town Attorney Eschenfelder read the ordinance by title only. An Ordinance Of The Town Of Redington Beach, Florida, Amending The Town Of Redington Beach Comprehensive Plan, Pursuant To The Evaluation And Appraisal Process Of Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, And The Amendment Process Of Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Adopting New Goals, Objectives, And Policies, And Maps As Presented Herein Below; Providing For A Copy To Be Kept On File; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And Providing For An Effective Date.

A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and second by Vice Mayor Cariello to approve Ordinance 2024-02.

Town Planner Linda Fisher presented the comprehensive plan updates to the Commission. The updates include removing outdated language and updating the maps.

Resident Linda Wilson, 5th St E – noted that there is a reference to beach accesses in the comprehensive plan.

The motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 carried with a roll-call vote carried with a unanimous roll-call vote.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kornijtschuk	X		X		
Commissioner Murray			X		
Commissioner Thompson			X		
Vice Mayor Cariello		X	X		
Mayor Will			X		

- B. **First Reading: Ordinance 2024-03:** An Ordinance Of The Town Of Redington Beach, Florida, Amending Article XI Of Chapter 6 Of The Town Code Regarding Building Variance Procedures; Making Related Findings; Providing For Codification, Severability, And For An Effective Date.

Town Attorney Eschenfelder read the Ordinance by title only.

A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and second by Vice Mayor Cariello to approve Ordinance 2024-03.

Commissioner Thompson reported that he thinks extending the time after a variance is granted to issuance of permit should be extended beyond 60 days. Board discussion regarding delays with engineering plans, architects, etc.

Linda Wilson, 5th St E, agrees that the language should be changed regarding the time between the approval of a variance and the issuance of a permit.

Attorney Eschenfelder recommends adding a sentence such as, “ the building official may grant reasonable extensions to this deadline if the building official finds that the applicant is proceeding in good faith. The board approved this recommendation.

The motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 carried with a unanimous roll-call vote.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kornijtschuk	X		X		
Commissioner Murray			X		
Commissioner Thompson			X		
Vice Mayor Cariello		X	X		
Mayor Will			X		

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Eschenfelder gave a brief update regarding several bills which had passed through the last legislative session, many of which are preemption bills.

Attorney Eschenfelder gave an update about the customary use lawsuit. He reported that the trial is on the court's calendar starting April 8th. He gave a best case scenario – the Town prevails, or the worst case scenario - the Town has to pay damages and residents' use of the beach will be forced to change. The board discussed different settlement packages the Town offered the Plaintiff's over the last 2 years. The Mayor thanked Attorney Eschenfelder for doing such a great job with the customary use lawsuit.

Commissioner Kornijtschuk suggested terminating the contract between the Town and the lobbyist firm Shumaker Associates. Brief Board discussion. No public comment. Board consensus to authorize Attorney Eschenfelder to draft a termination letter.

Adjournment: With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Vice Mayor Cariello to adjourn. Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Adopted: May 1, 2024



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk