



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Queen called the January 12, 2006 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bill Queen, Commissioner Richard Bennett, Commissioner Gary Curtis, Vice Mayor Jerry Knight and Commissioner Curtis Blocker

Others Present: Jim Baldanza, Jeanne Carlson from the Beach Beacon, Bo and Steve Freidman, Phyllis Johnson or the Clearwater Sun, Mary May, Frank Novak, and Attorney Edwin Peck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Everyone arose and joined in the pledge to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Mr. Novak, North Bath Club Boulevard, questioned whether public input was requested for the last ordinance brought to the Board at December's meeting. The minutes were reviewed and the point that there was no input coming from the public was noted. He then asked about Gary Miller's house on North Bath Club Blvd. Mayor Queen met with Mr. Miller, Mr. Tipton and another official from the building department at Mr. Miller's house last Friday to ascertain exactly what can be done with that house. After much ado, the lone direction for the house is to abandon the bottom floor and build the living area above the base flood elevation. The lower house can be used for garage and storage only.
- Mr. Baldanza, Dolphin Drive, requested the Board to enact a "no solicitation" ordinance that would prohibit people from going door to door selling items. A good many of those doing so are belligerent if a resident refuses to buy. Mr. Peck said our current ordinance prohibits selling merchandise. He will look into expanding the ordinance to disallow other types of solicitation as well. He cautioned religious and other type of information only calls are the exceptions. Mayor Queen advised that if someone doesn't take "no" for an answer, the deputy can be called for help.

CONSENT AGENDA: DECEMBER 08, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; RESOLUTION 2006-113, A RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 22-29, 2006 AS TAMPA BAY EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW (EPCRA) AWARENESS WEEK; RESOLUTION 2006-114, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT SELECT ISSUES DURING THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; RESOLUTION 2006-115 REQUESTING PINELLAS COUNTY FULLY FUND THE COST OF UNDERGROUNDING THE UTILITIES ON GULF BOULEVARD FROM ST. PETE BEACH TO CLEARWATER BEACH; PROCLAMATION MAKING FEBRUARY 11, 2006 NATIONAL 2-1-1 DAY.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Commissioner Blocker seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Knight asked that the undergrounding of Gulf Boulevard resolution be explained a little. This resolution has gone to all the BIG C member communities. The County has offered to fund the undergrounding on the boulevard and the resolution lists the responsibilities, such as obtaining easements, landscaping, etc., for which the communities will be responsible. Hopefully, the existing committee to assure the undergrounding of Gulf Boulevard will

be helpful in there pursuits. The Board of County Commissioners will meet with the CVB/TDC in March. No schedule has been mentioned for the work to be accomplished. Mayor Queen is hoping the work will be done large sections at a time. There being no further discussion a roll vote was taken.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Commissioner Bennett	Yes
Vice Mayor Knight	Yes	Commissioner Blocker	Yes
Mayor Queen	Yes		

Consent agenda approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVISION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY ON LIST OF PAID HOLIDAYS

Mayor Queen explained the Town gave the employees a floating holiday in honor of Martin Luther King when it was named a Federal holiday. However, the office was not closed. The Mayor suggested the floating day be eliminated and the actual holiday be observed by closing the office. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to make the change. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The Board felt this fell closer to the intent of the holiday when it was instituted. There was a question if any other changes to the schedule were going to be made regarding personal religious, etc. holidays. Mayor Queen stated only MLK day was being changed. The vote resulting from the call of the roll was:

Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Bennett	Yes	Commissioner Curtis	Yes
Mayor Queen	Yes		

Motion carried. The officer will be closed and the employees will have the actual Martin Luther King Day off starting this year.

B MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor Queen informed everyone the crosswalk signs have been installed with the exception of those at the Conch Republic/Tides Beach Club. The remaining signs will be erected on Friday. A Special Duty officer has been working the crosswalks to educate both drivers and pedestrians what the law is with regard to crossing the Boulevard and that it will be enforced. Information has been distributed to the tourist facilities in town and will be disseminated to the residents through the website and the next regular newsletter. Channels 8 and 9 were in town Tuesday and met with Mayor Queen to promulgate the need for caution with regard to people crossing the busy highway.

Pedestrians need to be taught to use the crosswalks, which can also be interpreted as the corners where the side streets meet the Boulevard, to cross the road. However, it would be safer if they used the four marked areas to cross. If a motorist fails to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk, he will be ticketed. A pedestrian not utilizing a crosswalk must yield to the vehicles. It would be beneficial if the Town could direct a large number of pedestrians to use a single crosswalk while FDOT is studying the need for signalization. A push-button light could be installed if the numbers warrant it. Enforcement is not cut and dried.

- Commissioner Bennett inquired is the parking changes due to the crosswalks were complete. Mayor Queen stated they are complete and drivers pulling onto the boulevard will have to be aware of pedestrians as well as other vehicles. Commissioner Bennett then congratulated Vice Mayor Knight and Commissioner Blocker on their re-election to office. Since they were unopposed, there will be no election.

- Commissioner Curtis inquired if any plans for the Wine Cellar had been submitted. Mayor Queen informed the group no drawings have been presented, but the land use changes were

approved unanimously by both the Pinellas Planning Council and the Board of County Commissioners. Other communities have complimented the Town on making the changes to encourage tourist facility retention and development.

When asked, Vice Mayor Knight explained the DCA and all of the agencies that reviewed our comprehensive plan amendment found only four small items to comment on. Revision of the plan to incorporate language to satisfy these comments will be made and it will be passed on second and final reading in February. The DCA will issue a Notice of Compliance within 21 days and the revised plan will be the Town's guide by which to operate. The two land use changes will be adopted at the same time and manner.

The formula by which the County determines density may also be revised upward to allow more density for tourist facilities.

- *Commissioner Curtis expressed his concerns about the results of increasing density including water supply, roads, evacuation, etc. Vice Mayor Knight reassured Commissioner Curtis the comp. plan requires a certain level of service in each of these areas before any development can be approved. The Site Plan process as well as the Development agreements will also serve to assure the required levels of service without any service loss to others. .*

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC, Town Clerk