



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Queen called the April 14, 2005 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Queen, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Blocker, Commissioner Curtis, and Vice Mayor Knight.

Others Present: Jim Baldanza, Joe Baldanza, Henry Browning, Jeanne Carlson from the Beach Beacon, Mary Curtin, Ted Dahl, Bo and Steve Freidman, Mark Howard, Phyllis Johnson or the Clearwater Sun, Don May, Frank Novak, Ian Pierce, Pinellas County Sheriff Lieutenant Hagins and Sergeant Ackers, Paul Sudhoff, Attorney Edwin Peck and others

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Queen led the audience in the pledge to the flag of the United States.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

- Mr. Jim Baldanza proposed installation of parking meters at the Bath Club Concourse's 40 spaces and Mayor Queen said he would check to see if the parking spaces needed for beach renourishment could be metered.
- Mr. Joe Baldanza spoke of the need for "Slow, Children Playing" signs on Dolphin Drive because of the number of children in the area and the speed of several cars regularly traveling the street.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** : March 10, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes; Resolution 2005-104 Adopting the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy; Resolution 2005-105 to Agree in Concept to the Recommendations from the Pinellas Assembly Process That Are Found to be "Areas for Further Discussion" Listed in Exhibit A (Fire/Emergency Medical Services Structures and Financing Task Force, Law Enforcement Structures and Financing Task Force, and Transportation Integration Task Force); Resolution 2005-106 Supporting the Undergrounding of Electric Lines and other Utility Services along the Entire Length of Gulf Boulevard; Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2005 as Older Americans Month; and Proclamation Proclaiming May as Civility Month.

Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Commissioner Curtis raised the question in Resolution 104 if funding for breakwaters could be found using the Local Mitigation avenue. Mayor Queen explained the breakwaters could only be built by going through the Corps of Engineers via Pinellas County. The projects in this strategy are more land-based. There was no further discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. PRESENTATION TO HENRY BROWNING FOR SERVICE ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Mayor Queen presented a plaque to Henry Browning for his participation as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Board and thanked him for the Town for his efforts on its behalf.

- Commissioner Blocker introduced Lt. Bill Hagins, who in turn introduced second shift Sgt. Tom Acker. The lieutenant then spoke of the Department's efforts to streamline the municipal service to the particular community being served. Complaints about the Sheriff's Dept. can be reported through the Board of Commissioners, but they are working on their documentation and reporting processes, etc. Traffic speed on Gulf Boulevard and the side streets are a priority for each deputy in town. He also reported solutions to petty theft cases at the Hilton and in Redington Beach.

### **B. DISCUSSION OF BREAUX vs. MIAMI BEACH REGARDING MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT SWIMMERS IN PUBLIC SWIMMING AREAS**

Mr. Peck gave an overview of this case in which the Supreme Court ruled municipalities can be liable if they fail to make a reasonable effort to protect swimmers in public swimming areas. The beach here is public and Mr. Peck recommended we not charge a fee for either concession licenses or parking decals. Making a profit from swimming area activities seemed to be a big part of the court's decision. Signs saying "No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk." were mentioned as well as other possible actions such as either permanent or temporary signs.

Mayor Queen felt the Board of Commissioners will have to discuss this further to reach a consensus of how to react to this case. The amount of liability insurance was discussed.

### **C. UNDERGROUNDING UPDATE**

Mayor Queen gave the audience the information the lines in half of the town should be disappearing beginning next week. The other half of the lines in town will be removed in May. When everything is gone, then assessment will be made as to the amount of lighting provided by the street-lighting fixtures. The engineering design is greater than the standard required.

Mr. Howard asked if digital meters were included in the cost of undergrounding. Mayor Queen will make certain, but everyone felt that technology will be readily available sometime in the future

### **D. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Commissioner Bennett spoke of his trip to Tallahassee and meeting with Dennis Jones and Everett Rice. He questioned them about funding for undergrounding and infrastructure as well as the town's lack of success in obtaining grants.

- Mayor Queen reported the possibility of Vice Mayor Knight's appointment to the Pinellas Planning Council.

- Mr. Sudhoff was interested in extending natural gas lines down the fingers referring to an article about that kind of extension in Redington Beach. Mayor Queen answered the town isn't interested in putting in any new underground lines for a while. Commissioner Blocker said the reason they are doing it in Redington Beach is that Clearwater Gas needed a location to install a valve and the town acquiesced if lines on the side streets would be installed.

- Mr. Howard was told overnight parking on one side of the streets is allowed, unless signs to the contrary are present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC, Town Clerk