



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2006 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

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

The board members present were: Mayor Bill Queen, Vice Mayor Jerry Knight, Commissioners Richard Bennett, Curtis Blocker and Gary Curtis.

Others in attendance were: Joe Baldanza, Jeannie Carlson, Beach Beacon reporter, Dick Laford, Don May and Mary Curtin, Frank Novak, Ian Pierce, Town Attorney Edwin Peck and Town Clerk Sharon Proehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Queen led the group in pledging allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC INPUT - (15 Minutes for items not on agenda)

Mr. Novak inquired about the mention of a consolidated beach fire department in the newspaper and was told NRB is not involved in that meeting at all. He then asked again about the status of the house at 310 North Bath Club Blvd., which needs paint and fixing up. Mayor Queen told him an inquiry had been received about what the rules were to clear out the ground level floor and build a habitable area above the base flood elevation. In answer to another point made by Mr. Novak, Mayor Queen said there is an investigation being conducted regarding homestead exemption at that address.

Mr. Baldanza mentioned there are some loose tile on the roof of town hall.

CONSENT AGENDA: April 13, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes; Resolution 2006-123

Proclaiming June 2006 as Pedestrian Safety Month.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Blocker. Vice Mayor Knight asked to pull Resolution 2006-123 Proclaiming June 2006 as Pedestrian Safety Month off the consent agenda for information only. This is one of eleven similar resolutions to be passed by the beach communities in a united effort to work together through increased information and enforcement to make crossing the boulevard safer. The call of the roll on the motion resulted in the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ORDINANCE 2006-620:** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND IMPOSING UPON ALL INSURERS, NOW OR HEREAFTER ENGAGING IN OR CARRYING ON THE BUSINESSES OF PROPERTY INSURANCE, AN EXCISE TAX IN ADDITION TO ANY TAX NOW LEVIED, OF 1.85% OF THE GROSS AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS OF ALL PREMIUMS COLLECTED ON PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICIES INSURING PROPERTY WITHIN THE LEGALLY DEFINED BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH; PROVIDING WHEN SAID TAX SHALL BE DUE AND

PAYABLE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND AND FINAL READING.

The ordinance was read by title. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-620 on final reading. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion. This is not an additional charge to the insurance companies, it merely moves the money collected to the retirement fund of our fire department. There was further public discussion. The vote on the motion was:

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

Motion carried. Ordinance 2006-620 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ORDINANCE 2006-621: AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FLOOD PREVENTION; AMENDING SECTION 78-1, DEFINITION OF BREAKAWAY WALLS; AMENDING 82.148(d)(2) ALLOWING BREAKAWAY WALLS BELOW THE LOWEST FLOOR; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.**

The Town Clerk read the ordinance by title. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to pass Ordinance 2006-621 on first reading. Commissioner Blocker seconded the motion. Mr. Peck explained this ordinance was done to redefine "breakaway walls." The ordinance now says it has to be lattice or screening. The change will use the FEMA definition, which will allow different materials to be used for the walls in that area under the base flood elevation. There can still be no habitable living space beneath the base flood elevation. Commissioner Blocker says this ordinance makes a change in the manner he recommends by citing the ultimate source--in this case FEMA. Standardizing the ordinances in this way will be discussed at another time.

The roll was called and the vote was:

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

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- RESOLUTION 2006-124: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HIGHWAY LANDSCAPE REIMBURSEMENT AND MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR S.R. 699 (GULF BOULEVARD).** Mayor Queen read the title and explained FDOT has offered NRB \$150,00 to replace the palm trees on Gulf Boulevard with date palms. He signed a letter of intent because this project will fit right in with the streetscaping requirements of the Gulf Boulevard beautification project. That amount is approximately \$6,000 per tree for plants that are hardier and require less maintenance and less water than the existing trees. The offer was made because the town takes good care of the roadway and how it looks.

Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to pass Resolution 2006-124. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The vote on the motion was:

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

- *Mayor Queen announced the beach renourishment is ahead of schedule and he hopes Nicole Elko will give an update at the end of the month at the BIGC meeting. The work is being done now at the north end of Indian Rocks Beach. The question of the originally planned breakwater for NRB was addressed by saying the breakwater has been eliminated.*
- *Commissioner Blocker spoke of crosswalk enforcement and safety issues and listed the cost of tickets for vehicle infringement (\$117.50) and jay walking (\$43.50). There were 94 citations issued in April by the regular deputies. Several pedestrian warning tickets have been issued as well. He stressed the fact that while intersections are technically crosswalks, but he felt those intersections are more dangerous than the marked crosswalks in the middle of the blocks where safe havens in the medians are available. Vehicles are not required to stop at the intersections.*
- *Vice Mayor Knight congratulated Mayor Queen for being elected to a two-year term as President of the BIG C.*
- *Commissioner Bennett spoke about the plans for the July 4th celebration. Fireworks will be held at the County Park in Redington Shores with a \$16,000 display sponsored by Redington Shores, North Redington Beach and Indian Shores. The beach would be the best viewing point. Two deputies have been hired to enforce the "no private fireworks" rule. A 9:00 a.m., one-hour earlier than usual, starting time of the parade was announced. The picnic will follow in Radcliffe Park as always. Commissioner Bennett will attend the SLC Mini-Conference in June.*
- *Commissioner Curtis questioned the purpose of the fire meeting noted by Mr. Novak. Mayor Queen said Indian Rocks Fire and Rescue wants to expand their district. NRB has not been approached as yet, but the contract we have with Seminole/Madeira runs through 2010 and has been good for the town financially. Members of the IRFR district feel the Redingtons are not paying their fair share for the EMS station located in Redington Shores staffed by IRFR people and paid for by Pinellas County.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC, Town Clerk