



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harold Radcliffe called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida.

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

Others Present: Henry Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Freidman, Gail Knight and Ian Pierce

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC INPUT - (15 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)**

Mr. Pierce asked about the anticipated completion date for the undergrounding project. Mayor Radcliffe informed the audience the main line is almost complete and hook-ups to the houses are beginning. Commissioner Queen stated the end of the project should come at the end of this year with light poles down.

**CONSENT AGENDA: May 13, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Vice Mayor Knight, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and passed by roll call.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2004-584 PERTAINING TO SEAWALLS; AMENDING SECTIONS 18-139(b)(9) AND (c)(9); PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT TO BE 5' NGVD; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING**

Commissioner Queen made a motion to table this item until John Creighton can be here to speak to the matter. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows:

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

Motion carried. Item tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CONTINUE ASSOCIATION WITH CRAWFORD AND JONES FOR 2003-2004 AUDIT**

The price for this year's audit is the usual \$6,000 with the addition of a \$1,000 transition fee for work to make our accounting practices comply with the new GASB 34 rules. Mayor Radcliffe

mentioned a report he has been reviewing that must be done by the administrative officer under the new rules that has never been required before. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to continue our association with Crawford and Jones for this year's audit in accordance with their letter of May 14, 2004. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion to which the vote was:

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

Motion carried. A letter will be written to Crawford and Jones informing them of the vote.

**B. AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES TO COLLECT PAST-DUE LICENSE TAXES FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES**

The Town Clerk explained the state law and the Town Code of Ordinances allow the Town to charge an occupational license to insurance companies who write policies within the community. This agreement would authorize the Florida League of Cities to collect taxes that have not been paid over the past five years. Ms. Proehl stated, while the occupational license ordinance allows for such collection, the practice has always been to collect an occupational license tax only from those businesses that are physically located in town. If the agreement were signed, the insurance companies would be the only ones paying the tax and having their locations outside the municipality. Vice Mayor Knight pointed out his belief the ordinance should reflect what is being done. Mr. Peck stated the ordinance now reads everyone doing business in the town would owe the tax with few exceptions. Commissioner Curtis wanted to make certain businesses within the town didn't have to pay a tax that outside businesses didn't. Ms. Proehl told the Board almost every community had an occupation license tax, so businesses located outside our area would pay the tax in their home community. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to not enter into the agreement with Florida League of Cities. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

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

Vice Mayor Knight then made a motion to ask Mr. Peck to prepare an ordinance whereby an occupational license tax is levied only against the businesses housed in North Redington Beach. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Curtis and voted upon by call of the roll.

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

Both motions carried. It was pointed out that contractors have to be licensed by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board and must show insurance certificates, which comply with State law.

**C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE (PINELLAS PLANNING DEPARTMENT)**

Vice Mayor Knight explained this agreement was presented two months ago to the Steering Committee working on the updated comprehensive plan. The County contract and legal people have now signed off on it and the agreement is being submitted with a sheet of estimated costs (not binding) for passage by this Board. He made a motion for adoption. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion saying the agreement could be stopped at any time. Mayor Radcliffe added he felt this was the best and least expensive way to accomplish what needs to be done citing Pinellas Planning Council's estimate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to do the EAR, which will be done in a much shorter time

than the estimated two years for updating the plan. Further updates to the plan would be done by the Planning and Zoning Board. The resulting vote by call of the roll was:

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

Motion carried.

**D. FUNDING FOR LANDSCAPING NORTH BATH CLUB LIFT STATION**

Commissioner Queen explained the need for landscaping to camouflage the new lift station in the cul de sac on Bath Club Boulevard North and the cost, which could reach \$2,000.

**E. FUNDING FOR BUS STOP RELOCATION**

Commissioner Queen informed the Board of another needed project. The bus stop from Park Circle needs to be moved and relocated to Radcliffe Park, which will provide more seating for the tennis courts. The owners of Park Circle are preparing to build a new bus stop incorporated into a wall across the Circle. The cost to move the structure and construction of the pad on which the bus stop will sit is about \$5,000. The funds can be taken out of the regular park maintenance account, but Commissioner Queen wanted to let the Board know what was happening. It was ascertained by Mr. Peck that Mayor Radcliffe has the authority to spend the budgeted funds.

**F. DISCUSSION RE MAYORS' COUNCIL/BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMERICAN ASSEMBLY RELATIONSHIP**

Mayor Radcliffe explained a change in the Mayors' Council meetings, which for the past year have been closed to mayors and invited guests. A good deal of work was accomplished with this format, but questions were raised regarding the propriety of closed meetings in this age. The new president has decided to re-open the meetings and move the location.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> the Council will meet jointly with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss findings of the review of reports from the task force groups set up during the Pinellas Assembly process. The next set of reports that will be discussed will be law enforcement, fire and EMS. The Mayor asked the members of the Board to submit comments to him to take to the meeting.

The task force reports in this area talk of the pros and cons of a unified fire/EMS service, but the cities want some concessions to let go of their departments. Everyone agreed hiring a consultant to do a study was not necessary. The differences in ratings achieved by different fire departments are another issue.

The Pinellas County Sheriff now provides policing service through contracts with 11 cities as well as the unincorporated county.

**G. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Vice Mayor Knight did a report on the planning process the Town is following for the BIG C and copied the Board of Commissioners. He also reported on two meetings he attended for the Town. Debris management has been contracted with Waste Management as part of the refuse removal contract. For FEMA reimbursement of costs for debris management following a storm, a plan must be in place for a temporary storage site, personnel plans, control procedures enumerated, etc. To ascertain they are paying the lowest amount for the work, FEMA insists on a contract that was awarded after a bidding process.

County Administrator Steve Spratt wrote a letter received today stating the County is beginning this process and offering the cities an opportunity to participate in the contract process and contract for debris management. This should satisfy FEMA's requirements and we would participate in the 75% of costs that would be reimbursed by the Federal agency as well as the 25% payment of the local share. The manner the sharing of costs would be managed has to be worked out.

The Town simply doesn't have the resources to meet FEMA's requirements independently. After some discussion, Commissioner Knight will contact Waste Management to see if their resources are sufficient to meet FEMA's criteria for reimbursement. He made a motion to participation with the County efforts at contracting for debris management with the stipulation the Town will be responsible for no more than its share of the cost. Commissioner Queen seconded the motion. After a warning from the Mayor to make sure the cost is delineated to every participating city equitably, a roll call vote was taken. The results were:

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

Motion carried.

The second meeting attended by the Vice Mayor dealt with a model ordinance for towns within the county for controlling telecommunication towers. Comments on the model are being taken and the viable ones will be incorporated when the model comes before the Pinellas County Board on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We may wish to address new definitions for recent and future technology in our ordinance. The new broad band towers are shorter, but more of them are needed. If a tower could be placed inconspicuously on Town property, additional revenue could be added for the budget. When the model ordinance is revised, Mr. Peck will review.

- Commissioner Bennett informed those present the estimated costs to underground Gulf Boulevard should be received by the end of June. The project is more complicated and easements on private property will be needed. The problem of financing the project will be addressed after those figures are received.
- Discussion regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration followed. The people who will set up for the picnic following the parade will meet at Radcliffe Park at 7:30-8:00 a.m. More food and drinks will be required because of the Seminole High School Band participation. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. The fireworks display will take place from Redington Long Pier and the group present were reminded a deputy will be on duty to curtail illegal fireworks.
- Commissioner Curtis reported 17 traffic citations and commended the Sheriff deputies for the tickets issued for speeding.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC  
Town Clerk