



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harold Radcliffe called the July 8th regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida.

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

Others Present: Jim Baldanza, Curtis Blocker, Henry Browning, Jeannie Carlson, John Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Freidman, Liz Limroth, Frank Novak, Ian Pierce, Sharon Whipple and others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Mr. Baldanza asked for an update on the undergrounding project and the Mile Marker program. Mayor Radcliffe stated many of the mile marker signs have been erected and confirmed they are not exactly one mile apart. He explained Progress Energy is almost finished installing conduits; Verizon has been installing lines, but are objecting to Progress Energy's energizing any transformers until Verizon and Bright House are connected as well. Letters have been sent to homeowners in phase one and we are awaiting response from about eight property owners. The conversion will take place in this phase first.

Mr. Creighton applauded those responsible for a well-celebrated Fourth of July.

CONSENT AGENDA: The June 10, 2004 regular meeting minutes were approved by motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Queen and passed by roll call vote.

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.**

The Town Clerk read the title of the ordinance, which would change the maximum height of seawalls from 4.25' (NAVD) to 5' (NGVD). Mr. Creighton, who had researched the issue for Planning and Zoning Board, explained a problem surveyors are having with the new NAVD base for measuring elevations—NAVD and NAVD adjusted. The National Geodetic Survey adjusted all Pinellas benchmarks to NAVD '88, but the adjusted numbers are not published in a form to carry to the site—they are only on the web site. Pinellas County endorses using the web site, but the surveyors fear the web site numbers could be adjusted and the accuracy of the site information over the years is suspect.

To assure accuracy in our town, Mr. Creighton suggested amending the proposed ordinance to read "the maximum height to 4.25' (NAVD) equivalent to 5.0' (NGVD)." Those changes would be made in the title, on page 2 and page 4 of the proposed ordinance. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to say 4.25' (NAVD) equivalent to 5.0' (NVD). Commissioner Queen seconded the

motion. The following were the results of the roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Knight then made a motion to pass the amended ordinance on first reading and Commissioner Queen seconded the motion. A roll call of the Commission resulted in this vote:

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

Motion carried. Amended Ordinance 2004-584 passed on first reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2004-585 PERTAINING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 66-32 AND SECTION 66-34; PROVIDING THAT ONLY BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON PREMISES IN THE TOWN ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

Mayor Radcliffe explained this ordinance would mesh with the practice of issuing occupational licenses to only those businesses that are housed within the community. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion for adoption of Ordinance 2004-585, which was seconded by Commissioner Queen. Commissioner Curtis explained to the floor this would mean if you have Garrett Plumbing come to your house to work, because they are housed in Madeira Beach, they would get an occupational license there, but not in North Redington Beach. The roll was taken and the vote follows:

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

Motion carried. Ordinance 2004-585 passed on first reading.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2004-587 PERTAINING TO BUILDING HEIGHT; AMENDING SECTION 78-1 TO PROVIDE FOR THE BUILDING HEIGHT TO BE MEASURED FROM THE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

Mayor Radcliffe explained the need to have the first habitable floor above the base flood elevation. Another Board of Commissioners felt the town should encourage people to build above the BFE so they allowed a building height of 30 feet for everyone, but for the houses built entirely above the BFE, the 30 feet started at the BFE. For existing structure renovation/additions the 30 feet started at the crown of the road.

Mr. Blocker, who is Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board, spoke of a variance request his Board had just heard where a permit was issued as if it were a new house rather than a renovation. With varying BFE's the height of the buildings would be different, even if the town were all new construction and the existing homes would be another group varying building heights. This ordinance would assure a more uniform height for visual continuity.

Commissioner Queen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-587, which was suggested by the Planning and Zoning Board and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Commissioner Curtis ascertained that FEMA rules still apply and Mr. Blocker informed the Board that P & Z is still studying building height as to how the 30 feet maximum. The roll was taken with the following vote:

Commissioner Curtis	Yes
Vice Mayor Bennett	Yes

Commissioner Knight	Yes
Commissioner Queen	Yes
Mayor Radcliffe	Yes

Motion carried. Amended Ordinance 2004-587 passed on first reading.

C. PRESENTATION TO BILL QUEEN FOR SERVICE ON PLANNING AND ZONING AND BEACH ADVISORY BOARDS

Mayor Radcliffe presented Commissioner Queen with a plaque in appreciation for his service on the two boards, both of which he chaired for part of his time of service. Commissioner Queen expressed his joy in working with the good people of North Redington Beach on those boards.

D. RECOMMENDATION OF THE BEACH ADVISORY BOARD RE HILTON PARTY JULY 16, 2004

Mayor Radcliffe explained this is a company picnic to be held behind the Hilton on July 16th from noon until 5:00 p.m. with about 200 people. Commissioner Curtis made a motion for approval based on the Hilton's exemplary handling of previous parties. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion to which the roll call vote was:

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

Motion carried. Party approved.

E. RESOLUTION 2004-98 ESTABLISHING RETIREMENT PLAN FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

Mayor Radcliffe and Mr. Peck explained the retirement plan for all employees had, until 1995, been with the Florida Retirement System and once a town was in the system, it had to remain until the Florida Legislature allowed a one-time, irreversible opt out in 1995. Because of the high cost of the plan, the Town opted out for new employees. At that time the Redington Beaches Police was on the plan and it seemed prudent for the town to adopt a Defined Contribution Plan for new employees. Now, there are only four employees, one of which is not in FRS, a defined benefit plan. ORDINANCE NO. 2004-588 (an ordinance is required rather than a resolution) PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF SAID PLAN AND TRUST IN THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL PENSION TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read by the attorney. He explained it will cost more, but it is as close to equal retirement for all employees as we can get.

Commissioner Queen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-588 on first reading. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Curtis stated Ms. Campbell is the only employee not in FRS. This ordinance would be applicable to one current and all future employees. It is a little less than the FRS and depends on return of investment, but it is as equivalent as possible. The vote was taken and the results were:

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

Motion carried. Amended Ordinance 2004-588 passed on first reading.

F. REPORT ON PINELLAS ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION AT MAYORS' COUNCIL

Mayor Radcliffe informed the group the subject yesterday at the business meeting of the Mayors' Council was annexation. While the subject has not a lot of meaning for NRB, it affects both the County and many cities—in opposite ways. What the County wants is detrimental to the cities and vice-versa. The next and last subject will be law enforcement.

G. DISCUSSION OF GULF BOULEVARD PROJECTS - UNDERGROUND ESTIMATES, -STREET LIGHTING

Mayor Radcliffe reminded those present the BOC had approved paying engineering costs for binding cost estimates to convert the utilities on Gulf Boulevard to underground. Two of the estimates have been received—Progress Energy \$967,142.75 and Verizon \$220,638. Progress Energy requires an easement up to 10' behind the sidewalk on the west side of Gulf Blvd. Equipment placement and the easement are the main stumbling block. Some of the services on the east side of the boulevard are from the front and crossovers would have to be made unless service could be changed to the residential side.

Three samples of street light possibilities have also been received along with the cost to operate. There would be 54 lights on G. B. ranging from the Roadway at \$972 per month, the Mongoose at \$1,911.06 and the Clermont at \$2,324.16.

A workshop meeting will be set, separate from the budget workshop, to discuss options, payment plans, etc.

H. BIG C MEETING: REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, - COUNTY EAR PLAN

Vice Mayor Knight reported on two meetings he attended. Beach community officials think FEMA is a four-letter word. He pointed out a story in the Beach Beacon on legislation not passed that would have allowed more flexibility in development issues. The proposed law deals with tear down and building replacements, but it needs to be adjusted to allow flexibility to make necessary adjustments to existing housing to keep it viable for longer periods of time. FEMA regulations seem to give two options, live with what's there or tear it down. A task force is working to expand the bill to something the beach communities can support.

He also attended a scoping meeting to discuss issues being raised in the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process. This has to be done by cities and counties alike every 7 years, with NRB's report coming in 2007. Many of the issues, such as retaining community characteristics, raised are the same being discussed in our plan update process. There is a need to work with the State and Federal agencies to get greater latitude to make decisions of what is best at the local level. Because of Comprehensive Plan update, we are ahead of the game for EAR. The question will be what changes DCA will accept.

I. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON TOWN HALL VOICE MAIL

Commissioner Queen suggest the answering machine message list only Mr. Mercer's number for public works emergencies and the mayor's number for other emergencies. No one objected.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

- Commissioner Curtis pointed out a letter from Indian Rocks Beach attempting to set a meeting with the elected officials regarding the increases in costs for contracting with the Sheriff. Mayor Radcliffe pointed out that while our budget outlay is still reasonable, he will attend the meeting when it is set up.

There are 10 communities under the Sheriff and the Sheriff did a study to determine the equitabilty of costs for the cities vs. the MSTU. The deputies' salaries have been raised to keep good employees and the study resulted in higher costs to the cities as well. The meeting will be good for information purposes.

- Commissioner Curtis also complimented those involved with a successful July 4th celebration and enumerated the parts of the event that were successful—the band, the fireworks (Redington Beach will attempt to share part of the costs next year) and the deputy to enforce the law on illegal fireworks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC
Town Clerk