



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

The regular meeting immediately followed the Special Budget Meeting and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Those elected officials present for the meeting were Mayor Queen, Vice Mayor Knight, Commissioners Richard Bennett, Curtis Blocker and Gary Curtis.

Others present were: Joe and Terry Baldanza (arrived later) Henry Browning, Rene Burrell, Beach Beacon reporter, Steve Bussey, Paul Claver, John Creighton, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, Ted Dahl, Marilyn Hall, Mary and DerMay, Edwin Peck, Town Attorney, George Sailer and others

**PUBLIC INPUT** - (15 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA) There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** AUGUST 11, 2005 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 25, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING-- TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES; RESOLUTION 2005-109 ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, ANNUAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT.

The consent agenda was approved by a motion made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Curtis and a roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE 2005-606 PERTAINING TO ZONING; AMENDING SECTION 98-258(f) AND (g) BY INCREASING THE DENSITY OF TOURIST DWELLING UNITS IN THE CT DISTRICT FROM 25 UNITS PER ACRE TO 50 UNITS PER ACRE AND DECREASING THE PARKING REQUIREMENT TO ONE SPACE PER UNIT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PUBIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to approve Ordinance 2005-606. Commissioner Blocker seconded the motion. There was no discussion since this issue has been advertised and spoken about several times before this meeting. The call of the roll resulted in this vote:

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

Motion carried. Ordinance 2005-606 approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE J. SAILER AND STEVE BUSSEY AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ENDING JULY 1, 2008, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to appoint Mr. Sailer and Mr. Bussey to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. Mr. Creighton gave a background on the two candidates that had been interviewed by the P & Z Board. Mr. Sailer moved to N.R.B. in 2000 and has volunteered for several community events. Mr. Bussey is a realtor and resident with knowledge of the community. His experience will prove an asset with the site plan process, but he will step aside if he is professionally involved with a project.

The vote was taken by call of the roll and was:

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

Motion carried.

**B. APPROVAL OF BEACH CONCESSIONAIRE LICENSES FOR WINDSURFIN' INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND BEACH SERVICES WEST, INC. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BEACH ADVISORY BOARD**

Commissioner Blocker made a motion to approve the two beach concession licenses. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Blocker mentioned from his insurance background, the two are covered sufficiently. It was ascertained the businesses are continuing in the same locations they have been serving. The roll was called and the vote was:

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

Motion carried.

**C. LETTER FROM CARL HALL, OWNER OF THE DOUBLETREE RESORT, FORMERLY THE NORTH REDINGTON BEACH HILTON, ASKING APPROVAL OF NEW SIGNS FOR THE RESORT WHICH DON'T COMPLY WITH THE SIGN ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Blocker made a motion to approve the signs as requested in Mr. Hall's letter. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. The need to review and change the whole sign ordinance chapter was pointed out. Mr. Creighton explained a sub-committee will be appointed to review the sign rules, but resident-members are still needed. It was pointed out although two of the new Doubletree signs do not meet the code, they are smaller than the existing Hilton signs. The roll call vote on the motion was:

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

Motion carried.

**D. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN BESSOLO, AIA, AS ARCHITECT ON CALL FOR SITE PLAN REVIEWS WITHIN NORTH REDINGTON BEACH**

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the appointment. Vice Mayor Knight seconded. Mr. Creighton explained the site plan review process is intricate and costly. Lay board members are speaking with developers, engineers and architects about plans and how they comply with the design criteria as set forth by ordinance. Added expertise on the Town's side of the table would help with decisions made about the project. The fees Mr. Bessolo would charge, \$160 per hour, could come from the site plan review fees paid by the developer. Mr. Bessolo is the architect for Oceans 12 and the LaContessa in Redington Beach. Vice Mayor Knight pointed out an alternate would have to be used if he were designing a building in N.R.B.

Vice Mayor Knight was told how the variance procedure involving Oceans 12 and Mr. Bessolo was solved. The project was developed before the site plan process was in place. The code says the equipment structure can be as high as 6' above the 60 feet allowed for the roof, and a 2.5' variance was required for the building as it was built at Oceans 12. Mr. Creighton showed pictures of potential solutions that were presented at four variance hearings addressing this issue. The P & Z Board stood by their belief that the best solution was a mansard roof around the entire building and that was the ultimate decision. Mr. Bessolo worked with Mr. Creighton toward that resolution. The vote was taken with the following result:

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

Motion carried.

**E. ORDINANCE 2005-609 PERTAINING TO PARK FACILITIES FEE AND LAND DEDICATION FOR PARKLAND AND OPEN SPACE; ADDING SECTIONS 46-7393) AND 46-75(d); PROVIDING FOR CREDIT FOR UNITS DEMOLISHED; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.**

Commissioner Blocker made a motion to pass Ordinance 2005-609 on first reading that was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Mr. Peck explained the concept behind impact fees and his interpretation of the ordinance that required recreational impact fees for new construction. This ordinance would put into words that interpretation that gives credit for the previous use. The new owners are purchasing into the existing park/facilities for any additional impact their new construction would cause, based on use and number of units to be built. 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. Ordinance 2005-609 passed on first reading.

**F. ORDINANCE 2005-610 PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING DATES FOR CANDIDATES TO BE FROM 7:30 A.M. OF THE FIRST FRIDAY THROUGH 5:00 P.M. ON THE THIRD FRIDAY IN DECEMBER.**

Commissioner Bennett made the motion and Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2005-610 on first reading. The Town Clerk explained the need for qualifying times earlier than are provided for in the charter. State law allows for this type of change to the charter without a referendum vote and this change would make a uniform qualifying period for each election. The vote on the motion was:

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

Motion carried. Ordinance 2005-610 approved on first reading.

**G. BIG C ITEMS**

Vice Mayor brought the following issues from the BIGC:

1. Through the work of Redington Beach Mayor Fountaine and the BIGC Florida DOT has agreed to try a 35 MPH speed limit on Gulf Boulevard from November 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31, 2006. FDOT has specific criteria for each class of road. For the class within which Gulf Blvd. falls, the speed is set equal to the speed of 85% of the vehicles travelling the road. If when they retest the traffic on the boulevard 85% of the cars are going at or above 40 mph, the speed limit will revert to that speed. The beautification of Gulf Boulevard and uniform crosswalk enforcement should help to keep the speed down.
2. St. Pete Beach is holding a safety workshop in cooperation with all the beach communities.
3. The Indian Rocks Beach representative asked for comments about a letter written by IRB objecting to the work program of the Pinellas Planning Council. Clearwater Commission had addressed the letter and rejected its arguments. A heated discussion followed about IRB's attempt to force their opinions on other members of the BIGC. They have a right to their opinion, but many of their opinions are not shared by other communities. IRB's desire to stop all tourist development is in direct conflict with the vision of North Redington Beach and its citizens. Mayor Queen and Commissioner Blocker voiced their thoughts the BOC shouldn't have to respond to a letter that wasn't directed to them.
4. Not satisfied with the answers he was getting, the IRB representative asked for a clarification of the goals and objectives of the BIGC. BIGC officers felt this was unnecessary, because the purpose has always been to work on projects for all of the beach communities--beautification, speed, economic development, etc.
5. Renourishment will start at the north end of the Sand Key project and go. However, because of Katrina, the project will start a week later than planned, but should be in NRB in May or June 2006.
6. Nick Fritsch got approval to prepare an op-ed article for local papers highlighting information in his brochure.

**H. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Commissioner Curtis reiterated the criteria and the effect of those criteria on the ultimate speed limit to be posted on Gulf Boulevard. Redington Beach and Madeira Beach are hiring an extra deputy to attempt to keep the traffic slower so the limit can remain at the lower number. Vice Mayor Knight addressed the fact the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners seem to agree beautification of Gulf Boulevard, including undergrounding, should be done, but the source the county's share of the funding has to be decided and well as the amount of funding to be contributed by them.
- Commissioner Blocker stated consistency in the number of tickets is required. He will ride with a deputy to have a better understanding of the job.
- Mayor Queen spoke of the cooperation he has received from FDOT in his efforts to get crosswalks and stated his hope NRB will be a push-button light for one of the walkways.
- Ms. Hall informed the group solar-operated speed signs have been erected on Bayshore Blvd. in Tampa. The Mayor said he would look into the technology.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC  
Town Clerk