



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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Radcliffe called the April 8, 2004 regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida.

*PRESENT* Mayor Radcliffe, Vice Mayor Knight, Commissioners Bennett, Curtis and Queen

*OTHERS:* Peter Arps, Jim Baldanza, Joe Baldanza, Henry Browning, Ted Dahl, Kathy Hakes of Seminole Warhawk Marching Band Boosters, Marilyn Hall, Marie Harvey, Ian Pierce and Steve Suzansky

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members of the Board of Commissioners and the audience pledged allegiance to the flag of the country,

**PUBLIC INPUT** - (15 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA) There was no public input.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** March 11, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adopt the March 11, 2004 minutes as presented.

Commissioner Queen seconded the motion and all voiced favor.

Commissioner Curtis introduced Kathy Hakes, who is the Tournament of Roses Planning Chairman of the Seminole Warhawk Marching Band Boosters. The club is attempting to raise \$300,000

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2004-583 PERTAINING TO THE VACATION OF THE STREET KNOWN AS PARK CIRCLE; VACATING THE STREET, PROVIDING FOR TITLE TO TRANSFER TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING**

The Town Clerk read Ordinance 2004-583 by title. Vice Mayor Knight moved passage of the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried. Ordinance 2004-583 passed on first reading.

**B. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

The Board of Commissioners asked the applicants present to introduce themselves. Marie Harvey has lived at Gull Harbor for about 1.5 years, wants to become part of the community, works for the St. Petersburg Times and is retired from the Navy. Steve Suzanski is on a medical retirement, has lived at the Tides Beach Club for 6 years, and is currently on the Beach Advisory Board. However, he stated he would resign that appointment to be part of the Planning and Zoning Board in order to have more of a voice in the town. He also is part of the group seeking to put the utilities on Gulf Boulevard underground. Ted Dahl is a former P & Z Board, Code Enforcement Board and Picnic Committee member and who has moved back into town on Yacht Club Circle. He worked as a real estate and insurance broker. The Board felt privileged to have so many qualified candidates. Unable to attend were Vicki Mallon from 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Bob Schutte from 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Jim Whelan from Dolphin Drive. After some discussion as to whether or not to postpone the vote, it was decided to choose from those applicants present. Commissioner Bennett made a motion that Steve Suzanski be

appointed as alternate to Planning and Zoning Board. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion and the roll was called. The vote was:

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

Motion carried. Mr. Suzanski is an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Board.

**C. DISCUSSION RE TASK FORCE REPORTS FROM PINELLAS ASSEMBLY**

Annexation was discussed at the last Mayors Council meeting and Mayor Radcliffe reported the group seems to be going along with the concept of annexation presented by Largo and not the county's ideas. North Redington Beach is not impacted. The Commissioners will be informed of the next subject to be addressed and asked to put their thoughts in writing before the next Mayors Council meeting.

**D. OPTING OUT OF BEACH RAKE CONTRACT - COMMISSIONER QUEEN**

Commissioner Queen explained the Town entered into a contract in 2002 with several other beach communities to take a beach rake from Pinellas County to use for removing seaweed/fish kill from the beach.. The idea was each community would use the rake for one week and pass it on to the next. The fallacy of the idea was when a seaweed/fish kill event occurred, all the towns wanted the rake at the same time. The cost to operate the piece of equipment has been \$11,956.63 since 2002. Other communities are opting out of the contract and if everyone pulls out of the contract, ownership of the rake reverts to the county. Commissioner Queen made a motion to opt out of the contract. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion to which 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. It will take about thirty days to accomplish removing North Redington Beach from the contract..

**E. FIXED UPFRONT COSTS FOR STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM**

Mayor Radcliffe explained that the regulations under which Progress Energy works require a portion of the cost of installation of street lights to be paid up-front and the rest can be part of the monthly lease amount. The costs are called "out-of-ratio: costs. The town is divided into three phases and the total out-of-ratio costs are \$42,206.24. Commissioner Queen made a motion to pay this amount to Progress Energy in addition to the contract cost for underground conversion. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Bennett questioned the anticipated finish date and a timetable of when to expect hook-ups, etc. Mayor Radcliffe invited him to attend the bi-weekly Friday progress meetings where the contractors and the utilities representatives discuss progress and problems with the project. The following is the result of the vote taken on the motion:

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

Motion carried.

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY RE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mayor Radcliffe informed those present that the BOC and the P & Z Boards have worked on a formal process to assure public participation in the comprehensive planning process. The adopted policy will be available to all citizens at the Town Hall building and through the web site. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to adopt the Public Participation Policy. Planning and Zoning will adopt at their next meeting. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

*Motion carried.*

**G. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- *Mayor Radcliffe read the attorney's opinion on the issue of crosswalks raised at an earlier meeting. The opinion stated vehicles are required by state law to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. Vice Mayor Knight spoke of complaints received about the speed of vehicles on Gulf Boulevard and the side streets. Discussion about what could be done to make the boulevard safer followed. These points were raised:*
  - a. *Madeira Beach is talking about lowering the speed limit on Gulf Boulevard in their city as part of their planning process. We may be able to join them in the effort;*
  - b. *The Town could attempt to get at least one more crosswalk in Town and install large signs for vehicles to stop for pedestrians;*
  - c. *We could have the speed monitored on Gulf Boulevard and the side streets with tickets issued when necessary.*
- *Commissioner Bennett would like to see the park area around the gazebo in Radcliffe Park in good shape for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. There may be money left from the \$44,000 to accomplish that. More food and drinks will be necessary because of the band.*
- *Progress Energy has indicated they may need a five-foot easement behind the sidewalk on Gulf Boulevard to put the undergrounded utilities. The rights-of-way are crowded and the transformers that will be placed on Gulf Boulevard are larger than the ones in the residential areas.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sharon V. Proehl, CMC  
Town Clerk*