



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2007 MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 10, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Bill Queen at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida

Board members present were: Mayor Bill Queen, Vice-Mayor Jerry Knight, Commissioner Gary Curtis

Others in attendance were Jeanne Carlson from the Beach Beacon, Tim Burns, Frank Novak, Don and Mary May, Jim Baldanza, Bo and Steve Friedman, Town Attorney Edwin Peck

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Queen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Novak welcomed Vice-Mayor Knight back after his surgery and asked the commission for an update on the property at 310 North Bath Club. Mayor Queen stated the owner had brought plans by Pinellas County and then town hall. He picked up paperwork to complete to submit with the plans but had not returned yet.

Mr. Baldanza asked for an update on Commissioner Blocker's condition after his knee surgery. Vice-Mayor Knight stated he had spoken with Commissioner Blocker's wife and he was doing well. He added he would be in the hospital for approximately two weeks.

Mr. Baldanza asked about the progress of the undergrounding on Gulf Boulevard. Mayor Queen stated that the town had received the cost estimates from Pinellas County and the costs had risen drastically. He said there was a meeting of each town to discuss the costs and the general consensus was that the costs were too high to continue with the project. Mayor Queen said he would be meeting with Bob Stewart, Pinellas County commissioner, to explore possible alternatives.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** MARCH 5 BID OPENING, APRIL 12 REGULAR MEETING, AND APRIL 26, 2007 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES; **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-142**, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE GULF BEACHES PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-143**, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VISION INSURANCE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Queen asked for resolution 2007-142 be removed from the consent agenda. He stated that a three year contract may be premature until the commission determines what the budget cuts will be approved in June. The board agreed to pull the resolution until the July meeting.

Vice-Mayor Knight made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of resolution no. 2007-142. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Curtis and voted upon with the following results:

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried. Consent agenda approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-645** AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DOCKS; AMENDING SECTION 98-361 BY ADDING SUB-SECTION (h); PROVIDING THAT AS AN ACCESSORY USE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOCK SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL A PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PRINCIPAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND USE OF THE DOCK SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL CONSTRUCTION HAS COMMENCED ON THE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.

Vice-Mayor Knight made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2007-645. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion. Mayor Queen explained that this would allow owners to construct the dock once plans have been submitted and use the dock once the house is under construction. Mr. Peck asked to amend the ordinance by inserting the word "structure" after the word "principal".

The board discussed how to handle docks that are existing and a house is demolished. Mr. Peck stated the ordinance could be interpreted to include any lot that does not have the structure including demolitions. Mr. Peck suggested changing the last line of section (h) to read "No use of any dock, including an existing dock, is allowed until construction has commenced on the principal structure". The board agreed to amend the ordinance. There was no public input.

Commissioner Curtis made a motion to approve the ordinance with the requested changes.

Vice-Mayor Knight seconded the motion.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-646:** AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AMENDING CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE II BY CHANGING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TO BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT; CHANGING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX TO BUSINESS TAX; AMENDING SECTIONS 50-35, 62-71, 98-121(h), AND 98-258 h(6) BY CHANGING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TO BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.

Commissioner Curtis made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2007-646. Vice-Mayor Knight seconded the motion. Mayor Queen stated the ordinance change was a mandate from the state.

There was no public input. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried.

3. **ORDINANCE 2007-647** AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ON THE BEACH; AMENDING SECTIONS 74-87 AND 74-92 PROVIDING THAT RENEWAL PERMIT REQUESTS DO NOT HAVE TO HEARD BY THE BEACH ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING.

Vice-Mayor Knight made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2007-647. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion.

Mayor Queen stated this ordinance provides if there are no changes, renewal applications would come directly to the board of commissioners instead of being heard by the beach advisory board. Any new applications, or any changes to existing businesses, would continue to go before the beach advisory board.

There was no public input. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Abstained
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried.

**4. ORDINANCE 2007-648 AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION; AMENDING SECTION 30-31(c)10 CHANGING THE END OF CONSTRUCTION FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. FIRST READING**

Vice-Mayor Knight made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2007-648. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion.

Mayor Queen stated the hours of construction were listed as different ending times in two sections of the code. This ordinance changes one section to make it consistent throughout the code.

There was no public input. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried

**5. MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Queen spoke regarding the June special session of the legislators to work on the property tax issue. He explained the "one size fits all" solution does not work for all municipalities. He stated there are many issues and a lot of compromises to make.

Mayor Queen went over resolution no. 2007-144 regarding a settlement with Brown and Brown insurance. Mr. Peck stated the attorney general had investigated Brown and Brown and determined they had unreported compensation. A settlement had been agreed to and the resolution would allow the town to receive \$674.13 from the company for policies the town had been carrying.

Vice-Mayor Knight made a motion to approve resolution no. 2007-144. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion.

There was no public input. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
Vice-Mayor Knight	Yes		

Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Knight urged those in attendance to look at their TRIM notices when they are received for the percentage of taxes going to the school board. He stated part of the assessment was mandated by the state and the billing would be approximately 30% less if the mandated section were removed. He added the legislators had instead raised the amount.

Vice-Mayor also commended the emergency response services for North Redington Beach in their excellent service on three past occasions.

Mayor Queen spoke briefly about the new trash service. He stated the service was improving after the initial month of the contract and if anyone had issues, to let him or town hall know.

Vice-Mayor Knight spoke about the regulations on crosswalks. He stated he had heard from two people about being warned for not crossing in a crosswalk when they were crossing at a legal intersection. Mayor Queen replied that he would put together an info sheet, to be distributed to every special detail deputy, outlining procedures for the town.

Commissioner Curtis discussed a tourism meeting that he attended at the Wine Cellar. He stated Pinellas County was proposing an increased density for tourist facilities from 50 units to 75 units. He added he felt the public should be aware this was an upcoming subject.

Vice-Mayor Knight explained to those present how the Pinellas Planning Council determined the ration used in the proposed formula for density based on size of lot, approval by local municipalities, developer agreements and plans. Vice-Mayor Knight reiterated that all local governments have the ability to approve or deny the increased density for their municipality.

The board discussed that many hotel rooms have been lost over the past several years. They also discussed the economic and physical impact of increasing density. Vice-Mayor Knight stated each government needed to look beyond the "high density" at all of the safeguards that have been implemented.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mari Campbell, CMC  
Town Clerk*