REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2007

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 – 164TH Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida.

Mayor Simons called the **Regular Meeting** to order.

Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Bradbeer	X	
Commissioner Peck-Epstein		X
Commission Steiermann	X	
Commissioner Deighton	X	
Mayor Simons	X	
Town Attorney Salzman	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	

Agenda approved with all ayes.

The following people spoke in **Public Forum:**
Gladys Rock, Gulf Blvd. and *Anna Wiggers, 2nd. St. East* commented on the success of Hurricane Insurance Mitigation seminar.

REPORTS
Public Safety – Commissioner Peck-Epstein absent.

Building – Commissioner Bradbeer
- Nothing to report.

Public Works - Commissioner Steiermann
- We had the final walk through with Pepper Construction, Mark Davis and TBE for the Watershed Management Project Phase I.
- Town had the 1st preconstruction meeting with W. Jackson & Sons and TBE.
- The 6th Street triangle work is completed.
- Mark Davis has cleaned up over 3-1/2 dump trucks of debris from this past weekend storm.
- Discussion to put on tonight's agenda, the issue of Public Works Director, having the town truck on a 24 hour basis, during hurricane season. Item was put under **NEW BUSINESS, item 'a'.**

Finance – Vice Mayor Deighton
- In response to Neighborly Care Network request letter, Clerk is to verify prior year donations to the organization.
- Contacted the JAG, (Criminal & Office of Justice) grant people. There is a grant available, for a limited amount, application deadline is June 29. If we apply and are awarded the funds, we could possibly use to pay for a shift of a deputy.
- The Pinellas County Culture, Education and Leisure Grant, if we apply we may be able to use the monies for a comfort facility at one of the parks.

- I am requesting a check ($100) to cover the registration fee for the Suncoast League of Cities annual conference.
- We are moving forward with the budget process for 2007-08. Public Works and Town Clerk who will have submitted their numbers by the end of the week. The transition from Quickbooks to Fund balance is almost complete. We will to have the millage rate into the County by July 24.

Mayor Simons

- At recent Big C meeting, Dick Fletcher, meteorologist, made a good presentation of being hurricane ready.
- Senator Jones and Representative Frishce spoke about current legislation.
- Hurricane insurance mitigation meeting on June 2nd was successful, despite the weather conditions, Carol Everhardt is willing to conduct another seminar in the near future.

Attorney Salzman

- The Fountaine vs. Maniotes case will have a hearing on Thursday, June 7. I will keep you updated.
- I will follow up with the Melton vs. Town dismissal ruling.

Town Clerk – Janina Patrus

- Town Spring Newsletter should be in the mail by June 15.
- We have added a basketball, to our available town sports equipment.
- Suggestion on method for securing the property room files: would be to relocate them to a climate controlled, off site location. Have the Finance Committee seek grants to facilitate microfiche of the files.
- Office computers each run independently of each other, suggestion is to buy external drives and back up each computer. During evacuation hardware is removed to higher level and software can be taken away.
- Mark Davis and Town Clerk, in coordination with Public Safety Commissioner, are preparing a hurricane readiness workshop for Wednesday June 27, at Town Hall.
- Newly hired Deputy Clerk Melissa Clarke will be starting Thursday, June 7. Nicole Mitchell, our 'temp' for the past six months will be leaving on June 14.
- Recent Workmen's Comp rating gave the Town an excellent rating of .94, awarding us 10% credit on our base premium

Jim Hoffman, Finance committee.

- Finance Committee reviewed and unanimously elected to move the Town checking account from Bank of America to Fifth Third, thereby gaining more interest on returns.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to approve May 15, 2007 Regular and Workshop Meeting minutes, with minor correction.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Bradbeer			X		
Commissioner Peck-Epstein					X
Commissioner Steiermann		X	X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Meeting minutes adopted with four affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Transfer of funds to interest bearing account. Vice Mayor Deighton reported that the Finance Committee did all the work. Their recommendation was to move the funds and earn up 5.25% vs. the .10% earned presently.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2007-12
A Resolution of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach Transferring Town Funds to Fifth Third Bank; Providing for Signatories; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Attorney read the resolution header. In order to obtain the best return in service, the Town chose to transfer checking account funds from the Bank of America to the Fifth Third bank, effective no later than August 1, 2007. **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Bradbeer to adopt. Open for discussion. Question asked, as to what amount the funds would be insured? Comment by *Dale Arfman, Finance Committee* that this is not the same as a personal account, the statute states that it is collaterally backed. No further Public comments and no further Board discussion.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Bradbeer		X	X		
Commissioner Peck-Epstein					X
Commissioner Steiermann			X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution 2007-12 adopted with four affirmative votes.

Resolution 2007-13
A Resolution of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach Entering into an Agreement with W. Jackson & Sons Construction Company for Completion of the Watershed Management Plan – Phase II Improvements; and Providing for an effective Date.

Attorney read the resolution header. The Town awarded a bid to W. Jackson & Sons Construction in the amount of $1,162,592., for Phase II improvements. Resolution will be effective immediately upon its passage.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to adopt resolution. Open for discussion. *Gladys Rock, Gulf Blvd.,* asked is this was put out to bid. Reply yes, W. Jackson & Son was the lowest reasonable bidder; their references were verified and recommendation made by TBE. No Board discussion.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Bradbeer			X		
Commissioner Peck-Epstein					X
Commissioner Steiermann		X	X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution 2007-13 adopted with four affirmative votes.

Resolution 2007-14
A resolution of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach Adjusting the Refuse Fees for Town Condo to $16.08; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Attorney read the resolution header. Resolution is to equalize the condo billing rate on refuse. Effective date is July 1, 2007, to facilitate the County budget process.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to adopt. Open for discussion.

Vice Mayor Deighton said that the resolution was the result of discussions with Pinellas County Utilities to equalize the Town condo billing fees. Discussion of the Waste Services contract and their invoices to the Town.

Mayor reiterated that we have two issues under discussion. The Waste Services contract rates are not under discussion today. This resolution is to equalize the condo unit billing fees at $16.08, making the Town billing more equitable. We can put the contract issue in the June 19 agenda. Commissioner Bradbeer and Vice Mayor Deighton could meet and review the Waste Service contract and the billing rates to the Town.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Bradbeer				X	
Commissioner Peck-Epstein					X
Commissioner Steiermann		X	X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution 2007-14 adopted with three affirmative votes.

a. **Motion** made by Commissioner Steiermann and seconded by Vice Mayor Deighton to permit Mark Davis, Public Works Director the use of the town truck on a 24 hour basis, till the end of hurricane season, to enhance his response time to Town needs.

Board and Public discussion. Vice Mayor Deighton and Commissioner Steiermann agreed the Public Works director needs to have the truck on the 24 hour basis during hurricane season, since he is responsible for code enforcement, emergency response and public works clean up. This past weekend's storm was a good example. Commissioner Steiermann asked that the Attorney look into the policy of Town truck use.

Commissioner Bradbeer wants to see the truck use limited to only when a hurricane or storm is forecasted. Public comments: *Paul Warren, Gulf Blvd.; Gladys Rock, Gulf Blvd.; Sam Maniotes, Redington Dr*.; *Jim Hoffman, Redington Dr; and Ann Wiggers , 2nd St. East* all commented on the Public Works Director usage of the Town truck.

Mayor Simons said he is concerned with the welfare and safety of the Town. Mark Davis is the emergency coordinator as well as the Public Works Director and Code Enforcement officer. His work in these areas demands the use of the truck. I support this and ask do we want to put this on the June 19 agenda?

Mayor Simons presented an administrative ruling: In the event of a tropical storm, a tropical depression, high tides or hurricane forecasted for this area, the Mayor will authorize Mark Davis to take the truck home, and make himself available for response.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mayor Simons commended our temporary Clerk, Nicole Mitchell on her achievements and contribution to the Town and extended a warm Town welcome to newly hired Deputy Clerk Melissa Clarke.

No further Business, **Regular Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Adopted: ____________________ ______________________________

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk RMC