



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING**

March 4, 2008

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, March 4, 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	

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Peck-Epstein to approve the Agenda as amended. Agenda amended to move item 'a' under NEW BUSINESS to follow right after Agenda approval. **Agenda approved with all ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **2006-07 Audit review**, Gil Hernandez of Valiente Hernandez Public Accountants – Auditor reported that the 2006-07 audit went efficiently thanks to the assistance of Deputy Clerk Clarke, Town Clerk Patrus and Vice Mayor Deighton. The towns change to Fund Balance software was a good move; and the competent personnel helped make for a smooth process.

There were no findings to report. The Management letter is a formality that has to be supplied with each audit. Any findings from 2005-06 have been corrected. The process of correction was noted as 'partial' because the audit period ended September 30, 2007; only three months after the hiring of Deputy Clerk Clarke and change of software. At this time the issues have been corrected and completed. Thanks went out to the Finance Committee for their review of the draft audit. Final bound copies of the audit will be supplied to the Town.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Bradbeer to accept the 2006-07 audit as completed by Valiente Hernandez. No Public 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		

Motion adopted with five affirmative votes.

PUBLIC FORUM – Non-Agenda Items Only

No Public participation.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Commissioner Peck-Epstein

- Nothing to report

Building – Commissioner Bradbeer

- A resident is applying for permit to build a 5'x30' dock with tie poles. Based on the location and proximity to the neighbors, Commissioner Bradbeer asked if she could meet with the neighbors on both sides to discuss the issue; and if she had to sign off on the permit. Attorney Salzman said you could hold off on the signature, since the new ordinance will be in place within thirty days.

Public Works/ Parks - Commissioner Steiermann

- Mark Davis has done the primary walk through; Phase II construction is completed.
- Preconstruction meeting for Phase III SWFWMD was held last week; Phase III construction will commence March 10th.
- The Redington Drive stormwater drain has been completed. Mark Davis was able to save the Town over \$25,000 on this one project.

Finance- Vice Mayor Deighton

- Finance Committee met and reviewed current rate earnings. With the constant market rate fluctuations, funds may have to be moved from Fifth Third Bank to secure higher interest earning account. Finance Committee will meet next week to look further into the rates at Fifth Third, SBA and Colonial Bank. Attorney said that since the rates are fluctuating so quickly it would be a good idea to set a Special Meeting, to make the decision to transfer funds.
- Discussion at the February 21st Suncoast League of Cities meeting were legislative issues: insurance reform, catastrophic compensation, move to Federal responsibility, referendum on bond issues, uniform sales tax to relieve the property tax and Slamming, a negative option..

Mayor Simons

- BIG-C meeting last week, hosted the three candidates for county property assessor.
- Consensus from Board to issue a Proclamation in April, to name May 2008 Older Americans Month

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Attorney Salzman

- Town of Redington Beach vs. Laura Melton; summons has been served by mail.
- In the Laura Melton vs. Town of Redington Beach case, we are meeting with James Yacavone and Mark Davis tomorrow to go over the points in the case. Florida League of Cities, our insurance carrier, hired James Yacavone to defend.

No Boards or Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA Approval of Workshop and Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2008 ; and Bill List for week ending February 29, 2008. Under Consent Agenda, Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to approve Consent Agenda minutes from Workshop and Regular February 19, 2008 meeting; and Bill List for week ending February 29, 2008.

	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 and Bill List approved with five affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Twin Towers Committee report** – Zoe Roseman, chairperson reported on meeting of Twin Towers committee and the Park Board. Recommendation of Park Board was to locate the sculpture in Friendship Park. Request tonight is for the Board of Commissioners to approve the location site. Board discussion as to the donation of the sculpture, safety of the structure, location and cost of maintenance. Approximate size of the entire unit would be 12' by 12'.

Comments were heard from Marilyn Barber, as Park Board member about moving the lion sculpture (presently in Friendship Park) closer to the entrance and placing the Twin Towers in its place; and the landscaping plan.

Public comments were heard from Rob Epstein for providing an engineering study on the stability of the sculpture; Charlotte Martin and Dorothy Connelly on the presence of a New York City memorial in Redington Beach Florida. Ken Markgrif, Madeira Beach, retired New York City firefighter said that this was not a memorial to New York City, but to the 3,000 people killed that day in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

Attorney Salzman said this donation was not setting precedent. A donation of an exact same sculpture from a protected class in the same identical style would have to happen in order to come to that decision. We will need an engineering study as to the structure integrity of the sculpture. The Town will take on the maintenance; a budget line item can be created to support the future maintenance through Twin Towers fund raiser.

Mayor closed public discussion. Board again reviewed the Public comments; Mayor asked for Motion. **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton to accept the sculpture of the Twin Towers for placement in Friendship Park with the contingency that approved drawings, engineering structural study and permits are presented to the Park Board, and then to the Board of Commission for approval; motion seconded by Commissioner Steiermann.

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

Motion passed with three affirmative votes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2006-007 audit moved to prior the Public Forum.
- Gulf Beach Holiday Halfathon, to be held December 14, 2008. Mayor Simons read through the request. No Board discussion. **Motion** made by Commissioner Peck-Epstein and seconded by Vice Mayor Deighton to approve. Halfathon will be on Sunday December 14; Gulf Blvd. road will be closed from 7:25 a.m. through 7:45 a.m.

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

Motion passed with five affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION 2008-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SBA (a) ACCOUNTS, STORMWATER, CAPITAL
AND GENERAL TO FIFTH THIRD BANK RESPECTIVE ACCOUNTS; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Salzman read the resolution by title. Vice Mayor Deighton explained the need to create an audit trail in the transfer of funds from SBA to Fifth Third Bank. No Board discussion.

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

Resolution 2008-12 adopted with five affirmative votes.

No further Business, **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to **adjourn**. All ayes.
Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Adopted: _____

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk RMC