TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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, July 15, 2008, 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 Simons led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Fox		X
Commissioner Drillick	X	
Commission Steiermann	X	
Commissioner Deighton	X	
Mayor Simons	X	
Town Attorney Lokenauth	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	

Commissioner Fox absent, on vacation.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Drillick to approve Agenda as amended. Under OLD BUSINESS, item (b) Melton case was added. **Agenda approved with all ayes.**

PUBLIC FORUM – Non-Agenda Items Only

Bob Lasher, PSTA Community Relations Manager spoke to the Board and Public of the upcoming increase in fares and route changes. The Suncoast trolley will not be affected. Mr. Lasher answered questions from the Board.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Commissioner Fox

- Nothing to report.

Buildings– Commissioner Drillick

- Nothing to report.

Public Works& Parks- Commissioner Steiermann

- Nothing to report.

Finance– Vice Mayor Deighton

- Deferred his report to agenda items on SWFWMD and the millage rate.

Mayor Simons

- Nothing to report.

Town Clerk

- Reminded Public of Voter Education session at Redington Shores Town Hall on Wednesday July 16.
- Clerk asked for articles for 2008 Summer newsletter.

Attorney Salzman

- Deferred his report to agenda item, status of the Melton case.

Boards or Committee reports

- **Zoe Roseman, Twin Towers committee** – as project progresses, it is noted that the sidewalk adjacent to the park is not handicap accessible. Twin Towers committee is asking the Town to bring the sidewalk into compliance. Estimate cost is approximately $1,000. Money is in the budget and the Town has a responsibility to provide handicap access to all public areas. Consensus was to have Mark Davis oversee the sidewalk changes in time for the dedication.

- **Ed Fernandez, Planning Board chairman –** the Board has completed the review of the comprehensive plan. A Public Meeting will be held on Monday August 4; then it will go before the Board of Commissioners.

  Public Notice will be posted to replace a member and two alternate members.

CONSENT AGENDA: Bill List for week ending July 11, 2008, Regular July 1, meeting and Special July 3 meeting minutes were approved with a Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Drillick to approve the consent agenda.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Fox					X
Commissioner Drillick		X	X		
Commissioner Steiermann			X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Motion passed with four affirmative votes.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. SWFWMD planning for future phases. The Finance Committee, in the process of preparing the budget, considered the amount of money available to finish up the SWFWMD project. Original plan was budgeted for Phase I through III; Phase IV and V were anticipated but not budgeted. The FC was amenable to expenditure by the Town of an additional $100,000 on the project, if we could confirm the bank balances of the Town to at least $2,200,000. This would imply a total project cost of $200,000 when combined with matching SWFWMD funds.

Mark Davis has prioritized 5 town sites that, once completed, would finish off the stormwater project. We are asking TBE to redesign Phase IV to accommodate these sites. Once the redesign has been completed and approval received from SWFWMD, we can move ahead. Mayor Simons spoke with Richard Mayor of SWFWMD and said that they would consider a re-design as submitted by TBE.

Discussion by the Board: as to the location of these specific sites, the need to put storm drains below sea level grading and the possibility that some of the drain-off issues were related to road problems created by the county. Mayor Simons said that Mark Davis would be doing an elevation study of the 5th Street site and verify it with TBE.

b. Melton case – Attorney Lokenauth discussed letter received from Attorney Yacavone regarding the Melton litigation. Meltons have proposed to pay $10,000 on the fine and build a seawall. Attorney defined the Board's options: decline the entire proposal, accept the proposal or make a counter proposal. Board, Attorney and Public discussion. Presently the Melton fines exceed $60,000, building the seawall is a priority, however, based on the past practice of the Meltons how can we obligate them to complete the project.

Public comments were heard from *Ed Fernandez, 161st Ave.,* he questioned if they could get permits to build the seawall. Response was that permits were issued. *Paul Warren, Gulf Blvd*. recommended that Board take Commissioner Drillick's suggestion that moneys be put in escrow to cover cost of building a seawall with a performance bond; and set milestone dates and a completion date. *Dorothy Connelly, Redington Drive*

Board directive to Attorney was that the seawall was the priority, that once a seawall was built, Board would negotiate the fine. Seawall commencement and completion with in 90 days was added to the statement..

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adoption of tentative 2008 millage rate.

Mayor Simons explained that this was just the tentative millage rate, when submitted could be lowered but not raised. Final millage rate is adopted prior to budget adoption.

Vice Mayor Deighton said the Finance Committee based the ad valorem revenue on last year's millage rate of 1.9410. This will result in lower ad valorem collections because the properties in the Town have lowered assessment value this year. The Tax Assessor had suggested a roll back rate of 2.235; by using the roll back figure, we would have maintained last year's amount of ad valorem revenue. The result of using the same millage on reduced assessments means a reduction on the taxes residents pay to the Town. We worked the budget with reduced revenue figures. We were able to project a surplus of approximately $150,000.

Regarding funds available for completing the Town's capital projects the following numbers were presented:

Total funds:	$2,892,290
Phase III –	316,000 for completion
Phase IV -	100,000 est.
Causeway construction	175,000 est.
Firehouse reconstruction	82,000 est.
Total	673,000
Balance of	**$2,219,290**

A quote of $165,000 has been received for north seawall replacement excluding permitting fees. The Town could safety run two years on the two million dollars.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2008-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE TOWN EMPLOYEES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney read the resolution by title. Vice Mayor Deighton and Town Clerk Patrus, said that the change to United Health from Florida League of Cities was to facilitate employees having a wider network of providers and less out of pocket expense. No further discussion. **Motion** made by Commissioner Drillick and seconded by Vice Mayor Deighton to adopt Resolution.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Fox					X
Commissioner Drillick	X		X		
Commissioner Steiermann			X		
Vice Mayor Deighton		X	X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution passed with four affirmative votes.

Resolution 2008-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF 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 Lokenauth read the resolution by title. Vice Mayor Deighton explained that this was the usual transfer of funds from SBA to 5/3 Bank. Till the SBA 'b' fund amount is completely transferred to the SBA 'a' account, we will still transfer via a resolution. **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Drillick

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Fox					X
Commissioner Drillick		X	X		
Commissioner Steiermann			X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution passed with four affirmative votes.

Resolution 2008-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE ~~TAXES~~ FOR PINELLAS COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney read the resolution by title. Town Clerk will make the verbiage correction. No Board discussion**. Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Steiermann to adopt. Town Clerk will prepare DR 420 Millage report and submit. Roll Call vote:

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Fox					X
Commissioner Drillick			X		
Commissioner Steiermann		X	X		
Vice Mayor Deighton	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Resolution adopted with four affirmative votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

No further Business, **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Drillick to **adjourn**. All ayes. **Regular Meeting adjourned** at 8:10 p.m.

Adopted: ____August 5, 2008_________

_____ JANINA PATRUS, RMC_______

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk RMC