



TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 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, November 18, 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 Salzman	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the Agenda. **Agenda approved with all ayes.**

PUBLIC FORUM – Non-Agenda Items Only

Gladys Rock, Gulf Blvd. – Ms. Rock cited Chapter 12 Section 3 of the Town code: trees, shrubs and vegetation; stating that the house at 15612 Gulf Blvd. is in violation of the code.

Tom Dorgan, 3rd Street East – Mr. Dorgan said that the library cuts, reduced their evening hours from 6 to 1 hour.; this inconveniences people who work and can't go make it to the library during the day. Mayor Simons will talk about the library hours in his report.

Poul Madson – 6th Street – Mr. Madson said that he wants to see white road striping along 4th street; as an alert to drivers approaching the STOP sign. Mayor Simons said that Mark Davis has a schedule for street signs to be replaced with new reflecting signs as mandated by the State DOT.

Robert Gomez, Redington Drive – Mr. Gomez arrived during OTHER BUSINESS. He expressed concern that he spent thousands of dollars building a concert driveway and fencing to store his boat and residents are allowed to park boats and trailers in driveways; he wanted to know if the law was changed. Mr. Gomez asked if there was a plan for repaving town roads; and he wanted to inform the Board that trash and yard debris was being dumped on vacant property lots.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Commissioner Fox

- Compliments to Pinellas County municipalities for their proactive pedestrian safety programs.

Buildings– Commissioner Drillick

- Nothing to report

Public Works& Parks– Commissioner Steiermann

- Stormwater project clean up is continuing as is the restoration phase; the staging area on 155th Street will soon be cleaned up.

Finance– Vice Mayor Deighton

- Reported on the revenue and expense figures of 2007-08 budget vs. actual.

Mayor Simons

- Mayor asked for a volunteer for the Wednesday Dec. 10 house lighting and the Sunday Dec. 14 boat judging to represent Redington Beach. Commissioner Fox will be a judge at the boat parade.

- Mayor reported that the library board appointed an interim director. During library budget discussions, they eliminated 2 staff positions and made a plan for developing a volunteer program. In the process of installing a core of volunteers they will look into adjusting the library schedule.

Town Clerk

- Reported that election campaign for March 10, 2009 opens on Dec. 1, 9:00 a.m. and ends noon Dec. 19; this election will be for mayor and two commission seats, for a two year term.
- Tree lighting is set for Saturday Dec. 6 in the Town Park, special guest arriving.
- Free Christmas wrapping paper is available at Town Hall, totally 'green' made from recycled paper.
- Town quarterly newsletter will be published in mid December.

Attorney Salzman

- In the Melton case, there is a request for a shade meeting with Attorney Yacavone and the Board. We will schedule a court reporter to take verbatim minutes; these would become Public upon close of litigation; proposed time is Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. prior to Board Regular meeting.

Board and/or Committee reports:

Ed Fernandez, Chairman Planning Board - Nancy Smith is drafting the response to the Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA), the changes were minor. The next round will be a Board decision on the response, at a Public Meeting. We are looking at possibly finalizing this before the end of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA: Bill List for week ending November 14, 2008 and Regular October 21, 2008 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve. Consent Agenda approved with all ayes.

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

Motion passed with five affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Appointment of alternate member to the Park Board, John Miller – Marilyn Barber, said the Park Board highly recommends the appointment of John Miller, as a 'younger' new member. **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton to appoint John Miller to fill the position of alternate on the Park Board replacing Zoe Roseman, term expiring August 6, 2009, 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		

Motion passed with five affirmative votes.

NEW BUSINESS

RFP for attorney services – Commissioner Steiermann led the discussion, after two years the attorney fees are the Town's highest expense; we should shop around. Board discussion ensued, with comments that it is a good practice to do a periodic review of attorney fees. Comments were heard from the Mayor and Board. A review of the present contract states the Town would have to give a 90 day notice before termination. Consensus was to go for a Request for Proposal, (RFP) for a municipal lawyer. **Motion** made by Commissioner Steiermann to move forward with sending out an RFP for legal service, seconded by Commissioner Fox.

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

Motion passed with four affirmative votes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2008-37

**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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Salzman read the Resolution by title. Vice Mayor Deighton said at this was the procedure the Board followed whenever a financial transaction was made, to track it by resolution. The SBA still holds approximately 53% of the investors funds for distribution, based on 90 day and 180 day notes. **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Drillick to adopt Resolution 2008-37.

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

Resolution 2008-37 passed with five affirmative votes.

ORDINANCES 2nd and FINAL READING, 1st Reading on October 21, 2008 and publication on November 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA SUBMITTING TO THE TOWN ELECTORATE, REFERENDUM QUESTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH CHARTER SECTION 5, TOWN OFFICERS GENERALLY, (b) SALARIES (1) COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND (2) COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONERS; INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR FROM \$100 A MONTH TO \$200 A MONTH; INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONERS FROM \$50 A MONTH TO \$300; SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION A BALLOT ON MARCH 10, 2009; ESTABLISHING THE QUESTION TO APPEAR ON SAID BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance No. 08-13 was adopted at 1st reading on October 21, 2008 and published on November 2, 2008. Attorney Salzman read the Ordinance by title. This is the 2nd and final reading of Ordinance proposing a referendum question for the March 2009 ballot, amending the Town Charter to change the compensation for Mayor and Commissioners. Mayor Simons said per the Town Charter, the question can be brought to the ballot by citizen initiative or Board decision. Mayor said a few months ago resident Paul Madsen spoke of the need to increase the board salaries; at Board October 7th meeting a comparison was done of several Barrier Island boards salaries, it was noted that Redington Beach's was the lowest. It has been over 32 years since the Board compensation has been adjusted. We have a hard working group of people, a good staff and have created a positive culture. We certainly don't do this job for the money. Mayor opened the discussion. Positive comments were heard from the Commissioners. Public comment from Marilyn Barber, Redington Drive – said she very much supported this move, our Town Board is compensated the lowest salaries in the entire area, we want to see them at a level with the other towns.

Attorney said that once the Ordinance is adopted, he would draft the referendum question, which by statute is limited to 75 words.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Fox to adopt Ordinance 08-13 on its 2nd and final reading. Roll Call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 08-13 passed on its 2nd and final reading with five affirmative votes. Ordinance will be effective and referendum question written by Attorney and submitted to the election board, to be listed for the Town March 10, 2009 election ballot.

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

Adopted: December 16, 2008

JANINA PATRUS, CMC
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