



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2009**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the **Workshop** Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, was held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 – 164TH Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida.

Mayor Simons called the **Budget Workshop Meeting** to order.

Mayor Simons led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Fox		X
Commissioner Drillick	X	
Commissioner Steiermann	X	
Vice Mayor Deighton	X	
Mayor Simons	X	
Town Attorney Salzman	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	

Commissioner Fox is absent. Present were Deputy Clerk Clarke, from the Finance Committee: Jim Hoffman, Tom Dorgan, Gladys Rock and Keith Oeste and from the Park Board: Bob Fay, Peggy Akery and Mary Campbell.

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

PUBLIC FORUM – Non-Agenda Items Only

No Public Participations.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Workshop for Board review of the proposed 2009-10 fiscal budget. Mayor Simons turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Deighton.

REVENUES

Fund 101 General Fund

Vice Mayor Deighton went over the revenues. Town millage rate will not be increased from 1.9410; therefore we will see a reduction in Ad Valorem Taxes of approximately \$65,000 from last year's budgeted amount. Overall the Town did not see a drastic devaluation of property, as did adjacent towns. No discussion nor Public comments.

EXPENDITURES

Dept. 511 Legislative - No changes

Dept. 512 Town Clerk and Dept. 513 Finance & Admin

Discussion whether town employees would get a salary adjustment for COL and/or merit increase. Vice Mayor Deighton said the Finance Committee had again this year declined to make a recommendation for salary adjustments. The Committee believes that it is the decision of the Board. Committee noted that the COL over the past year, as reported for the month of May, has declined by 2%. Discussion by the Board ensued: Commissioner Drillick and Mayor Simons were not in favor of any increase due to the economic climate. Commissioner Steiermann said 2% would be adequate. Open for Public discussion. Comments were heard from: Charlotte Martin, 2nd St. East; Poul Madsen, 6th St. ; Keith Oeste, Redington Drive; and Leslie Peck Epstein, 3rd St. All comments were that yes, the Town had good employees, but these are hard times and no salary adjustments should

be given. Vice Mayor Deighton said the proposed budget has a surplus, even with the increased salary figures. Since no decision is being made in the Workshop, consensus was to write in a 2.5% increase for each employee.

Dept. 513 Finance & Admin – No changes

Dept. 514 Legal Counsel

Vice Mayor Deighton said upon Finance Committee review, it was recommended combining all charges be included in the \$3,000 monthly retainer or to reduce the hours to 15/month at \$150/hour (\$2,250) and have all additional billings at the \$150/hour rate. In the past few months the General invoice averaged 11 hours. per month. Attorney Salzman said he would discuss this option with his partners.

Dept. 521 Law Enforcement and Dept. 522 Fire Control – No changes.

Dept. 524 Protective Services

524.421 Reduction of the Attorney fees from \$20,000 to \$10,000

Dept. 539 Dept. of Public Works

539.200 Temp Help – DPW was eliminated and funds allocated under 572.340 Landscaping Expense

Dept. 541 Roads & Streets

541.212 Pedestrian Median was changed from \$250 to \$0.

Dept. 571 Library – No change

Dept. 572 Parks and Recreation

572.340 Landscaping Expense will cover the outsourced help for lawns and landscaping

Dept. 573 Board of Parks & Recreation – No Changes

Dept. 600 Replacement Reserve

Vice Mayor Deighton said that the \$93,000 in 600.600 Roads & Streets is a flexible figure that will fluctuate based on the amount remaining once the budget is balanced. Funds allocated on items that have matured will be lower since they are fully funded.

FUND 300 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Line item will be added for the purchase of a pavilion for the Town park, at an estimate cost of \$20,000.

FUND 400 STORM WATER

535.468 Maintenance Storm Drains and 535.540 Clean Drains & Lines, will be combined into account totaling \$2,000. A new line item will be made for: Maintenance of CDS lines and \$1,200 allocated.

No further business, **Motion** made by Vice Mayor Deighton to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Drillick. Workshop session was **adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Adopted: August 18, 2009

Janina Patrus, CMC

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