



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY AUGUST 7, 2012**

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 August 7, 2012 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Dorgan	X	
Commissioner Will	X	
Commission Deighton	X	
Vice Mayor Steiermann	X	
Mayor Simons	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	
Town Attorney Daigneault	X	

AGENDA – Mayor Simons requested NEW BUSINESS item (a.) Gulf Beaches Library is moved to follow Public Participation, to be followed by OLD BUSINESS item (a.) FDOT pedestrian crosswalks. Motion made by Commissioner Deighton and seconded by Vice Mayor Steiermann to approve the amended Agenda; Agenda approved with all ayes.

NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NEW BUSINESS

a. Gulf Beaches Library annual status - Library Director Maggie Cinnella reviewed the new budget figures and related some statistics to the Board. Redington Beach's portion of the library new fiscal budget will be \$21,384, this equates to approximately \$15 per each Redington Beach library member. This slight increase over 2011 figures is to offset a reduction in funding from the Pinellas County Library Coop and to subsidize, long over-do capital improvement projects. On behalf of the Town and Board, Mayor Simons thanked Director Cinnella for her report.

OLD BUSINESS

a. FDOT pedestrian crosswalk medians on Gulf Blvd. – Meagan McKeaque and Sergio Quevedo, HNTB Corp., the design firm for FDOT and Jill Wehle from County DOT, presented the amended proposed pedestrian refuge islands for Gulf Blvd. Mayor Simons said that Public Board meetings were held in January and February 2012 reviewing the initial design. The input from the Public and Board over this time, caused the FDOT to modify the design. DOT did a study of Gulf Blvd., mapping the residents driveway, the turn lanes, the location of present crosswalk and the volume of pedestrian traffic; now the modified plan will be presented.

Town is unique in being a residential community; therefore most pedestrians in Town are residents as opposed to visitors; if present crosswalks are totally removed (painted over), the Town pedestrian traffic volume would not warrant replacements of the crosswalks.

Board discussion reached no consensus as whether to remove the crosswalks entirely or go with the proposed modified version of concrete pedestrian islands, which would have flashing light beacons installed on four sides of each crosswalk.

Public comments were heard from residents for the pros/cons of removing the crosswalks, educating pedestrians; and concerns for the safety of pedestrians using the crosswalks. Dialog continued to the use of the town center 'turn lane' where these concrete islands would be located. The turn lane is at times, used by landscape trucks and delivery vans; used by drivers to wait to make a turn on to the side avenues or U turns; in all, the concerns were about the safety of pedestrians, residents and drivers. The raised medians have been amended in size and repositioned, in most instances south of the avenues; and with the addition of the flashing lights, it will add to the safety/visibility of pedestrians crossing Gulf Blvd.

A decision needs to be made on what crosswalks if any will be eliminated from this design. Mayor said there would be no vote tonight, based on tonight's discussion the item would be put on the Board August 21 agenda for a vote on whether any crosswalks would be removed. Presently there are six in the amended design excluding 161st Avenue traffic light. All were in agreement that safety is the major concern, and education of pedestrians and drivers is needed.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Commissioner Dorgan

- Nothing to report.

Building – Commissioner Will

- Nothing to report.

Finance – Commissioner Deighton

- The Town Finance Investment Policy is in final draft, Attorney Daigneault will be preparing a Resolution for Board adoption at the August 21 meeting.

Public Works & Parks - Vice Mayor Steiermann

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Simons

- Nothing to report.

Town Clerk Patrus

- Wizard Electric will start replacement of Town hall lighting fixtures, Thursday August 9.

Attorney Daigneault

- Nothing to report.

No Board and Committee Reports

CONSENT AGENDA - Motion made by Commissioner Dorgan and seconded by Commissioner Will to approve the Consent Agenda; Consent Agenda approved with all ayes.

- a. Board Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop minutes from July 17, 2012
- b. Bill List week ending August 3, 2012
- c. Public Works/Code Enforcement Summary Report for July 13 – August 2, 2012

OLD BUSINESS

- b. Review of the proposed 2012-13 budget – Commissioner Deighton reviewed the transfer

in/out moneys that will be vouchered into reserves; with over \$200,000 put into reserves the Town is in good financial standing. No Board discussion at this time; consensus was that budget was ready for September hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

b. Request for replacement of American flags on Gulf Blvd. – Vice Mayor Steiermann explained to the Board that winds from recent Tropical Storm Debby damaged and ripped off most of the American flags hung along Gulf Blvd. The quote from Florida Flag and Pennant Company is to replace 30 poles and brackets; there is money in this year's budget. No further discussion, Motion made by Vice Mayor Steiermann and seconded by Commissioner Dorgan to buy the replacement poles, flags and brackets from Florida Flag and Pennant, at a price not to exceed \$1,077.

	Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Dorgan		X	X		
Commissioner Will			X		
Commissioner Deighton			X		
Vice Mayor Steiermann	X		X		
Mayor Simons			X		

Motion passed with five affirmative votes.

No **OTHER BUSINESS**, Motion made by Commissioner Deighton and seconded Commissioner Will to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Adopted: August 21, 2012


Janina Patrus, CMC TOWN CLERK