



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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 **Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm**, in Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach Florida.

Mayor Will called the **Regular Meeting** to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Cariello	X	
Commissioner Murray	X	
Commissioner Skjoldager	X	
Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk	X	
Mayor Will	X	
Town Attorney Eschenfelder	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Agenda: Mayor Will asked for approval of the agenda. A motion by Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to accept the agenda as presented. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Eschenfelder gave the Oath of Office to Commissioner Cariello, Commissioner Skjoldager and Mayor Will each for a 2-year term.

Appointment of Vice-Mayor: Mayor Will asked for a nomination for Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Skjoldager nominated Vice-Mayor Tim Kornijtschuk. Commissioner Murray seconded. Vice-Mayor Kornijtschuk accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed with all ayes.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Cariello			X		
Commissioner Murray		X	X		
Commissioner Skjoldager	X		X		
Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk			X		
Mayor Will			X		

Appointment of department heads: Mayor Will reported that all department heads will remain in their current positions.

Public Forum: Tiffany Terracciano, 15904 1st St E., requested a crosswalk be returned to the 159th Avenue and Gulf Blvd. area. She reported that this area is used by many pedestrians to get to Beach Park and if a crosswalk was installed the area would be safer. Mayor Will informed her

that when the FDOT installed the traffic light at 161st Avenue and Gulf Blvd., they determined that the existing crosswalk was too close to a traffic light, and removed it.

Barry Steagall, 15816 1st St E., had some comments about short term rentals. Mayor Will encouraged him to listen to the bill summaries first before commenting.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reported there is a parking situation on Redington Drive which may require expanding the current residential-only parking areas to include Redington Drive. The Commission agreed to discuss at a future meeting. He also reported that the handbook given to the Deputies should be updated. He would like to discuss dogs on the beach at a future meeting, to which the Commission also agreed.

Building/Code

- Commissioner Skjoldager reported that she reached out to Tom Walsh regarding the short-term rental ordinance but has not heard back.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello reported that the Gumbo cook-off and parade on wheels was a big success. In addition, the new playground has gotten great reviews. There has been interest in placing a book-exchange box in the 159th Avenue and Redington Drive area, which will be discussed further at the next Park Board meeting. He also reported that Duke Energy installed a light shield free of charge. Lastly, Clearwater Gas will submit a report regarding the gas line intrusions in the stormwater pipes.

Finance

- Vice-Mayor Kornijtschuk reported that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 23rd, 2023. The investment accounts are on track to triple expected investment income.

Mayor

- Mayor Will reported that there has been evidence of Red Tide from Honeymoon Island to Ft. DeSoto and the County will monitor and initiate clean-up procedures if necessary.

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report.

Town Attorney

- Attorney Eschenfelder reported that claim from the vehicle accident with the Public Works truck has been settled. Aqua-Nautik responded to his emails and will fix the intrusion areas at no charge to the Town. Mayor Will thanked Attorney Eschenfelder for his efforts. Commissioner Cariello had more questions about how the project would proceed and requested a workshop to discuss. Mayor Will did not see a reason to hold workshop.

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report.

Library Report

- Nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Board Regular Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2023**
- b. Bill List for Day Ending February 24, 2023**
- c. Proclamation Flood Awareness Week**

A motion by Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk seconded by Commissioner Cariello to approve the consent agenda as presented. No discussion, no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2023 Legislative Session Discussion:** Mayor Will encouraged the residents to contact their Legislators to let them know their opinions about the proposed bills.

Attorney Eschenfelder gave summaries on the following proposed bills:

SB 798 – Prohibits local governments from entering into exclusive franchise agreements for Solid Waste and recycling removal

SB 682 and HB 89– Residential-building permitting process

SB 714 – Vacation rental regulations – removes home rule authority already possessed by local governments

SB 170 – Adoption of ordinances

HB 405 – Municipal elections become partisan elections

HB 37 – Requires local officials to file Form 6

SJR 122 / 469 – Capping property taxes increases to 2% from 3%

SB 102 – Affordable housing and how it affects zoning

HB 41 – Removes referendum process for land development changes

HB 401 – Removes statutory limits on liability for tort claims

Residents had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about each proposed bill. Mayor Will again encouraged residents to contact their representatives.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Adjournment: With no further business, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to adjourn. Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Adopted: March 15, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adriana Nieves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk