



TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024
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, July 3rd, 2024 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
Vice Mayor Cariello	X	
Commissioner Murray		X
Commissioner Thompson		X
Commissioner Kornijtschuk	X	
Mayor Will	X	
Town Attorney Eschenfelder	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Approval of Agenda: A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Vice Mayor Cariello to approve the agenda. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

Brian Mathers, 15719 Gulf Blvd., expressed concern about the 157th Avenue beach access. He feels that the old wooden structure protected Gulf Blvd from flood waters from the Gulf of Mexico and that the new concrete access will not protect in the same manner. He is worried about potential flooding on Gulf Blvd and the properties on the east side of Gulf Blvd. Mr. Mathers also asked if “dredging” sand from beach was allowed. He reported witnessing this action on the beach after a recent weather event.

Mark Freeman, 201 159th Avenue, is concerned about the floods over the past 3 years and believes that the valves installed in 2021 contributed to the flooding and asked for more information about the project.

Gwenne Henricks, 15501 Redington Drive asked what the Town is going to do about short term rentals, since SB 280 was vetoed. Mayor Will explained that the Town has hired a full-time code enforcement officer who will be able to enforce the short-term rental ordinance. She also asked if the Sheriff’s office would be “beefing up” its patrols.

Gwenne Henricks, 15501 Redington Drive, asked if there was any progress about the “petition” that was submitted regarding an amendment to an ordinance to allow sunshades on residential boat docks. Mayor Will noted that he had not seen a petition but if enough people are interested in the idea, the Town could hold a workshop to discuss it.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Nothing to report

Building/Code

- Nothing to report

Public Works/Parks

- Nothing to report

Finance

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Thanked the residents for making calls and sending emails to the Governor's office asking him to Veto SB 280.

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Regular Meeting Minutes, June 5th, 2024

B. Bill List for Day Ending June 28th, 2024

A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Vice Mayor Cariello. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second and Final Reading: Ordinance 2024-04:** An Ordinance Of The Town Of Redington Beach, Florida, Amending § 13-30(e) To Clarify Certain Prohibited Activities On The Beach; Making Related Findings; Providing For Codification, Severability, And For An Effective Date. Attorney Eschenfelder read the ordinance by title only.

A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve Ordinance 2024-04 and seconded by Vice Mayor Cariello.

Mayor Will provided the history behind Ordinance 2018-07, the Customary Use ordinance and explained that Ord. 2024-04 is a result of a request by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to revise the language to make it more clear and easier to enforce. He reported that he asked the condo associations for feedback and as a result, there is a section in the code that enables each condo association to allow tents or canopies on their property.

Public comment:

Unidentified female pressed the Commissioners for the reason behind banning tents.

Debbie Trueblood, 16309 Redington Drive, opposes the tent ban and asked the Commission to change the ordinance to allow tents on the beach.

Pam Greacen, 16120 Gulf Blvd., reported she was opposed to Ordinance 2018-07 from the start and stated she would like to re-address customary use after the ruling.

Camile Menendez, 16208 1st St E, asked for clarification about where the beachfront property lines are.

Sal Licciardi, 16330 Gulf Blvd., Redington Place board member, suggested polling the single-family beachfront properties to see if they would like to allow tents behind their properties.

Sue Kerr, 16332 Gulf Blvd. – opposes the ban on tents.

Dave May, 16308 Gulf Blvd., asked how, if individual condos allow tents, the Sheriff's office will enforce it.

Brian Mathers, 15719 Gulf Blvd., opposes the ban on tents and questioned why the ban exists.

Hoag Ostling, 16308 Gulf Blvd., reported that after surveying the residents of the Breakers, 100% of those surveyed support allowing tents on the entire beach, not only behind the condos.

Tara Wexler, 16308 Gulf Blvd., asked if 30 umbrellas could be put on the beach behind a beachfront house and asked if umbrellas will be banned in the future.

Elena Garcia, 16308 Gulf Blvd, opposes the tent ban and reported that she gathered 498 signatures in an online petition she organized to persuade the Commission to change the ordinance.

Kristy Simon, 15648 Gulf Blvd., opposes the ban on tents.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, asked for the reason behind the ban and suggested the Town clarify the definition of canopy.

Susan Rodgers, 16331 Redington Drive, opposes the ban on tents.

John Simon, 15648 Gulf Blvd., opposes the ban on tents and warned that might cause the relationship between the deputies and tent violators to be adversarial.

Al Alkala, 16308 Gulf Blvd., asked if the Fire Department was consulted before 2018-07 was adopted.

Marcia McClure, 511 161st Avenue, opposes the ban on tents. She warned the Town to be prepared for litigation as a result of this action.

Public comment closed.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion to adopt Ord. 2024-04 was approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Vice-Mayor Cariello reported that the Town's "look back" period regarding the FEMA 50% rule is too vague and recommended adding language to the code to clarify. He expressed concern that leaving the determination solely to the Building Official would be detrimental to the permit application process.

Attorney Eschenfelder explained that the Town has no "look back" period. FEMA does not require a "look back" period. He further explained that the Building Official is trained to determine if homeowners are artificially dividing up their projects to avoid the 50% rule. Attorney Eschenfelder confirmed that the Town's Building Official clearly understands the Town's "look back" period, and will send a memo to the Commission confirming.

- b. Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that in 2022, Dee Runyon was hired as an Administrative Assistant. Since that time, her duties have developed into those of a deputy clerk. Commissioner Kornijtschuk recommends compensating her accordingly and officially changing her title. Commissioner Kornijtschuk motioned for this change. Vice Mayor Cariello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Adopted: August 7, 2024



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk