



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 6th, 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, November 6th, 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	
Building Official Bill Hudson	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:

Pamela Gracean 16120 Gulf Blvd. asked about the plan to reopen the beach accesses. She reported the debris is creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mayor Will informed her that the plan would be announced as soon as they are formulated.

Jim Hoffman, 15910 Redington Drive Thanked the Commission and the Town staff for their hard work during and after the recent hurricanes.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reported that there is a lot of Pinellas County Sheriff Deputies present in the Town to keep property safe.

Building/Code

- Commissioner Thompson reported on the current situation in the Building Department. He noted that the Building Official, Mark Vasquez, is out on medical leave and our Building Department reached out to Safebuilt for staffing needs. Safebuilt has provided a temporary Building Official, Bill Hudson, until a more permanent replacement could be found. Commissioner Thompson noted that the permitting process is slow due to the staffing shortage and the volume of applications. He reported that work to make the structure safe, secure, and sanitary would still require a permit, but that permit can be obtained after-the fact without penalty.

Public Works/Parks

- Vice-Mayor Cariello reported that Pinellas County has already cleaned out the storm drains along Gulf Blvd. He also reported that the last day for storm-related debris removal will be Friday, November 8th, 2024.

Finance

- Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that the Town has already spent about \$500,000 on debris removal costs. He also reported that the Town will work closely with FEMA for reimbursement.

Mayor

- Thanked the staff and the other organizations that helped in the recovery after the hurricanes.

Town Clerk

- The Town Clerk reported the resignation of Deputy Clerk, Dee Runyon, whose last day will be December 5th. She reported that the vacancy would be posted later that week.

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report

Boards and Committees

- Tiffany Terracciano, Park Board Chair reported that because of the damage to the power poles from the hurricanes, that the holiday lighting contract be amended to install the angel lights only on Gulf Blvd., and not on the interior streets, as has been done in recent years. Vice-Mayor Cariello suggested that the Town can try to negotiate with the Lighting company. Consensus of the Commission to move forward with the negotiation. Chairperson Terracciano agreed to take the lead.
- Library – Mayor Will reported that the Library is still closed due to damages from the hurricanes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Bill List for Day Ending October 25, 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

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2024-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR SIGNATORIES AT VALLEY BANK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Eschenfelder read the resolution by title only. Mayor Will explained that the signatories on the Town's bank account need to be changed when a Commissioner leaves and a new one begins their term. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to adopt resolution 2024-08, second by Vice Mayor Cariello. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ratify INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH FOR SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE INSPECTIONS**

AND ASSESSMENT DATA ENTRY. Mayor Will explained that the interlocal agreement is necessary to obtain additional resources to complete substantial damage estimates for our Town. The Mayor has already signed the ILA but now the Commission must ratify it. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to ratify the interlocal agreement, second by Vice Mayor Cariello. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Interim Building Official Bill Hudson will provide an update on the permitting process.

Mayor Will introduced Bill Hudson, interim building official. Mr. Hudson gave his background and qualifications and reported that he is currently the regional manager for Safebuilt. He reported that the immediate goal was to make affected residents' structures "safe, secure, and sanitary." The next goal is to build back. He explained the need to wait for Substantial Damage Determinations before proceeding with the build back permitting. He stressed the importance of following FEMA regulations after a disaster so the Town's standing in the NFIP would not be in jeopardy. Mr. Hudson explained the Substantial Damage Determination letter process. He reminded everyone that Safebuilt is staffing building departments for several cities around the state of Florida, and that they were looking around the state for additional staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. None

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Vice-Mayor Cariello. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Adopted: December 4th, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adriana Nieves", is written over a horizontal line.

Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk