



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 5th, 2025
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 5th, 2025 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 Rob Peebles	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.

Oath of office for Mayor and 2 Commissioners:

Attorney Eschenfelder administered the oath of office to Commissioner Cariello, Commissioner Thompson and Mayor Will.

Appointment of vice mayor: Mayor Will opened the nominations for vice mayor. Commissioner Kornijtschuk motioned to appoint Commissioner Thompson as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Cariello nominated himself as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Murray seconded Commissioner Kornijtschuk's motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

Appointment of department heads: Mayor Will kept all currently held department heads the same: Finance – Commissioner Kornijtschuk, Parks and Public Works – Commissioner Cariello, Public Safety – Commissioner Murray, Building and Code – Vice Mayor Thompson.

Public Forum:

Luca Terracciano, 15904 1st St E, requested commission approval for a project. He described the "trash bucket tree" he would like to install at 2 beach accesses. The "trees" consist of a 5 gallon bucket with a 4x4 post attached, and 2 smaller 2 gallon buckets attached to that. The concept is for anybody to be able to use the smaller buckets to pick up trash, then leave the filled buckets on the tree. The commission approved the request.

Susan Rodgers, 16331 Redington Drive, asked Mayor Will to reply to the rumors on social media that FDEM would no longer help our Town if we asked for help. Mayor Will assured her that the rumors are false. Ms. Rodgers also asked about the April 9th deadline for permitting. Rob Peebles, Building Official, reminded her that there needs to be an honest attempt to apply for a permit. He reported that structural safety and health safety were of the utmost importance.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reported on a plan to complete substantial damage estimates using town residents, trained to use the SDE tool, should the need arise post-flooding event. Mayor Will supported the idea and noted that, like the debris removal after Hurricane Helene, we should be our own saviors.

Building/Code

- Vice Mayor Thompson reported that on 2/25/25, he and other Redington Beach officials met with FDEM director Kevin Guthrie to discuss ways to improve the permitting process. An idea was proposed to reduce the FEMA regulations for substantial improvement. Vice Mayor Thompson also reported that he spoke with the head of the Safebuilt organization, who confirmed that it is difficult to find qualified people to fill positions as building officials and inspectors.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello thanked the Park Board and Park Board chair Tiffany Terracciano for putting the Mardi Gras event together. He reported that 80-100 people attended. Mayor Will also thanked the Park Board for their efforts in providing a fun event for the residents.

Finance

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Nothing to report

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Bill list for day ending February 28th, 2025

B. Minutes for regular Commission meeting of February 5th, 2025

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

NEW BUSINESS

Building Official Rob Peebles gave new stats regarding numbers of SD letters issued. He also explained about potential code compliance cases and noted that they are trying to hire additional staff.

Nari Persad, 16007 5th St E, asked about his elevation project, which was started prior to Hurricane Helene.

John Laratta, 16400 Gulf Blvd, asked for an update on the permit for Redington Reef.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, asked where the fines collected for unpermitted work go. He asked since Redington Beach code enforcement is issuing the stop work orders, shouldn't the money for the fines be directed to Redington Beach.

Sue Ferenc, 15524 Redington Drive, elaborated on how faulty the Tidal Basin data collection was, and requested the town use "Option 1" instead of "Option 2".

Denise Stonik, 15535 Redington Drive, reported that her substantial damage was 68%, and the Tidal Basin data is flawed.

Jeff Fuller, 15515 Redington Drive, reported that he met with Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty. He suggested that residents get new appraisals for their homes.

Jim Hoffman, 15910 Redington Drive, does not support hiring a new building department at the present time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Cariello requested the town approve the purchase of a new tractor for the public works department. The old tractor was flooded and could not be repaired. The cost of a new tractor is approximately \$40,000. Attorney Eschenfelder suggested obtaining 2 more quotes for similar tractors. Commissioner Cariello motioned to authorize the town to purchase a new tractor not to exceed \$40,000.00. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Cariello reported on a potential property acquisition by the Town. Vice Mayor Thompson supports moving forward with the acquisition. Attorney Eschenfelder noted that there are FEMA grants available to assist the town with property acquisitions and would provide more information at the next meeting.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Vice-Mayor Thompson. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Adopted: April 2nd, 2025



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk