



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 7th, 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, August 7th, 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	
Town Planner Linda Fisher	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:

James Hoffman, 15910 Redington Drive, asked for an update of the suit brought upon the town by Vitaliy Kravchenko in November 2022. Attorney Eschenfelder reported that his office filed a motion for summary judgement in 2023, the petitioner filed his response, and the judge still hasn't issued the order. Attorney Eschenfelder explained that the suit challenges the constitutionality of the Town's vehicle sign code.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Nothing to report

Building/Code

- Commissioner Thompson introduced Marquis Fitzgerald, Code Enforcement Officer, to both the Commission and the residents. Code Enforcement Officer Fitzgerald gave a brief summary of his qualifications and desire to help the town's residents. Commissioner Thompson also introduced Mark Vasquez, building official for the newly formed Redington Shores Building Department. Commissioner Thompson reported on the parking in the swale issue. He noted that the building code contains regulations regarding swales and asked Building Official Vasquez to look into it. Attorney Eschenfelder suggested the town look further into the swale issue town-wide.

Public Works/Parks

- Vice Mayor Cariello reported on Shenandoah Contractors – no progress has been made.

Finance

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Thanked the clerk's office and the public works department for their efforts during Tropical Storm Debby.

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Regular Meeting Minutes, July 3rd, 2024

B. Bill List for Day Ending August 2nd, 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. Millage Rate:** Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that the Finance Committee met and recommended keeping the town's millage rate the same at 1.8149%. Jim Hoffman, 15910 Redington Drive, Finance Committee member, mentioned that the Town is frugal and careful with its spending. He commented on the reserve balances and how they need to be increased to keep up with inflation. A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to set the tentative millage rate at 1.8149%. Seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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

- B. Second and Final Reading: Ordinance 2024-02:** An Ordinance Of The Town Of Redington Beach, Florida, Amending The Town Of Redington Beach Comprehensive Plan, Pursuant To The Evaluation And Appraisal Process Of Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, And The Amendment Process Of Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Adopting New Goals, Objectives, And Policies, And Maps As Presented Herein Below; Providing For A Copy To Be Kept On File; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Attorney Eschenfelder read the ordinance by title only.

Linda Fisher, Town Planner, reviewed the state requirement for amendments to the comprehensive plan. The first reading of ordinance 2024-02 was heard in April. After the

ordinance is adopted, the comprehensive plans goes back to the state for 1 more review. The commission requested a few changes to the proposed comprehensive plan. Ms. Fisher agreed to add neutral language and to strike a certain section of the plan.

Leslie Wilkins, 505 161st Avenue, suggested the comprehensive plan focus on things the residents of the town use - biking, pedestrians and motor vehicles.

A motion by Commissioner Murray to adopt Ordinance 2024-02. Second by Vice-Mayor Cariello. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Pinellas County Sheriff's office contract** - Mayor Will explained the contract is for law enforcement services through the Pinellas County Sheriff's office. The code enforcement section has been removed because the town hired a full-time code enforcement officer. A motion by Commissioner Murray to approve the contract. Second by Vice Mayor Cariello. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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

B. **First reading: Ordinance 2024-05:** An ordinance of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 3 of the Redington Beach Town Code to ban Marijuana Treatment center dispensing facilities in the town; making related findings; providing for codification, severability, and for an effective date.

A motion by Vice Mayor Cariello to approve Ordinance 2024-05 and seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Mayor Will provided the background for the reason for the ordinance. Legalization of marijuana is on the November ballot and Redington Beach wants to be proactive in case it passes. No board discussion. Jim Hoffman, 15910 Redington Drive congratulated the commission on a good decision. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

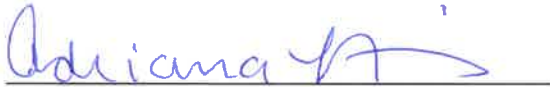
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Commissioner Kornijtschuk			X		
Commissioner Murray			X		
Commissioner Thompson		X	X		
Vice Mayor Cariello	X		X		
Mayor Will			X		

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Attorney Eschenfelder reported that the fees for the Town attorney would be increasing due to inflation, staffing costs and other increased costs. The rate will increase from \$200/hour to \$225/hour. The increase will be done in 2 phases. The rate will increase to \$215 effective October 1st, 2024 with another increase to \$225 effective January 1, 2025.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Vice Mayor Cariello. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Adopted: April 2nd, 2025

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

Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk