



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 2nd, 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, April 2nd, 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
Commissioner Cariello	X	
Commissioner Murray	X	
Vice Mayor Thompson	X	
Commissioner Kornijtschuk	X	
Mayor Will	X	
Town Attorney Daigneault	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Also in attendance were Marquis Fitzgerald, Code enforcement officer; and Rob Peebles, Building Official.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Cariello requested adding an item to the agenda under "Unfinished business" – Property acquisition and discussion. A motion by Commissioner Cariello and seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson to approve the amended agenda. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

David Christ, 16149 4th St E., reported the presence of trespassers at his neighbors' houses and his own and asked for guidance to prevent future trespassers. Commissioner Murray reported that he was informed about other trespassing in the town and reached out to Captain Jackson of the PCSO for advice. Commissioner Murray reported that Captain Jackson advised him that posting a "No trespassing" sign would make it possible for the deputies to remove trespassers. Connie Redman, 16496 Redington Drive suggested telling neighbors when a surveyor, appraiser, etc. are going to be working at their property to avoid confusion.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray's report was given during Public Forum.

Building/Code

- Vice Mayor Thompson reported that there was a special magistrate hearing earlier that week and the written orders would be submitted to the Town when they are available. Vice-Mayor Thompson suggested that residents aware of short term rentals in the town should report that address to Code Enforcement officer Fitzgerald in order to ensure compliance with the Town's Short term rental ordinance. Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive asked if the town will be enforcing the tall grass ordinance. Code Officer Fitzgerald reported that he is being proactive and has sent courtesy notices to several property owners.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello reported that the Park Board is planning the town's 80th birthday party on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, 11am-2pm, in Friendship Park. He also reported that between Moon Park, Beach Park and the 3 beach accesses, repairs will total approximately \$500,000.

Finance

- Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that currently, the town is \$2.3 million over budget due to debris removal expenses. He noted that there is still about \$700,000 left in expenses before the end of the fiscal year. He also noted that the town may see a 20% decrease in ad valorem revenue in the next couple of years.

Mayor

- Mayor Will noted that there are several proposed bills in the state legislature this session that are preemption bills. He cautioned the residents that many of these proposed bills affect local governments and their ability to maintain their current zoning codes. He asked the audience if they were interested in attending a legislative update meeting. The consensus replied favorably.

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Attorney Daigneault confirmed that people need to pay attention to the proposed preemption bills, as some of them address zoning and land use.

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Bill list for day ending March 31st, 2025
- B. Minutes for regular Commission meeting of August 7, 2024
- C. Minutes for first budget hearing of September 4, 2024
- D. Minutes for final budget hearing of September 16, 2024
- E. Minutes for regular Commission meeting March 5th, 2025

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Official Rob Peebles reported that the Redington Shores website has updated stats for permits issued, appeals approved, etc. He reported that the 1206 mission request will not be extended past April 9th, 2025. He explained that the staff working under the 1206 mission request will be released. He noted that some staff may be retained. He reported that the permit office has adjusted its operating hours to keep up with the case load. New hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, and closed to the public on Fridays.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, reported that the wait times to see permit staff in person have been very long. He asked if Redington Beach will continue to use Redington Shores as their building department. His opinion was that Redington Beach would have more control of the process if the town had its own building department.

Vice Mayor Thompson was in favor of having a discussion about the future of Redington Beach's building department services.

Commissioner Murray reported that he had met with Jacobs, an engineering firm assisting Treasure Island with their permitting department and suggested that our building department use them as well. He also confirmed that the ILA between Redington Beach and Redington Shores for building department services contains language that all fees and fines collected by the building department remain with the building department.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, requested refunds to people who were fined for doing work without a permit because they were desperate to get back into their homes.

Roger Kramer, 24 and 26 160th Avenue, reported that his contractor was issued a stop work order for doing work without a permit three hours after visiting the building department.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, asked Mr. Peebles if one of the building inspectors had passed away. Mr. Peebles confirmed that one inspector passed away while cave diving on vacation.

David Christ, 16149 4th St E, asked about properties that have not done any interior demo yet.

Commissioner Murray reported that Kevin Guthrie, FDEM Director, approved the plan to create a substantial damage group made up of town residents. Mr. Peebles recommended creating a committee, to help with funding, appointing a chair, etc.

Property acquisition and discussion

Commissioner Cariello reported on the 2 properties – 16434 Redington Drive, and 16401 Gulf Blvd that are currently for sale. He recommends proceeding with getting an appraisal on both properties and then confirm if the town qualifies for any grants. Mayor Will would like to survey the town's residents to see if they approve the acquisition.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, supports the acquisition of 16434 Redington Drive, but not 16401 Gulf Blvd.

David Christ, 16149 4th St E, supports the acquisition of 16434 Redington Drive, but not 16401 Gulf Blvd.

John Rodgers, 16331 Redington Drive, opposes both acquisitions and asked if the matter would go to a vote of the residents.

Connie Redman, 16496 Redington Drive, noted that she is the listing agent for 16434 Redington Drive and thinks the town would benefit from the dock and boat lift that are present on the property.

Mayor Will would like resident input first and asked the clerk to insert a survey into the next town newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Sand pit discussion

Mayor Will reported that the sand pit in its current location is a nuisance for the residents that live next door to it. He suggested a few options to deal with the problem. Option 1 is to build a new sand area in the soccer field in town park, at a cost of \$17,000. Option 2 is to eliminate the sand bag operation completely. Public comment – Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, suggested using the

parking lot at Beach Park when a storm is imminent for the sand bag operation. Board discussion. Mayor Will would like resident input first and asked the clerk to insert a survey into the next town newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Adopted: May 7th, 2025



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk