



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 9th, 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, July 9th, 2025 at 6:30 pm**, in Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida.

Vice Mayor Thompson 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 Eschenfelder	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Also in attendance was Rob Peebles, Building Official.

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

Public Forum: NONE

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reported that the crime stats for the Town for 2025 look very good so far.

Building/Code

- Vice Mayor Thompson asked Building Official Rob Peebles to give an update. Mr. Peebles reported that 845 permit applications have been received and only 93 have not been issued yet. He noted that this is an 89% completion rate. He also reported that foot traffic and call volume is much lower in recent weeks.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello reported that Seminole Septic is working throughout the Town to inspect the stormdrain system to look for damages caused by Hurricane Helene.

Finance

- Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that the budget for FY26 is in process and the Finance Committee has met once with a second meeting scheduled for the next night.

Mayor

- Mayor Will was absent and did not give a 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 June 30th, 2025
- B. Minutes for regular Commission meeting of June 4th, 2025

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kevin McAndrew, Pinellas County Building & Development Review Services and Code Enforcement discussed the Pinellas County Building Department's permit issuance process. He also highlighted that their services cover unincorporated Pinellas County and seven other municipalities: Belleair Beach, Belleair Bluffs, Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Kenneth City, Safety Harbor, and Oldsmar. Mr. McAndrew noted that Pinellas County issues approximately 28,000 permits annually. Most residential permits have a turnaround time of 14 days from application to issuance, while some "express" permits are issued on the same day they are applied for. He also mentioned that Pinellas County is currently not accepting any additional cities for permit services. Commissioner Murray noted that while quicker permit processing is beneficial, the primary cause of permitting delays has been the SD letters. Mr. McAndrew reported that Pinellas County has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Floodplain Management support. This measure is intended to provide assistance to all 24 municipalities if needed after future events. During the public comment section, Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, sought confirmation on whether Pinellas County would be taking on any additional cities. Mr. McAndrew confirmed that they would not.
- B. Discussion - Substantial Damage appeals process – Attorney Eschenfelder reported that there was some difficulty by the Board of Adjustment members when tasked with appeals from decisions of the Building Official regarding substantial damage determinations. He noted that this process could better be served with a special magistrate as opposed to the Board of Adjustment. Attorney Eschenfelder noted that many other municipalities have a special magistrate to hear their cases. Commissioner Cariello noted that the Board of Adjustment is not the right group to hear these appeals, but added that the special magistrate should have certain qualifications such as a background in construction or a similar field. Commissioner Kornijtschuk agreed that a special magistrate is a better option.

Public comment:

Sue Ferenc 15524 Redington Drive noted that Tidal Basin used bad data and if they had done a better job, there wouldn't be as many appeals to the Building Official.

Brian Mathers 15719 Gulf Blvd expressed his frustration with the post-storm permitting process and substantial damage determination process.

Commissioner Cariello reminded the audience to stay on topic, to speak one at a time and to approach the podium and identify themselves prior to speaking.

Greg Unger 15829 Redington Drive suggested a group of 3 professionals to act as a panel for appeals.

Jim Hoffman 15910 Redington Drive supports a special magistrate.

Derek Malam 4th St E supports a special magistrate.

Susan Rogers 16331 Redington Drive stated that the data from Tidal Basin was inaccurate.

Commissioner Murray supports using a professional as opposed to a special magistrate, however, Attorney Eschenfelder cautioned that finding a lawyer with an engineering degree may be difficult.

Jim Trueblood 16305 Redington Drive asked who carries the burden of proof in the appeals hearing. Attorney Eschenfelder noted that the Town carries the burden of proof.

Commission consensus to authorize Attorney Eschenfelder to draft an ordinance removing the Board of Adjustment and giving the process to a special magistrate.

- C. Special Magistrate Contract – The town’s current special magistrate for code enforcement cases is retiring. A new special magistrate is available. No public comment. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the special magistrate’s contract, second by Commissioner Cariello. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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

- D. Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Contract – No Board discussion. No public comment. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the PCSO contract, second by Commissioner Cariello. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Adopted: August 6th, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adriana" followed by a stylized flourish.

Adriana Nieves, CMC, CFM

Town Clerk