



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 1st, 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, October 1st, 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 Eschenfelder	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	X	

Also in attendance: Tony Bryan, Redington Beach Building Official and Randy Spears, North Redington Beach Building Official

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

Public Forum:

Heidi Bess 16240 Gulf Blvd., opposes the entire STR ordinance. Ms. Bess also voiced her concern about the “cell tower” being constructed at Redington Reef. Ms. Bess was assured that any construction meets permitting guidelines.

James Hoffman 15910 Redington Drive, complimented the Town for the improvements to the Beach Parking lot.

6. FY24 Audit report presentation: Brad Weininger, from Clifton Larson Allen LLP thanked the Town for allowing his firm to provide audit services again. He noted the internal controls section, specifically note 2024-001. He reported that the audit found overall compliance, as detailed in the management letter submitted with the audit report. Mayor Will thanked Mr. Weininger and CLA for their hard work.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reminded all about Public Safety Day to be held on October 25th, 2025.

Building/Code

- Vice Mayor Thompson read Code Officer Fitzgerald's report on code enforcement statistics over the past month. He also reminded residents to submit addresses of short-term rental activity they observe to Officer Fitzgerald to ensure compliance with the Town's regulations. Vice Mayor Thompson also reported that Redington Shores will be terminating its Building Department services and plans to use a different organization to provide these services moving forward.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello reminded all about Trunk or Treat to be held on October 25th, 2025. He also reported that the event to celebrate the opening of Beach Park was well-attended but added that Public Works is looking into installing a railing at the Beach Park stairs to enhance safety.

Finance

- Commissioner Kornijtschuk was absent.

Mayor

- Mayor Will gave an update on the bill to remove Redington Beach from the PSTA tax. He mentioned that Representative Linda Chaney did not fully support the potential bill and needed to be encouraged.

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Nothing to report

Boards and Committees

- Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Bill list for day ending September 26th, 2025
- B. Minutes for regular Commission meeting of August 6th, 2025

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Contract for Building Department services:** Representatives from Safebuilt Tom Walsh, VP of Operations and Jessica Adkins, Business Development, introduced the Commission and those present to Randy Spears, who will become the Town's new Building Official effective November 10th, 2025. The public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the contract. Mr. Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive asked about how private providers affect the proposed fee schedule. Mr. Walsh noted that there would be a 15% reduction in overall fee charged if a private provider was being utilized. Mr. Unger also questioned where "after-the-fact" permit fees would be directed to – the Town or Safebuilt? Commissioner Murray and Vice-Mayor Thompson supported directing all "after-the-fact" permit fees to the Town. Following this, Mr.

Walsh and Attorney Eschenfelder recommended approving the contract while continuing to refine the permit fee schedule to ensure it is agreeable to all parties. Mr. Unger also raised several questions, specifically concerning the type of software utilized by Safebuilt and the storage location of paper documents previously submitted to the former Building Department.

No further public comment. A motion by Commissioner Cariello to approve the contract between the Town of Redington Beach and Safebuilt to provide Building Department Services and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

- B. Waste Connections Contract Extension:** No Commission discussion. No public comment. A motion by Commissioner Cariello to approve the contract between the Town of Redington Beach and Waste Connections to provide Solid Waste Collection services and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

- C. Final reading and adoption of Ordinance 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE VIII (SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATION) OF THE TOWN CODE TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE FOR OWNERS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

No Commission discussion. No public comment. A motion by Commissioner Cariello to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Board appointment: Commissioner Cariello recognized the only applicant for the vacancy, Mr. Benjamin Kirk. Mr. Kirk addressed the Commission and noted that he felt called to serve the Town after Hurricane Helene. Consensus of the Commission to appoint Mr. Ben Kirk to the Parks and Recreation Board as a full member.

B. Resolution 2025-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2025 PINELLAS COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS) PLAN; MAKING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN FUNCTION AS THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH'S FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Will noted that the Town has adopted the LMS plan in the past in order to comply with Floodplain Management regulations.

No Commission discussion. No public comment. A motion by Commissioner Cariello to adopt Resolution 2025-05 and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

C. First reading of Ordinance 2025-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING § 6-83 AND REPEALING § 6-84 OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Attorney Eschenfelder noted that this ordinance releases setting permit fees in an ordinance and instead allows the fees to be set by resolution. This new procedure offers more flexibility should fee changes be necessary in the future.

No Commission discussion. No public comment. A motion by Commissioner Cariello to adopt Resolution 2025-05 and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

- D. Resolution 2025-06: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A NEW BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution was deferred until the next Commission meeting on **November 5th, 2025.****

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Will reported that shark fishing from the beach has become a problem in neighboring beach communities. Attorney Eschenfelder provided background on Redington Shores' shark fishing issue and confirmed that the Town has the authority to ban this activity from its beaches if it chooses to do so.

Vice Mayor Thompson, Commissioner Cariello and Commissioner Thompson all support an ordinance to ban shark-fishing from the Town's beach. No public comment. Consensus of the Commission to authorize Attorney Eschenfelder to draft an ordinance to ban shark fishing from the Town's beach.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cariello and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Approved: November 5th, 2025

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

Adriana Nieves, CMC, CFM

Town Clerk