



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 4th, 2024
Immediately following the Budget Hearing**

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, September 4th, 2024 immediately following the budget hearing**, in Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida 33708.

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 Meyer	X	
Town Clerk Nieves	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:

Mary Cariello, 16001 2nd St. E. added background to the public forum item from the previously held budget hearing regarding the space occupied by both the Garden Club and Santa's Angels above the Public Works building. She reported that the Garden Club and the RBPOA shared the space and allowed Santos Angels to store signage in a designated area. Eventually all 3 groups grew and each needed ample space to store their items, leading to the RBPOA items relocating to a different part of the building downstairs. Santos Angels expanded their operations and eventually claimed most of the space. Mrs. Cariello reported that the Garden Club would like to increase the amount of space they are provided as well as repair parts of the floor. Mayor Will reminded her that the Building Official, Mark Vasquez agreed to inspect the area and report his findings.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray reported that Public Safety Day would be held on October 26th, 2024 and included representatives from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Madeira Beach Fire Department, and sponsorship by Duke Energy.

Building/Code

- Nothing to report

Public Works/Parks

- Vice Mayor Cariello submitted a report he compiled to become part of the record of the meeting. He then highlighted parts of the report he felt were the most important.

Finance

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Nothing to report

Town Clerk

- Nothing to report

Town Attorney

- Attorney Meyer reported that the customary use lawsuit has been appealed. No further details were available.

Boards and Committees

- Tiffany Terracciano 1st St E. Park Board chair, reminded the commission about the Trunk or Treat event which follows the Safety Day event on October 26th. She also requested approval to replace the rubber tire mulch currently part of the playground at Town Park with artificial turf, similar to the kind present in a different part of the playground. She presented the commission with 3 quotes from vendors. She also reported that she received a request from a resident on 6th St to improve the "island" in the cul de sac near their property. She asked for clarification as to the responsible town entity to direct these types of issues. Vice Mayor Cariello suggested she bring her ideas to the Commission and together with input from Park Board members, they would discuss and decide the best solution. Commissioner Kornijtschuk reminded her that the request for funding would not get approved until the next fiscal year budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Special Meeting Minutes, July 24th, 2024
- B. Bill List for Day Ending August 28th, 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. **Second and Final 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. Attorney Meyer read the ordinance by title only. A motion by Vice-Mayor Cariello to approve Ordinance 2024-05, second by Commissioner Murray. Mayor Will noted that this ordinance was in response to the potential approval by voters in November for the legalization of marijuana in the state of Florida. The ordinance was approved 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. Clifton Larson Allen, LLP Contract for FY24 Audit Services

Finance Commissioner Kornijtschuk reported that CLA has acted as the Town's audit firm for several years and their work is satisfactory. He reported that although the rate is increasing, he recommends approval of the contract. No public comment. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the contract, second by Commissioner Murray. Motion was approved with all ayes.

B. Trask Daigneault, LLP Contract for FY25

Mayor Will reported that the firm was doing a great job representing the Town in various legal matters. No public comment. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the contract, second by Commissioner Murray. Motion was approved with all ayes.

C. Forward Pinellas Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Will reported that Forward Pinellas is a valuable resource for the Town to provide assistance in planning aspects county-wide. No public comment. Motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the contract, second by Commissioner Murray. Motion was approved with all ayes.

D. Discussion about swales and parking

Commissioner Thompson gave some history regarding swales and noted that parts of the current code should be amended to allow for a better understanding of swales and swale maintenance. He also noted that many swale areas in the town have filled in over time, either as the result of the property owner's actions or a natural occurrence. Commissioner Cariello reported that some properties have paved the swale area and created additional parking areas. Mayor Will reminded the Commission that these swales were installed in the early 1990s and should be improved if possible. Commissioner Thompson highlighted some details from the section of the Town's code dealing with swales and driveways and offered ways to improve those sections. The consensus of the Commission to move forward with amending the swale section of the code.

Mark Freeman 201 159th Avenue supports improving the swales in town.

E. Discussion about project manager for valve project

Mayor Will gave some background regarding the valve project and the difficulties it has presented. He noted hiring a project manager would make project completion more efficient. Vice-Mayor Cariello reported that Aqua-Nautik installed some of the WaStop valves incorrectly and that Shenandoah was hired to repair the faulty valves. He further reported that these repairs were not all successful, but that Shenandoah should have the opportunity to complete the repairs under warranty. He noted that a project manager was unnecessary as he had a good relationship with Shenandoah and felt he is able to see the project through to completion. Commissioner Kornijtschuk supports hiring the project manager. Commissioner Thompson supports hiring a project manager. Commissioner Murray noted that finding the right person for the project manager was important but supported hiring a project manager.

Bob Fronstin, 15542 Redington Drive opposes hiring a project manager due to the expense. Mayor Will noted that the cost is time and materials based, not to exceed \$28,000.

Mary Cariello, 16001 2nd St E opposes hiring a project manager without going through the bidding process.

Charles Goldstein, 16208 3rd St E, opposes hiring a project manager.

Leslie Wilkins, 504 161st Avenue supports hiring a project manager to bring in a new perspective.

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the agreement to hire a project manager, second by Commissioner Kornijtschuk. Motion was approved 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		

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Murray reported that after speaking with some residents, he supports removing the PSTA tax. Mayor Will announced that the survey results regarding the elimination of the PSTA tax received a lot of support. The Commission requested the Town attorney draft a resolution to request removing the tax, which, after being adopted, will go to the State legislature for the actual removal.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Murray. Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Adopted: May 7th, 2025



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk