



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 5th, 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, November 5th, 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: Linda Fisher, Town Planner; and Victoria Christopher and Paul Featherston from SAFEbuilt.

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:

Leslie Wilkins, 505 161st Avenue, asked the Commission if they would consider raising the building height to allow for higher garage floors. Ms. Wilkins suggested 5 additional feet, bringing building height to 35 feet.

6. Madeira Beach Fire Chief and Interim City Manager Clint Belk – Chief Belk reported on statistics of calls to Redington Beach and on community events that the Fire Station participated in. He also reported on the new Redington Beaches EMS station, which will reduce call times.

Reports:

Public Safety

- Commissioner Murray thanked all the Public Safety Day participants – PCSO, MBFD, the Bat-Mobile, and town staff.

Building/Code

- Vice Mayor Thompson read Code Officer Fitzgerald's report on code enforcement statistics over the past month. He also encouraged residents to apply for building permits.

Public Works/Parks

- Commissioner Cariello reported that Trunk or Treat was a great time for all. He also reported all three beach accesses were fully repaired and open.

Finance

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Nothing to 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 October 31st, 2025
- B. Minutes for regular Commission meeting of October 1st, 2025
A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to approve the consent agenda. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Linda Fisher, Forward Pinellas – Proposed Zoning Code update**

Ms. Fisher presented on the zoning code update. Ms. Fisher's report highlighted some of the notable aspects of this update.

Commissioner Murray asked Ms. Fisher about setbacks for eaves as well as asking if an elevated structure can retain the same "footprint" as the original structure. Attorney Eschenfelder reminded the commission that setbacks could be discussed at a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cariello asked Ms. Fisher if the 4.5 feet for stairways in the setback area could be increased to 6 feet.

Public comment:

Jim Hoffman 15910 Redington Drive expressed concern that reduced side setbacks would make it harder for emergency vehicles to respond to an emergency in the rear yard.

Leslie Wilkins 505 161st Avenue reported that the Planning Board discussed emergency response when they discussed the zoning code update.

The Board reached a consensus to move forward with the zoning code update.

- B. **Final reading and adoption 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 read Ordinance 2025-03 by title only. A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to approve Ordinance 2025-03. No board discussion. No public comment. Motion carried 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		

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 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. Attorney Eschenfelder read Resolution 2025-06 by title only. All Commissioners agreed with the fee schedule. Commissioner Murray asked for clarification of the after-the-fact permit fees, as the current language was vague. Paul Featherston, Safebuilt, explained how the after-the-fact permit process works. Attorney Eschenfelder recommended changing the language to read, ***“Shall be (2) times the normal permit fee, With the base fee retained by the building department and remainder plus \$150 investigation fee remitted to the town.”*** Mr. Featherston agreed to the change. No public comment. A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello to approve Resolution 2025-06. Motion carried 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		

- B. First reading of Ordinance 2025-04:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, CREATING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE TOWN CODE RELATED TO SHARK FISHING; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Attorney Eschenfelder read Ordinance 2025-04 by title only. A motion by Commissioner Cariello and seconded by Vice-Mayor Thompson to approve Ordinance 2025-04. Mayor Will explained that this ordinance will help keep the beach and swimming safe for all. No further Commission discussion.
Public comment:
Pam Greacen, 16120 Gulf Blvd., asked if the Town would be adding signage to reflect the update.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

- C. Resolution 2025-07:** Budget amendments. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Attorney Eschenfelder read the Resolution by title only. A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to adopt Resolution 2025-07 and seconded by Commissioner Murray. No Board discussion. No public comment. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

- D. Planning Board Appointment:** One application was received for the vacancy of an alternate member of the Planning Board. Beth Swain, 16105 Gulf Blvd., expressed her desire to serve on the Planning Board. Consensus of the Board to approve Ms. Swain's application as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

- E. Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and Local Governments for Post Storm Recovery Efforts:** Mayor Will explained that this Interlocal Agreement is an added layer of security if there is another disaster and the Town needs mass Substantial Damage estimates and other post-storm recovery activities. Although the Town has another plan in place for SDE, it benefits the Town to have an alternate plan. A motion by Commissioner Kornijtschuk to approve the ILA and seconded by Commissioner Cariello. No Board discussion. No public comment. Motion carried 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		

- F. Contract for Audit Services by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP:** Mayor Will reported that CLA has been the Town's auditors for at least 10 years. Commissioner Kornijtschuk recommended approval for this contract but suggested the Town should explore other companies to see if there are any cheaper options. Attorney Eschenfelder reminded the Commission that per Florida Statute, an "audit selection committee"

would need to be created to look for prospective auditors. Consensus of the Commission to approve the contract with CLA for auditing services for FY25.

- G. Town Hall roof replacement estimates:** Mayor Will explained that the roof was aging and replacement was recommended. Staff submitted estimates from 3 roofing companies for a shingle roof replacement. Commissioner Kornijtschuk proposed getting estimates for different roofing materials, such as metal, etc. in order to compare life spans. Consensus of the Commission to table the roofing replacement decision until more estimates are submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Will reported that the Town's building height limit of 30 feet above BFE should be discussed, since several residents have brought the issue to his attention. He further explained how the 30 feet was calculated. Leslie Wilkins, 505 16th Avenue explained how adding 5 additional feet would benefit many residents who are rebuilding after the flood. Commission discussion about BFEs and building heights.

Greg Unger, 15829 Redington Drive, reported that the 30 foot restriction makes it difficult to build a modern structure with a roomy garage and higher ceilings. He approves adding 5 feet additional to building height.

Mayor Will asked Attorney Eschenfelder to confirm that this change would not need to go to referendum. Attorney Eschenfelder reported that since this is making the code less restrictive, it would not go to referendum.

Jim Hoffman 15910 Redington Drive opposes the additional 5 feet as it could limit water views of neighboring houses.

Consensus of Commission to gather more feedback from residents before moving forward with an ordinance to increase building height.

- B. Greg Unger discussed the potential refund he was due from the building department for fees he was overcharged. Attorney Eschenfelder requested Mr. Unger send him all the documentation to see if he is due a refund.

Commissioner Murray reported that there are beachfront homes with a lot of vegetation growing on the sand which he feels may not be allowed. Attorney Eschenfelder requested that staff send pictures of the growth for his opinion.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kornijtschuk and seconded by Commissioner Cariello. Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Approved: December 3rd, 2025



Adriana Nieves, CMC, CFM

Town Clerk