



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2005 MINUTES**

Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall Building, 190 – 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida.

Those present were: Mayor Bill Queen, Vice Mayor Jerry Knight, Commissioners Curtis Blocker and Gary Curtis
Others in attendance were Joe Baldanza, Charlie Brown, Henry Browning, Jeannie Carlson of the Beach Beacon, Ray Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Curtin, Ted Dahl, Bo and Steve Freidman, Marilyn Hall, Phyllis Johnson of the Clearwater Sun, and Steve Suzanski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Queen led the group in the symbolic pledge to the American flag.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Mr. Novak asked about the traffic on Gulf Boulevard, which Mayor Queen addressed later in the meeting. He also opined that the perfect house to take by eminent domain would be Miller's house on North Bath Club Blvd. Mayor Queen answered with his belief Mr. Miller is working toward getting started again on the house.
2. Mr. Suzanski noted Hurricane Dennis caused a lot of beach erosion and ascertained NRB will be part of the Sand Key renourishment again. He complimented the Town on the Red Tide fish cleanup.
3. Ms. Hall applauded the Town for having a deputy on the beach during the July 4th celebration, but questioned his methods. Mayor Queen said the patrol wasn't perfect, but more fireworks were confiscated. The numbers of fireworks set off were reduced again this year, so hopefully one day we can stop it completely.

CONSENT AGENDA: JUNE 9, 2005 REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 23, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 30, 2005 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES AND RESOLUTION 2005-107 SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD; SUPPORTING A DISTRIBUTION FORMULA WITH 60% DISTRIBUTION TO PINELLAS COUNTY AND 40% DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN PINELLAS COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Blocker noted the gas tax is not a new tax, but the distribution ratio will be different. With the new ratio, the County will receive 60% of the tax collected and the municipalities within the county will get 40%. This will mean more money for North Redington Beach. The current distribution ratio is 75% County, 25% municipalities. Commissioner Blocker made a motion to pass the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion and the resulting roll call vote was:

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes

Consent agenda approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FRDAP GRANT

Vice Mayor Knight informed the audience the legislature increased the funding for grants and the Town had been awarded a \$50,000 FRDAP grant to enhance Radcliffe Park with picnic benches, water fountains, sod, sprinkler system, etc. Hopefully the work will be completed by late fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REAPPOINT ED FAASEN AND TERRY GRABER TO THE BEACH ADVISORY BOARD FOR TWO YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 21, 2007

Commissioner Blocker made a motion to reappoint the two members to the Beach Advisory Board. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes

Motion carried.

B. APPOINT RAY COOK TO SERVE ON THE BEACH ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 21, 2007

Mr. Cook explained he had interviewed for a spot on the Planning and Zoning Board, but the Beach Advisory Board was his first choice. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to appoint Mr. Cook to the Beach Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Curtis and approved by this call of the roll:

Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes

Motion carried.

B. EXTEND JOE BALDANZA'S ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FROM JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 1, 2005

Mr. Baldanza has graciously agreed to extend his term for three months rather than retiring from this Board. Commissioner Blocker made a motion to reappoint Mr. Baldanza for the three-month period. Vice Mayor Knight seconded the motion and a vote by call of the roll was done with the following results:

Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes

Motion carried.

D. GULF BOULEVARD UPDATE

Mayor Queen read two letters that had appeared in the newspapers about safety on Gulf Boulevard one of which very negative about efforts, or lack thereof, to make the road safer to cross on foot. The second letter was Mayor Queen's response explaining the coming addition of three crosswalks, their placement at the Conch Republic, the Billows Motel and the Beach Access store in areas designed to utilize the medians for maximum safety and the process of education that will be used when they are in place by the end of the year.

Mr. Brown, from the Tides Beach Club spoke of the need to make the crosswalks more visible at night. Florida Department of Transportation considers a push-button cross light a signal and requires specific things be in place before signals can be installed. DOT will do a study after the crosswalks are in place to ascertain if a signal can be placed at one of the crossing areas.

Ms. Curtin mentioned her problem with entering Gulf Boulevard from 171st Avenue now and was concerned with the addition of a crosswalk at that area. Mayor Queen explained the crosswalk will be north of the intersection so that people can cross into a "safe island" in the grassy area of the median. He promised to work with FDOT to make the crosswalks as safe as possible. It was pointed out that FDOT is working with us on this project. Gulf Boulevard, when compared with similar roads throughout the State is a safe road statistically.

E. RED TIDE REPORT

Mayor Queen reported over the past three to four weeks Red Tide has presented itself and the Town has been working to keep the beach area as clean as possible given the cost and manpower constraints.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor Queen read a letter from Tim Condron who lives at the end of 173rd Avenue. He and his neighbors are considering a row of Royal palms in front of their houses along the street and asked if other residents would like to join in the effort to make the Town look better and allay the cost per tree. If anyone is interested they should call Mr. Condron. Vice Mayor Knight cautioned people using the right-of-way for anything other than what it is designed need to be aware they may have to remove obstructions if some designed project is done.
- Progress Energy has estimated the cost to remove 4 poles around First Street and 170th Avenue at \$3,245.27 and put the wires underground. The wires to the individual properties would not be underground. These poles are included in the Gulf Boulevard undergrounding project, but the area would look so much better without having to wait. The money could be taken out of the unallocated money. Vice Mayor Knight made a motion to authorize removal of the poles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blocker. The motion carried as shown in the following vote:

Commissioner Blocker	Yes	Vice Mayor Knight	Yes
Commissioner Curtis	Yes	Mayor Queen	Yes
- Commissioner Blocker explained a little about the Sunshine Law and reported the number of traffic citations was up from eight, when we started, to 30 this last month. He also proudly announced his "graduation" from the Sheriff's "academy".
- Commissioner Curtis noted that people are to use the marked crosswalks after they are installed. Mr. Peck will determine if intersections like the ones in NRB fall under the section of the law that says every four-way intersection is considered a crosswalk where the pedestrian thoroughfare is continued on the other side of the street. Tickets will be given to pedestrians as well as to drivers.
- Each of the volunteers participating in the July 4th festivities was thanked by the Board.
- Undergrounding on Gulf Boulevard is on hold until the Board finds out how much Pinellas County will participate in the costs of beautification. Mayor Queen mentioned he would like to see the three Redingtons done at the same time. There will be a meeting in September with the County on this matter.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon V. Proehl, CMC, Town Clerk