



MEETING AGENDA

January 20, 2009

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 20, 2009
6:00 PM**

Welcome to the City of Treasure Island Commission Meeting. If you wish to speak on a topic which is on today's agenda, a speaker's form [available in the rear of the room] must be completed and given to the City Clerk. Please do not address the Commission from your seat, but rather from the podium where your comments can be heard by all and recorded as required by Florida law. Unscheduled topics may be presented under the Public Comments section of the agenda.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof	
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2
Commissioner Bob Minning – Vice Mayor	District 3
Commissioner Alan Bildz	District 4

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 6, 2009 Meeting and Workshop are available for approval.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Res. 09-01, Retention of Egmont Key State Park by the Florida Park Services
2. Consideration of Res. 09-03, Appointment of a Commission Representative to the Gulf Beaches Public Library Board

G. ADJOURNMENT

Any person desiring to file an appeal to any action taken by the Commission at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may be required to insure that a verbatim transcript is made. Said transcript shall be made by the appellant at his or her expense. The City maintains a video recording of all public hearings. In the event that you wish to appeal a decision, the recording may or may not adequately insure a verbatim record of the proceedings. Therefore, you may wish to provide a court reporter at your expense.

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Bob Minning – Vice Mayor	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz	District 4	Present

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 16, 2008 Meeting and Workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the minutes as printed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Res. 08-105, Final Plat for Residence Inn Marriott located at 11908 Gulf Boulevard, Quasi-Judicial Hearing (Continued from December 2, 2008)

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, explained that she has spoken with Tim Ferguson, the representative for the Marriott, and she is meeting with him tomorrow. She suggests continuing this item until the February 3, 2009 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to continue until the February 3, 2009 meeting. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 6:03 p.m.

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES
January 6, 2009**

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:04 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on Mardi Gras event (Requested by Commissioner Collins)

Commissioner Collins stated that this was going to be a good event for the City. Brighthouse Networks is donating 200 thirty second airtime spots to advertise it. He gave an overview of the various events that would be held during the weekend. This event will be run by the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches. Most of the money will be going to charitable causes. This is the first time this event is being held on Treasure Island, and he hopes it will be an annual event. He gave contact information to purchase tickets to the events.

Mayor Maloof stated that the 21st and 22nd is the date of the Rotary Tennis and Golf Challenge, and the Kiwanis Club was kind enough to move one of their events to accommodate.

2. Discussion of a proposal for hauling yard waste (Information Item)

Jim Murphy, Public Works Director, gave a brief explanation of this item. We currently haul yard waste to the Pinellas County site for a fee. We have received an unsolicited proposal from a company to haul it away and transport it to a location in Hillsborough County. They are proposing to haul it for \$12 per cubic yard. This is an opportunity to save on the \$37.50 per ton tipping fee that we are charged by the County, and saves us the trips to the County facility and the fuel usage for those trips. He has provided the Commission with a spreadsheet analyzing the savings. Our cost per cubic yard is about \$18.16. We have the possibility to save about \$10,000 per year on yard waste disposal. We are proposing to set up a limited arrangement short term contract to try this for a short period of time. We will have to set up a location to transfer the yard waste. We are proposing a location near the lift station. They would pick up the yard waste at a time that is convenient to us. We are proposing to place a new mulch bin in Roselli Park to provide free mulch to residents. The company offering the proposal has agreed to provide free clean mulch.

Commissioner Collins asked if there would be a notification period of they were to stop providing the service. He also asked what would be involved in starting up ourselves again. Mr. Murphy explained that there would be no start up costs to go back as we are already providing the service now. This arrangement would be a short term arrangement that we could cancel at any time. There would be no provisions to allow an extension or any other conditions that would allow the contractor to continue the contract if we are not happy with it. Commissioner Collins asked if we knew the calculations for the yard waste. Mr. Murphy explained how the estimate was arrived at. What makes this deal work is that we get the maximum amount of density for yard waste. Commissioner Collins asked how often they would collect the waste. Mr. Murphy explained that it would likely be once or twice a week. Commissioner Collins asked if rain would make the load heavier. Mr. Murphy stated that we would not be charged by weight, but by the cubic foot.

Mayor Maloof asked if citizens could transport their yard waste to the pick up area. Mr. Murphy stated that they would not.

Commissioner Minning stated that all costs in the estimate were hard costs and asked if labor costs had been estimated. Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of how they would arrive at labor costs.

Mr. Silverboard stated that they are proposing to try this for three or four months to see if it worked well and if we could save a decent amount of money. If so, they would come back to the Commission to authorize entering into a longer term contract. He explained that city crews would still be picking up the yard waste and putting it in a specific place for the contractor to pick it up for transportation. The mulch pile that is currently located by the pump station will be moved to the location at Roselli Park. It would be a location that would be disturbing to the residents in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Minning asked if this works out and is something that we want to pursue, would we need to go out for competitive bid. Mr. Silverboard stated that he didn't think so, as the contract would be for a relatively short period of time. At this time we don't know how it will work in the long term. The contractor contracts with larger companies and with FEMA for disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes, and this is a slow time for him. We anticipate that this would be a year round thing.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the contractor offered this service to other cities. Mr. Murphy stated that he is working with Safety Harbor, and is in negotiations with the City of Clearwater. He has received a letter of recommendation from Safety Harbor.

The Commission agreed to proceed with the program.

3. Discussion on City Commission Representative to the Gulf Beaches Library Board

Mr. Silverboard explained that there are two issues here. We have received communication from Mayor Simonds regarding forming an ad hoc committee to work out a contract for the future. The second issue is deciding whether or not the Commission wants to have one of its members appointed to the Library Board of Directors.

Commissioner Bildz asked if we knew when the ad hoc committee would be meeting. Mr. Silverboard explained that we have not received a schedule yet, they need to have a list of members first. Commissioner Bildz volunteered to represent the Commission on the ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Minning asked if Commissioner Collins had interest in serving on the committee. Commissioner Collins answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Maloof asked if Commissioner Gayton had interest in serving. He stated that he does not.

Commissioner Collins stated that he knows some of the people from the BIG-C meetings.

Mayor Maloof stated that she doesn't know if they will consider continuing the 10% reduction, but we should ask for it.

Commissioner Minning asked if there was still an issue regarding which contract is valid, and if that is something that the committee was going to resolve. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. They will try to make changes to the contract to ensure that all five communities remain members.

Commissioner Bildz will serve on the ad hoc committee. Commissioner Minning suggested that he also serve as a board member for continuity. Mr. Silverboard stated that we currently have two board members, and they will have to decide which member to replace. He will contact both members to see if someone is willing to step down.

4. Res. 09-01, Retention of Egmont Key State Park by the Florida Park Service

Mayor Maloof explained that we received a letter asking for support of the resolution to keep Egmont Key State Park as a part of the State Park service. Commissioner Minning explained that it would still be a state park, but it would not be manned or maintained. There is widespread support to put this back in the state budget.

Mayor Maloof stated that this is a prediction of things to come. She wholeheartedly supports this. The Commission all stated that they support this. This item will move forward to the January 20, 2009 meeting agenda.

5. Res. 09-02, Supporting Special Assessments to Fund Law Enforcement Services

Mayor Maloof explained that Mayor Yakes from Gulfport brought this forward. It would allow municipalities to charge a fee to people who cause accidents to cover the expense of the additional investigations that law enforcement has to do as a result. Item number six goes along with this. The funds in item number six would go to the court system that deals with alcoholism and the services that they provide.

Commissioner Collins stated that it doesn't address child molesters or the additional costs incurred to deal with them. Mayor Maloof stated that the main focus was on accidents which require extra police work.

Commissioner Minning stated that he has discussed this with the City Manager. It is a difficult resolution to understand. He is concerned with the word "initial" in the first paragraph, and doesn't understand how it is different than what we do now. Is this another tax on top of the ad valorem that our citizens already pay? Mayor Maloof stated that this is a fee that the person causing the accident would have to pay. Commissioner Bildz clarified that the term "special assessment" was what Mayor Maloof was referring to as the "fee". Commissioner Minning stated that the way this was written it was a tax.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he doesn't understand the whole meaning of the resolution either. He at first thought that this would take the place of the ad valorem taxes for our police department. Mayor Maloof asked City Attorney Maura Kiefer what her opinion was. She stated that she has spoken to Mayor Yakes about it. She explained that the nature of a special assessment was that it had to benefit property in a particular manner over and above the general things that the city does. She would need more information to advise further on this. She will contact Mayor Yakes' legal staff to discuss it and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission agreed to wait on this item until Ms. Kiefer clarifies it further for them.

6. Discussion on a special alcohol tax

Mayor Maloof explained that this would be a one cent tax per drink. The proceeds would fund court programs related to alcohol abuse.

Mr. Silverboard explained that this is an idea from Mayor Yakes. He is looking for support from other cities.

Commissioner Minning stated that it would be helpful to receive information from both sides when items like this are presented. Mr. Silverboard asked if they wanted to invite Mayor Yakes to a future meeting. Mr. Minning stated that he could be asked to provide information to back up his statements in the letter. Ms. Kiefer will invite him to come to a future meeting to explain the item.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like to see more information before they vote on this. Commissioner Bildz stated that he had seen something on the news about this, and the bar owners were not in favor of it. It adds up to a lot of money.

Mayor Maloof stated that she likes to cooperate with other communities, but we need more information before making a decision.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gayton asked if Ms. Kiefer had information regarding the issue with Cornerstone Bank. Ms. Kiefer explained that she received a telephone call from their attorney today. Cornerstone Bank has declined to reimburse the City for attorney fees. She felt that it would have been fair for them to do so as it would save them going forward with their lawsuit. She has a motion for summary judgment from them. They provide appropriate documentation stating that their lien is superior to the City's. She is convinced that the City will not receive funds from this property. We can sign the settlement agreement and end it, or Mr. Verona will set a date for a hearing for summary judgment later in the month. She feels that the court will agree that the bank's lien is superior. She would prefer to get a summary judgment from the court to establish the superiority of the bank's lien.

Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification as to how long the city's lien would stay on the property. Ms. Kiefer explained that it would stay on the property until the foreclosure. We have requested that our lien remain on the property until the sale of the property and that we receive funds in the event that there is additional money available after the sale of the property. It will be up to the court to decide on that issue.

Commissioner Gayton asked why it took three months for the Commission to be notified of this lawsuit. It is in the contract with the City Attorney that they be notified of lawsuits and expenditures for legal services. He asked why they were not asked for permission to enter into negotiations. Ms. Kiefer explained the process that has been followed and stated that in the future she will see that the Commission receives copies of all summons received. She did not do much on this until after she brought this to the commission. Her contract states that that it is \$500 in costs, which are different from legal fees. She further explained that the only time the Florida League of Cities picks up the tab is when there are damages sought

from the City. Commissioner Gayton read an excerpt from Ms. Kiefer's contract regarding written status reports on a monthly basis and asked that she resume providing them. Ms. Kiefer agreed to do so. Ms. Kiefer asked if they also wanted to see the items that she assists the Police Department with. Commissioner Gayton answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Bildz stated that they have started on the dune walkovers and they look nice. He commended the City Manager and Public Works Department for the professional job that they are doing.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported that our request for rehearing on the federal case was denied. It is back in the Federal District Court in Tampa.

Ms. Kiefer reported that Mr. Irwin has filed an action asking for court action to enable him to get his firearms back.

Ms. Kiefer stated that regarding the St. Petersburg Surcharge Dispute, we are at impasse. She will be serving the City of St. Petersburg and commencing litigation.

Ms. Kiefer gave a brief explanation on the Schwarz foreclosure action by Wells Fargo that is located in Pinellas Park. She will provide the Commission with information each time she receives a summons. Commissioner Gayton asked for the summons and the complaint. She will e-mail them in PDF format via e-mail. Mayor Maloof asked if we knew how many pieces of property he owns in Pinellas County. Ms. Kiefer stated that we don't but we could find out. We could search by his name. Commissioner Gayton stated that he owns four pieces of property in Pinellas County.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Maloof stated that Treasure Island has experienced something new in its history. We have three candidates running for office who have no competition. Commissioner Minning will take office as Mayor on March 17th. Carol Coward will take over as Commission in District 3. Incumbent Commissioner Collins will remain in office in District 1. She congratulated the three candidates.

Commissioner Collins gave a reminder about the beach clean up. He also congratulated the three candidates, and thanked Mayor Maloof for her six years of service as Mayor.

Commissioner Gayton commented that Don and Betty Nolan with assistance from John Burke head up the committee on the beach clean up. They pick up over 450 pounds of debris on the beach each month. He thanked the volunteers for their work.

Commissioner Gayton stated that there has been a sign erected at 104th Ave. and Gulf Blvd. near Publix that is a traffic hazard. It is blocking the view of oncoming traffic. He would like the sign removed.

Commissioner Minning offered congratulations to Carol Coward and Commissioner Collins and thanked Mayor Maloof for her service. He thanked the members of the community that offered him their support and advice.

Commissioner Bildz gave a reminder of the Sunset Beach cleanup to be held this Saturday. They do not keep track of the amount of debris that they pick up.

Mayor Maloof stated that there would be a national salute to hospitalized veterans on Valentine's Day. There will be a concert at the Ford Amphitheatre on Thursday, February 12th. All money collected would be donated to hospitalized veterans. Information will be available at City Hall.

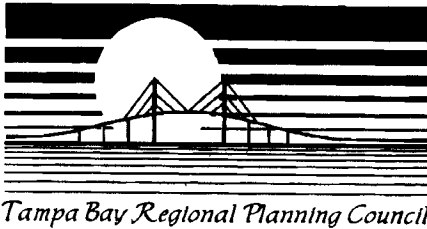
V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Coward stated that she is pleased that the election turned out this way, and said that she looked forward to working with all of them.

Mayor Maloof stated that she thought that Commissioner Collins was a real gentleman. He had considered running for Mayor, but decided to remain where he is. That saved the City \$14,000 in costs.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 7:15 p.m.



Chair
Vice-Mayor Deborah Kynes

Vice-Chair
Commissioner Bill Dodson

Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Jack Mariano

Executive Director
Manny Pumariega

December 9, 2008

Mary H. Maloof
Mayor
City of Treasure Island
10 Paradise Lane
Treasure Island, FL 33706-1129

Dear Mayor Maloof:

At its meeting on December 8, 2008, the members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council voted unanimously to approve the enclosed resolution and to transmit it to the you and the other chief elected officials of the Tampa Bay region, as well as to Governor Crist, the members of the Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation, and the FL Department of Environmental Protection.

The members of the Council feel that the Egmont Key is a very important natural and historic resource in the Tampa Bay region and that it should remain an actively-managed part of the Florida State Park System. It contributes beach nesting habitat for state- and federally-listed bird species and sea turtle species and includes three of the remaining five Spanish-American War gun batteries and associated structures on Florida's west coast. Visited by an estimated 181,000 people each year, it is an amenity that requires vigilant management to protect its ecological and historical features.

Please join the members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in encouraging Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature to retain Egmont Key State Park within the state's park system.

Sincerely,

Manny Pumariega, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Governor Charlie Crist
Members of the Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation
Chief Elected Officials
Secretary Michael W. Sole

Enclosure

MLP/STC



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December 19, 2008

Mary H. Maloof
Mayor
City of Treasure Island
10 Paradise Lane
Treasure Island, FL 33706-1129

Dear Mayor Maloof:

Re: Correction to Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Resolution 2008-6

On December 9th we mailed to you the resolution the Council adopted supporting retention of Egmont Key State Park within the State Parks system. We have discovered a mistake in one of the sections of the Resolution and wish to correct it.

The following is the correct information, which should be included in any action that you or your governmental entity choose to take.

WHEREAS, the estimated annual budget for maintaining Egmont Key State Park at its current level of state involvement is about \$140,000; the calculated direct positive economic impact to the community of Egmont Key State Park is over \$7.9 million annually; and the resulting annual State sales tax revenue is over \$555,000;

I deeply apologize for the error.

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Please join the members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in encouraging retention of Egmont Key State Park within the State Parks system.

Sincerely, *Suzanne T. Cooper*

Suzanne T. Cooper, AICP
Principal Planner

cc: Governor Charlie Crist
Members of the Tampa Bay Legislative Delegation
Chief Elected Officials of the Tampa Bay Region
Secretary Michael W. Sole

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RESOLUTION #2008-6

**RETENTION OF EGMONT KEY STATE PARK BY
THE FLORIDA PARK SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council designates natural resources of regional significance, recognizing important resources within the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, Egmont Key is designated a Natural Resource of Regional Significance in the *Future of The Region - A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*, including nesting beaches for federally- and state-listed shore birds and sea turtles;

WHEREAS, Egmont Key, as a natural barrier island, provides protection against storm surge for the communities around Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, the still-active Egmont light tower pre-dates (1858) the Civil War, the island was used during the Seminole Wars and housed a hospital during the Civil War, and the remaining Spanish-American War (1898) gun batteries and associated structures are three of the only remaining five such features on the west coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Park Service has been responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the historically-significant gun batteries, light tower and other structures on the island, the removal of exotic species and the management of shore bird and turtle nesting habitat since 1989; and

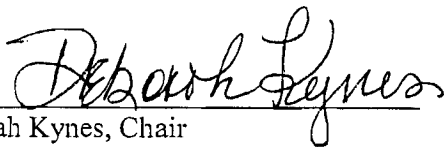
WHEREAS, an estimated 181,000 people visit Egmont Key State Park each year to enjoy its beaches, learn about its fascinating role in regional history, and observe its wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual budget for maintaining Egmont Key State Park at its current level of state involvement is about \$140,000; the calculated direct positive economic impact to the community of Egmont Key State Park is over \$47 million annually; and the resulting annual State sales tax revenue is approximately \$3.3 million; and

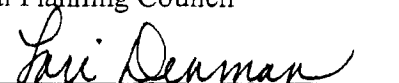
WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Park Service proposes to close Egmont Key State park as part of an expense-reduction plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council highly recommends that the State retain Egmont Key State Park and maintain its management structure for the benefit of the citizens of the Tampa Bay region as well as the natural resources of the island.

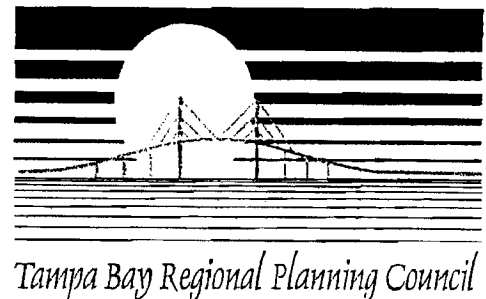
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Charlie Crist, the FL Department of Environmental Protection, the members of the regional delegation, and to the local governments of the Tampa Bay region.



Deborah Kynes, Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

ATTEST: 
Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

The above resolution was approved by the majority vote of the full Council, this 24th day of December, 2008



Read to FYI

In the mid 1990s the Egmont Key Alliance and the Agency on Bay Management expressed their concern about using the borrow area and prompted several studies which confirmed that the channel really is the main reason the island is eroding. Because Egmont Key is owned by the federal government a local sponsor is needed to come in and be responsible for the remainder of the non-federal share.

There is another maintenance dredging project in 2010; that is the reason this is being discussed today. In order to have a federal nourishment project, the project must first be authorized under the Water Resources Development Act. Then the funding must be appropriated and the local sponsor must request the money. In order to place the sand from the channel on Egmont Key in 2010 a local sponsor is needed. That local sponsor must request that the \$2.5 million, which is the difference between the least cost alternative (dumping sand offshore) and placing sand in Egmont Key, be included in the WRDA for this purpose. That can all be federally appropriated funds but a local sponsor is needed to step forward and request that money.

A letter went out today from the Pinellas County Commission to the Hillsborough County Commission explaining this and Pinellas County is recommending that this is an excellent opportunity for Hillsborough County to participate in the long-term management of Egmont Key.

Questions and comments followed.

Ms. Platt noted that Egmont Key is in Hillsborough County. It is a very valuable asset. Hillsborough County should be the sponsor; there should be no question about it. She made a motion to write a letter to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners requesting they become the local sponsor for this and future projects. That letter should also be sent to the Port Authority; the Port has taxing ability and they should be aware. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Ms. Edith Stewart, Hillsborough County government, stated that the Port has already offered to be the local sponsor. They will be asking for \$500,000 funds. She expects some action in March and hopes the entire project will be funded.

Ms. Platt amended her motion to send the request for local sponsorship to both Hillsborough County and the Port Authority for any future projects involving Egmont Key.

The motion passed unanimously.



B. FDEP DIVISION OF RECREATION & PARKS' FY09-10 BUDGET REDUCTION PLAN

Ms. Cooper noted that Peter Krulder, Park Manager of Egmont Key State Park, was present. Mr. Krulder read from a statement sent to DEP staff. "During development of the legislative budget request for fiscal year 2009-10 all State agencies were asked to submit plans to reduce their annual operating budget by up to 10%. If approved by the office of the Governor, the reductions would be considered during the 2009 Legislative Session. Each division within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has submitted a 10% reduction in operating budget to be included in the Department's Legislative Budget Request for fiscal year 2009/10 resulting in an overall agency budget reduction of 10%. The Division of Recreation and Parks has proposed temporarily closing public access to 19 state parks. These parks were chosen based on low visitation numbers and revenue compared to relatively high operating budgets. If closed these parks will be under the supervision of a full-time caretaker. When feasible the Department will do everything in its

power to retain displaced staff and other agency positions. If faced with closure current full-time staff at the affected state parks would have the option to be transferred to other parks. Funding for OPS staff, temporary and seasonal employees who do not receive benefits, at the affected parks would be eliminated or reduced. DEP state parks would continue providing high quality service to the public while decreasing expenditures where possible. We fully intend to re-open the 19 parks potentially facing closure when the State's economy improves. While this was a difficult decision, the proposal reflects our effort to reduce expenditure while protecting the greatest number of staff members." (The 19 parks are listed.) "In addition, it has been proposed that the management responsibilities for three state parks currently managed by, but not owned by, DEP will be transferred to the property owners. These three parks are: Three Rivers State Park in Jackson County, which is owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Forest Capital Museum State Park, which is owned by Taylor County, and Egmont Key State Park in Hillsborough County owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

Questions and comments followed:

Terra Ceia State Park is on the list of parks that would be closed. Dr. Runnells noted that the main thing is to have enough staff to keep from going backward; he is optimistic.

Ms. Platt asked what this statement means to Egmont Key. Mr. Krulder said the Florida Park Service would pull all of its assets out of Egmont Key; it would be turned back over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Platt asked Mr. Spangler what position the Agency should take to protect Egmont Key.

Mr. Spangler stated that the Egmont Key Alliance cannot lobby because they are mandated under the park system. There are two rangers who come out five days a week during the day and Tom Watson, the assistant park manager, is the full-time resident. There would be limited patrol and probably no nighttime patrol and/or presence on the island. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is going to have to step up to the plate and manage Egmont Key. *Note: as of 1/8/09, U.S.F.W. has not done anything!*

Egmont Key is important to the bird populations in the area.

Ms. Platt made a motion to sent letters to FDEP, USFWS, Tampa Bay Congressional delegates and the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners concerning the management issues at Egmont Key. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.

Mr. Eckenrod suggested that Ms. Platt's motion be amended to say that one letter be sent to all above agencies and then refer the issue to the Legislative Committee to track. Ms. Platt and Ms. Thompson accepted the amendment to the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kersteen noted that he had sent a letter to Governor Crist last week asking him to restore the funding to Egmont Key.

C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS' EGMONT KEY HURRICANE & STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION FEASIBILITY REPORT & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Eric Gasch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers discussed the long-term, 50-year fix for the erosion problem on Egmont. The Corps has been looking for a local sponsor to help put the sand on Egmont; it needs to be

RESOLUTION NO. 09- 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA RECOMMENDING RETENTION OF EGMONT KEY STATE PARK BY THE FLORIDA PARK SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council designates natural resources of regional significance, recognizing important resources within the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, Egmont Key is designated a Natural Resource of Regional Significance in the *Future of the Region – A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*, including nesting beaches for federally and state listed shore birds and sea turtles; and

WHEREAS, Egmont Key, as a natural barrier island, provides protection against storm surge for the communities around Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, still active Egmont light tower pre-dates (1858) the Civil War, the island was used during the Seminole Wars and housed a hospital during the Civil War, and the remaining Spanish-American War (1898) gun batteries and associated structures are three of the only remaining five such features on the west coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Park Service has been responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the historically-significant gun batteries, light tower and other structures on the island, the removal of exotic species, and the management of shore bird and turtle nesting habitat since 1989; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 181,000 people visit Egmont Key State Park each year to enjoy its beaches, learn about its fascinating role in regional history, and observe its wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual budget for maintaining Egmont Key State Park at its current level of state involvement is about \$140,000; the calculated direct positive economic impact to the community of Egmont Key State Park is over \$7.9 million annually; and the resulting annual State sales tax revenue is over \$555,000; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Park Service proposes to close Egmont Key State Park as part of an expense-reduction plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE THAT:

1. The City Commission urges the State retain Egmont Key State Park and maintain its management structure for the benefit of the citizens of the Tampa Bay region as well as the natural resources of the island.
2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Charlie Crist, the FL Department of Environmental Protection, the members of the Pinellas Legislative delegation, and to the local governments in Pinellas County.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, sitting on the 20th day of January, 2009 by Commissioner () who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner () and upon roll call, the vote was:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT OR ABSTAINING:

ATTEST:

Mary H. Maloof, Mayor

Dawn Foss, City Clerk



CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

January 20, 2009

Item No. E-2

DATE: January 12, 2008
TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Reid Silverboard, City Manager
SUBJECT: Res 09-2, Gulf Beaches Public Library Representative

At the January 6, 2009 meeting, the City Commission discussed two items relating to the GBPL. The first involved designing one of its members to serve on an ad hoc committee to develop a new interlocal agreement between the five municipal partners of the GBPL. The Commission consensus was to have Commissioner Bildz be the City representative on the ad hoc committee.

The GBPL has been notified that Commissioner Bildz will serve on the ad hoc committee. It is expected that the ad hoc committee will have its first meeting sometime this month.

Secondly, the Commission discussed setting a policy that one of the City's two representatives to the GBPL Board of Directors should be an elected official. The Commission consensus was to implement this policy. Commissioner Bildz said he would like to be appointed as one of the City's two representatives on the GBPL Board of Directors.

Currently there are already two (2) appointed City representatives on the GBPL Board of Directors. Joan Vernetzky was appointed on 9-01-07 to a three year term ending 8-31-10, and Ms. Vernetzky is also the City Appointee to the Pinellas Library Cooperative Board of Directors. Patricia Hubbard is the second City representative on the GBPL Board of Directors and was appointed on 3-18-08 to fill the remainder of a three year term ending 8-31-09.

Staff has attached Resolution 09-2 setting out a policy that one of the City's two representative on the GBPL Board of Director will be a Commission member and designating Commissioner Bildz as the Commission's representative for the period ending 3-16-2010. This coincides with Commissioner Bildz's term of office.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Commission approval of Resolution 09-2.

From: Travis Sherman, GB Library [sherman1019@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 3:41 PM
To: Silverboard, Reid
Cc: Maloof, Mary; Collins, Phil; Gayton,, Edward; Minning, Robert; Bildz, Alan
Subject: Corrected e-mail; please forgive & delete two earlier versions

Attachments: board.12.9,_interlocal_agreement.docx

Please see attached, referred to in the last paragraph of this communication, concerning the new interlocal agreement re GBPL.

Reid Silverboard, City Manager

Cc: Mayor Mary Maloof
Commissioner Phil Collins
Commissioner Ed Gayton, Jr.
Commissioner Robert Minning
Commissioner Alan Bildz

The Gulf Beaches Public Library Board of Directors met on Monday, December 8 with Treasure Island Resolution 08-111 agenda item as follows:

3. The GBPL is to reimburse Treasure Island residents who purchased Library Cards for \$100, and they will arrange for other PPLC member Libraries to also refund the fee they may have collected from Treasure Island residents;

The Gulf Beaches Public Library has issued refunds to all Treasure Island patrons who purchased cards from the Gulf Beaches Public Library. It has also requested that all other libraries in the county which issued cards to the Treasure Island residents at the \$100 fee also make refunds. However, the board can not require that the other libraries issue that refund. If there are any Treasure Island residents who have not received their refund, Gulf Beaches Public Library will do everything they possibly can to facilitate the refund.

4. The GBPL Board is requested to immediately clarify the status of the three year agreement that had been previously approved by the Madeira Beach City Commission and the Treasure Island City Commission.

We are suggesting that a new interlocal agreement be reached between the five municipal partners of Gulf Beaches Public Library. See attached.

Thank you,
Nick Simons, Chair
Gulf Beaches Public Library Board of Directors

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From: Foss, Dawn

Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 11:09 AM

To: Silverboard, Reid

Subject: LIBRARY TRUSTEE ROSTER 12-08.doc

Reid, Joan Vernetzy is also on the Pinellas County Library Board, so she may not mind stepping down from the Gulf Beaches Board.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
(THREE YEAR TERMS)

MEMBER LIMIT	TERM BEGAN	TERM ENDS	SIX YEAR TERM
JOAN VERNOTZY 12552 Capri Circle (h) 360-5895	9-01-07	8-31-10	8-31-13
PATRICIA HUBBARD 537 Plaza Seville Court #66 (h) 360-9676 (w) 397-8764	3-18-08	8-31-09	8-31-15

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND APPOINTING COMMISSIONER ALAN BILDZ TO THE GULF BEACHES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, each member City of the Gulf Beaches Public Library (GBPL) has two (2) members on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Joan Vernotzy was appointed on 9-01-07 to a three year term on the Gulf Beaches Public Library Board of Directors ending 8-31-10; and Patricia Hubbard was appointed on 3-18-08 to fill the remainder of a three year term ending 8-31-09; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has decided that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Treasure Island to set a policy to have a member of the Treasure Island City Commission as one of the City's representatives on the Gulf Beach Public Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Alan Bildz has indicated his interest to be appointed as one of the City's representatives on the GBPL Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, _____ has indicated her willingness to resign from the GBPL Board in order for an elected City Commissioner or Mayor to be appointed to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island desires to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That Commission Alan Bildz is appointed as one of the two City representatives on the Gulf Beaches Public Library Board of Directors for a term ending March 16, 2010.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, sitting on the 20th day of January, 2009 by Commissioner () who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner () and upon roll call, the vote was:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT OR ABSTAINING:

Mary Maloof, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Foss, City Clerk