

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
DECEMBER 19, 2006
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:27 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Increase on Rental Rates on Marina Slips

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, gave a brief presentation on the research that she had done on rental rates for marina slips. Commissioner Kraus asked for clarification on the number of slips that are in the current city marina facility. Commissioner Collins asked if we had resident and non-resident fees. Ms. Hayduke stated that we do not. He then asked if the city would make more money on the transient slip, or by renting it on a monthly basis. She answered that it was only rented once last year, so it would be more income if it were rented out on a monthly basis. It needs electrical service. Commissioner Collins suggested that we do not have a transient slip, but rent it out on a transient basis only on a space available basis. Commissioner Kraus commented that it is not equipped as well as the other slips, and would not be as easily utilized as the other slips. Commissioner Gayton would like to investigate the cost of the two tide poles, and the electric and dock box. Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification that it is county policy that residents and non-residents must be charged the same. Ms. Hayduke confirmed that that is correct. Commissioner Bildz asked if Ms. Hayduke would recommend these prices for the new marina. This item will be placed on the January 16th meeting agenda.

2. Sand Dune Policy Issues

City Manager Stone made brief comments regarding the documents that the Beach Stewardship Committee work with. Cliff Truitt was present to explain the Beach Management Plan. The plan was begun in 2000, and presented to the Commission in 2001. One of the goals of the Beach Management Plan is to convey the history of the beach to the public. It summarizes the physical process of the beach, and also the political process of the beach. It contains monitoring information. The Beach Management Plan lays out a sand sharing plan. Mr. Truitt was asked to explain the Erosion Control Line. It is established by the state, and takes the place of the old Mean High Water Line. It is used to codify the ownership. The middle part of Treasure Island needs to have an Erosion Control Line set. He feels that some type of public meeting to discuss this would be appropriate at this time. It should be held prior to the state's public hearing.

Commissioner Collins suggested that it be discussed at a Beach Stewardship Committee. The Mayor suggested that it be an evening meeting. Commissioner Bildz stated that there really is nothing that we can do about the state's decision. The meeting would be for informational purposes only. It was agreed that there would be an evening Beach Stewardship meeting.

Dr. Tom Cuba, from Delta 7, gave a brief presentation about the Flora and Fauna report. They also worked with Phil Graham on the Beach Trail project, which helped them to become more aware of the needs.

Bob Minning, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee, discussed the memo that is in the packet. Mr. Minning proposes that we have the public informational meeting and the state's public hearing on the same evening. The date has not been set yet. The committee has established four items that they feel are priorities. The items are: 1. Establishment of a dune preservation area. 2. Enforcement of the existing ordinance. 3. Maintenance of the dunes. 4. Establish a no rake area. The questions are – does the Commission want it, how do you pay for it, and how do you maintain it.

Commissioner Kraus commented that he has heard from disgruntled residents about the no rake zone. He was not aware that it was being done already. He looked at the area and feels that it looked terrible. There was debris caught in the area. Public works did a wonderful job getting it back in shape. The residents are now very happy. He asked the Commission for their support on eliminating the no rake zone.

Commissioner Collins asked if the primary objection for having a no rake zone to stop sand from pushing against the dune. Mr. Minning answered that it was to protect the dunes. The raking is causing a trough around the dune. There is already an ordinance in existence that prohibits activities in the dune systems. He feels that raking in the area is in violation of this ordinance. He feels that there should be a buffer zone between the dune and the raked area.

Commissioner Kraus listed several properties that are affected by this. It covers everything from Treasure Sands north to the Holiday Inn. If Public Works can rake and leave a 2-3 foot buffer zone around the dunes he can support it. He can not support a total no rake zone. Dr. Cuba explained that the no rake zone was a test site, and should be adjusted to accommodate the social aspects. He wants to ask the property owners what they are unhappy with, and then make adjustments based on that.

Commissioner Gayton commented on the resolution passed in 2001 authorizing the Beach Stewardship Committee to conduct a survey of the beachfront property owners and businesses. Mr. Minning was unaware of the resolution, and stated that they will proceed with the survey. Commissioner Gayton stated that there is a private raker coming in south of the county parking lot. They are going through the primary dunes and out onto the beach. We need to notify the private raker that he is not allowed to go through the dunes. This is taking place all along the beach south of the county park. He feels that most of the problem is not by the city, but by the private rakers.

Commissioner Kraus stated that there are issues along the beach such as a catamaran embedded in the beach with vines overgrowing it. It has been there for over four years.

Mr. Minning suggested that the Beach Stewardship Committee assess the areas that are considered no rake, as well as the areas that are being over raked and report back to the Commission.

Attorney Kiefer commented that if we do not have prosecution procedures in place then we should look to the state to enforce.

Commissioner Gayton commented on the dune walkovers. He is not in favor of spending public money on a private enterprise. He sees no need to put a beach walkover in back of the Victoria, as they already have one. Commissioner Bildz stated that the walkover at the Sunset Vista does not go completely over the dune. Commissioner Collins asked who was responsible for the walkover, and who built it. The City Manager stated that the one that Commissioner Bildz was talking about was funded by the City. Mr. Hambidge stated that three of them were going to be abandoned. Mr. Minning stated that if you want the visitors of those properties to use the accesses on the sides of those properties then they should not have access to the beach from the properties. Mr. Stone stated that

if they are willing to pay for and install private walkovers it is a benefit environmentally. The Commissioners agreed with that.

The Mayor asked the Public Works Director if raking could be minimized. Mr. Stone explained that the objective was to stay at least 10 feet away from them. If they start to come together then the tractor goes around the two of them. We need to have a map of the raking area, and the primary dunes, that will apply to both the city and the private rakers.

Commissioner Kraus stated that we could get rid of the no rake zones. Commissioners Collins and Bildz stated that we would be in violation of our own ordinance. Mr. Minning commented that they had a good feel for what the Commissioner was saying, and he felt that they could come back with some satisfactory recommendations. Commissioner Bildz commented that the goal eventually was to have all the dune areas fill in. Commissioner Collins felt that they could be raked around, and not through, and the dune would be established.

Commissioner Bildz stated that if the private raker is in violation of his DEP agreement he wants to see stricter enforcement now.

Sid Rice stated that he feels that if he is not allowed to walk out his door and over his sand dune onto the beach then it is a taking by the city. He suggests that private property owners be allowed to build a walkover in compliance with other walkovers.

3. Survey for Bay Side Street Ends

The City Manager gave a brief explanation of the item. It has been discussed before, and it was agreed that the Commissioners would look at them and decide which ones to do. There are two that are in poor condition. The rest of them are in average to good condition. He recommends that unless you want to spend a lot of money you do the worst ones now.

Commissioner Kraus agrees that 101st and 102nd need attention. Most of the others are in pretty good shape. He asked if parking was an issue, or was it overnight parking. The City Manager stated that it has not been a problem yet. He does not recommend doing anything about it.

Commissioner Gayton asked how much should be done at 101st while it is under construction. Mr. Hambidge stated that we should clean up, but not do much else until construction is finished. Commissioner Gayton asked if 101st would eventually be paved. Mr. Hambidge stated that we should just clean up and put in shell for now. He does not recommend surveying at this time.

Commissioner Bildz feels that nothing should be done this year. It should be done next year using Penny for Pinellas money after the bridge is completed.

4. Treasure Island's Access & Safety LAP Project

Mr. Hambidge gave a brief report on the grants that were received for this project. We have \$46,000 more than he anticipated getting. We have to go through a very rigid and formal process in order to go through with the contract. They are requiring a resolution. This item will carry forward to the January 2, 2007 meeting.

5. Kingfish Park Improvement Alternative

Mr. Stone gave a brief explanation of this item. Commissioner Collins received a letter from Sid Rice suggesting an alternative to the proposal by Phil Graham for Kingfish Park. He has not expended the funds that the Commission authorized previously for the park. Commissioner Collins read the letter for the public's information. He feels that the suggestions in the letter are excellent ideas. Commissioner Bildz commented that he agrees that it is an excellent idea, and if we are doing that then we don't need a survey or soil samples. Commissioner Gayton asked how it would be done – would it be done as a donation? The City Manager suggested that the Commission approve a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director and Recreation Director to meet with Mr. Rice to come up with a plan, and find out what he is willing to do.

6. Loncarski Land Sale Offer

Mr. Stone explained that Mr. Loncarski offered to sell property that he owns across from the Fire Station. Commissioner Kraus stated that it really isn't contiguous to anything that we own, and would really only be useful for parking, which really isn't necessary. Commissioner Bildz wants to ask Mr. Loncarski about the possibility of donating the property. He could use it as a tax write-off. The City Manager stated that the best use of this property would be to consolidate it for use with the downtown. Commissioner Bildz would like to find out what the asking price is. The Commissioners agreed to do that.

7. Beach Concessionaire Service Proposal

Mr. Stone gave an explanation of what Mr. Cocozza was proposing. He has sent a letter proposing to provide chair and umbrella rentals at the Beach Pavilion. Mr. Stone suggests that if the Commission is interested in this service they do a formal bid process. Commissioner Bildz suggests tabling this item to the January 16th workshop to give the residents of Sunset Beach time to consider this. Commissioner Kraus feels that it is a convenience that we should allow to be offered. This item will move to the workshop of January 16th.

8. Dowling Donation to TITV

Mr. Stone read a letter from Mr. Richard Dowling regarding his donation to TITV. Mr. Dowling was very complimentary towards TITV and its staff. They are doing a fabulous job with very limited resources. This item will move forward to the January 2nd meeting agenda.

9. City Attorney Evaluation

Mayor Maloof made brief comments about the evaluation process.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kraus commented on the property at 117th and 1st Street SE. The property has been worked on, and looks a lot better than it did. Code Enforcement has done a good job of staying on top of it.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

In the Federal case Mr. Schwarz has appealed the denial to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. There is a telephone mediation session tomorrow. The depositions scheduled for Commissioner Gayton and Mayor Maloof were canceled.

The City Manager reported that he has been spending time with Chief Fant to ensure a smooth transition. He has also updated the project matrix. There are a lot of projects going on right now, and several more that are not on the matrix yet. There are many very significant items. He went over the projects and gave an update on their status.

Commissioner Gayton asked a question about the bascule bridge and where we stood financially. Johnson Brothers has a period of time that they can go over without cost to the city, but E.C. Driver will be paid for the days that they go over.

Commissioner Collins asked about street resurfacing, and if Capri was still on the schedule for January. Mr. Stone stated that we have not received a bid for it yet, so that would be a tight time frame. The bid specs have not come in as timely as we had hoped from Volkert.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Collins: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Commissioner – Gov. Bush declared January 21 – 27 as awareness week, and has requested a proclamation or resolution. Agenda item for January 2nd.

Collins: Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Tour of Homes.

Collins: Agenda for next meeting – term limits for Commissioners and Mayor.

Collins: Thanks to Ralph. Sorry to see him go, thinks he did a great job, wishes him well. Happy Hanuka, Merry Christmas....gave contact info.

Commissioner Gayton: Thanks to Ralph.

Commissioner Kraus: Thanks to Ralph...well wishes...

Merry Christmas, happy holiday, happy new year

Commissioner Bildz : Beach stewardship – turtle nesting Clearwater marine, lights are a problem. Fish and Wildlife commission gives free light shields. Looking for volunteers for nest sitting. Nicole Elko, dune walkover grant. January 27, 9 a.m., planting 11,000 plants.

Merry Christmas.....agreed w/Julian Fant.

Ralph – miss you.

Mayor Maloof – Mayors Council meeting – everyone brought things for a nursing home. Blessed Christmas, Happy Haunuka, peace and understanding...etc...

Thank you to Ralph...

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 8:59 p.m.