

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
March 6, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:40 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Street Resurfacing Bid Award

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, gave an explanation of the process that was followed for this project, and the area of the City that it encompasses. Six sets of plans were taken, four bids came in. His recommendation is RE Purcell, for \$210,571.25.

Commissioner Collins clarified that the entire length of Capri Blvd. would not be done. Mr. Hambidge answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Collins stated that he was not happy with that, and felt that it would look terrible. He asked Interim City Manager Fant what could be done about it. Mr. Fant stated that there wasn't anything at this time, and that it was paving the areas that were the most heavily trafficked and most heavily broken up. Commissioner Collins asked why the entire street wasn't quoted. Mr. Hambidge explained that it was because of the amount budgeted. He does not know if it could be done for the approximately \$90,000 that is left over. Commissioner Collins asked how the board felt about it.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he thought that the streets that were the most heavily used and in the most need were to be done. There are a lot of streets in town to be done. Commissioner Collins stated that it was the appearance that was the problem. It will look terrible. He is adamantly opposed to paving only a portion of Capri Blvd.

Commissioner Kraus asked about the contract, and whether there was an option for the contractor to rebill for delays or unforeseen conditions. Mr. Hambidge stated that that is a standard item in contracts of this nature.

Mayor Maloof asked how the Commission feels about this. Commissioner Gayton stated that he originally felt the same way about the work to be done on Isle of Palms. He looked at another area and thought it looked bad when it was first done. Now it has blended in, and it all looks the same. He would have liked to have seen from 4th to 9th done, but he understands the situation. He does not mind getting a price to pave all of Capri Blvd.

Mayor Maloof stated that this was not a beautification project – it was to take care of the worst streets. She said it was ok to look into it.

Mr. Hambidge stated that he should have some pricing in two weeks.

Commissioner Bildz asked if there is money left, should we also take a look at other streets and see if others need it more than Capri Blvd. Commissioner Collins stated again that it was not acceptable to pave only part of Capri Blvd. Mr. Hambidge stated that

we were not doing miles of road. Let's decide next week what should be done. We will hopefully do more next year. You should decide whether it will be complete sections, or whether it will be the roads that are in the most need. Commissioner Gayton asked for pricing at the next meeting for the entire length of Capri Blvd. vs 112th Avenue.

2. City Attorney Review of Erosion Control Line

Rick Raus gave a brief explanation of this item. Some questions have arisen from St. Petersburg regarding the area of the beach that they own. Nicole Elko has suggested that the City Attorney meet with her and our coastal consultants, and the St. Petersburg Attorney to try to settle this before the public hearings.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he was under the impression that the property in question was owned by Treasure Island, but has since learned that it was deeded to St. Petersburg in 1938. It is 500 feet across the front, but only 125 feet in width. If they don't own that portion of the beach, how can the ECL go through their property? How did they get the property appraiser's office to give them an additional 400 feet? We need to find out what was deeded to them. The City Attorney stated that there is a discrepancy, and she will check into it.

Commissioner Bildz commented that you own however much is there today. Once an ECL is set, then you own to the ECL. Commissioner Gayton stated that their deed said 125 feet. He wants the City Attorney to investigate.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the resolution asking for the City Attorney to research this would be an additional fee, or would this be included in the retainer. Attorney Kiefer stated that this is an extraordinary amount of time and would be billable. Commissioner Kraus asked where it stated that she was being asked to spend an extraordinary amount of time. Ms. Kiefer stated that she doesn't know how long this project will take, or whether the City of St. Petersburg will litigate.

Bob Minning, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee, gave an explanation of what needs to be done in regards to the hearing and setting an ECL. The issue that the City of St. Petersburg has is that if there is a ledge of land that will fall beyond the ECL, it will go beyond what the trust agreement will allow to give it away. He suggests that the property line needs to be established. It is up to the hearing officer where the ECL goes. If the City of St. Petersburg feels that this violates the terms of the trust it will be up to them to decide what recourse is appropriate.

Attorney Kiefer had questions about the documents that were provided, and whether there is a deed that corresponds with the diagram that was provided. Commissioner Gayton will provide the documents that he has.

3. July 4th Fireworks

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, recommends that the contract be awarded to Bell's Fireworks in the amount of \$15,000. This is the same company that has been used for the past two years. Commissioner Collins asked about provisions for cleanup. That is in the bid specs. This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

4. Relay For Life Change of Venue

Cathy Hayduke introduced Claire Lynn, from the American Cancer Society. They would like to change the date and location. It was previously approved to hold the event on the beach. They would like to move it to the Community Center and adjoining park.

Commissioner Kraus asked about the overtime costs to man the facility during the function. Ms. Hayduke explained that staff would have to be on site all night.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the parking reference. It is unknown at this time whether there will be enough parking at the Community Center. If it is not sufficient they will need to get approval for additional parking. Ms. Lynn explained that they are expecting a small turnout for the event so parking shouldn't be an issue.

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification of what will be taking place inside the building, and what will be taking place in the park. Ms. Lynn stated that they would need the restroom facilities, and would like to hold the Survivor's Dinner in the Community Center. The park would be used for the teams to be walking throughout the duration. They will have music and DJ's that will be shut down by 10:00 pm until 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kraus asked for clarification on the liability certificate.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the hours.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

5. Finance Software Selection

This item was removed from the discussion. It will appear on the March 20, 2007 workshop agenda.

6. City Attorney – CTI v Pinellas County Proposed Settlement

The City Attorney gave an update on the proposed settlement. She has provided the Commission with a copy of the settlement and a proposed resolution. The resolution will authorize the Mayor to approve minor changes without having to approve a new resolution each time a minor change is made.

Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification of the 5-2 vote by the County Commission. He asked who the dissenting votes were.

Commissioner Collins asked if the other cities would be passing similar resolutions. Ms. Kiefer stated that some cities have already passed it, and it was an all or nothing settlement. Mr. Fant explained that a tally was done at the City Managers' meeting on Friday, and six communities have already passed it.

Commissioner Bildz asked why we were being given almost the same agreement now that was refused at the joint meeting a few weeks ago. Ms. Kiefer stated that there were some minor changes.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kraus brought up the sunbursts on the east and west bridges. Johnson Brothers has delivered an unsatisfactory project. It has been paid for, and he feels they should be taking care of it. Mr. Fant will follow up with Mr. Hambidge.

Commissioner Collins asked about the accumulation of seaweed on the beach. He has explained to residents about the new beach rake, and asked Mr. Fant to update them on that. Mr. Fant stated that it has been received, but the broom was not what was expected, so has been sent back for modification.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

No City Attorney Report.

Interim City Manager Fant commented on the passing of Rick Taylor, owner of Ricky T's. They have approached the staff regarding holding a celebration of life event on Thursday. There will be a large attendance, which will probably spill out over the capacity of their property. He has authorized staff to temporarily block off 106th Ave. eastward of the Walgreen's entrance, and westward of the Bilmar parking lot. The Bilmar parking lot, as well as a parking lot owned by Gail Byrne, will be used for overflow parking.

He commented that staff is appreciative of their choice of City Manager and is looking forward to him starting in about 60 days.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins stated that he spoke with Mike Bonfield regarding Southwest Little League. Mr. Bonfield is going to put it before their board on March 27th.

Commissioner Collins reminded people to get out and vote on March 13th.

Commissioner Kraus commented that he had made suggestions at the last meeting regarding the Code Board, and utilizing a special master. That was further supported by the inability to get a quorum for the last meeting.

Commissioner Kraus commented on the new street signs on Paradise Island. They look terrific. He thanked people for their donation.

Commissioner Kraus gave a reminder of the beach clean up on Saturday morning.

Commissioner Kraus urged people to get out and vote on Tuesday and support the Penny for Pinellas item. Voting for the additional tax will save money in the long run.

Commissioner Bildz reported that the Sunset Beach Civic Association meeting was held last night. They will be appointing a new president at the next meeting. It is requested that the Mayor attend the next meeting and perform the swearing in. At the meeting there was a presentation done by a senior from Eckerd College on the turtle nesting project.

Mayor Maloof stated that she agrees with the others supporting the Penny for Pinellas referendum item.

Mayor Maloof gave comments on complaints that she has heard about cities spending too much money. She stated that this Commission has been very diligent over the past few years about going over every line item in the budget. She does not have an answer for the taxing situation, but she knows that what we are doing now isn't working. She doesn't feel that canceling property taxes and increasing the sales tax is the answer. It needs to be thoroughly studied, and we must look out years. She asked the public to write to their legislators urging them to study this carefully.

Mayor Maloof gave a reminder to vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 7:43 p.m.