

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
April 3, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:51 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Additional Compensation for the Bascule Bridge CEI Contractor

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, gave a brief explanation of the item. The original length of time for the construction contract was 30 months. It is difficult to predict time extensions. There are contract time extensions of 72 work days, most of it due to the steel shortage. The contract has been reviewed, and he has accepted an additional expense of \$262,088. At this point we are about 2% over budget, and about 7 days ahead of schedule. There should be money left in the federal grant to purchase some of the maintenance items that will be needed.

Commissioner Gayton commented that he did not know that we were 72 days behind, since the bonus was paid. Does Johnson Brothers expect additional compensation for the 72 days? Mr. Hambidge stated that they did not. The bonus dates did not change, and the bridge was opened on time. Commissioner Gayton asked why we were paying for an additional 72 days if we were paying EC Driver through July 31st. Mr. Phillips, from EC Driver, stated that the end of work was actually approximately 30 days after completion. Mr. Phillips explained that the budget was for 30 months of construction, plus an additional 30 days. Commissioner Gayton stated that it was only 39 days past the date that the current contract is funded through. Mr. Phillips explained that Johnson Brothers was currently working 6 days a week, therefore the extra day each week is part of the additional days. Commissioner Minning clarified that the current budget will not take the project to completion, and the additional funds are to take the project to completion. Commissioner Gayton stated that the contract was funded through July 31st. Commissioner Minning stated that we needed to look at the number of hours worked, and not just the dates. Commissioner Minning asked if they could be provided with a spreadsheet of the hours and how they justify the additional funding. Mr. Hambidge stated that they will get the spreadsheet to them next week, and continue the discussion at the next workshop. Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like to move this item to the May 8th workshop when our new City Manager is here. Commissioner Minning stated that we should address this sooner. It did not have to wait for the new Manager's first day. Commissioner Gayton agreed that the next workshop would be fine.

2. Bascule Bridge Medallions Purchase

Mr. Hambidge gave a brief explanation of this item. There were three quotes received. He recommends that we go with the full 129 tiles, in an amount of \$75,785.25. All the bridges would look the same, and there is enough money in the grant to cover it. Commissioner Collins asked about the cracking of the sidewalk tiles. He asked if we could use grant money for repairs to the tiles. Mr. Hambidge explained that we can't use grant money to repair tiles on the two small bridges – it is strictly for the bascule bridge.

Johnson Brothers is dealing with the company, and will be coming up with a new design of tiles in the concrete. Commissioner Gayton asked for an approximate cost of installing the medallions, and what it cost to install them in the other two bridges. Our personnel did the installations on the small bridges. The installation of the medallions on the bascule bridge will be done by the contractors. Those funds are already in their bid. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda.

3. Gulf Beaches Rotary Club Donation

Carol Coward and John Burke spoke representing the Rotary Club. They had a successful Tennis and Golf Challenge. They are donating \$3,660 to the Recreation Department. The rest of their profits will be donated to the two schools that most of our children attend. Mayor Maloof asked if there was a cumulative figure of what had been donated to the City in the past 8 years. It is in the breakdown in the materials. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda.

4. Gulf Beaches Rotary Club Request for Free Use of Garden Room

Mrs. Coward and Mr. Burke represented the Rotary Club, and requested free use of the Garden Room in the Community Center for five weeks while they are moving into their new facility. Commissioner Bildz asked if the Garden Room was normally rented out. Ms. Hayduke stated that it is normally rented for \$53.50, including tax. It is available at the times that they are requesting. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda.

5. FBIP Grant for Marina

Cathy Hayduke reported that staff attended a workshop on this topic. They went over the grant in detail. They do the grant in phases, and they would have paid for our feasibility study and survey, had we known that. They will pay for the permitting. She needs a resolution to submit with the grant application, which is due April 27th. Commissioner Bildz stated that it sounded like a lot of money for permitting. Ms. Hayduke stated that there are many agencies that require permits. Commissioner Gayton stated that he has no problem applying for the grants, but wants to see the feasibility study and the Treasure Bay survey. We are looking at 35 40-foot slips. Here we are looking at 9 slips perpendicular to the sea wall, and 8 slips that would be tie-ups. Commissioner Gayton stated that we have never passed a resolution to move forward with this. We have not looked at the impact on the neighborhood. He feels that it should be discussed at a workshop. Ms. Hayduke stated that she needs the resolution to apply for the grant. She can bring the information to them at the next workshop. The resolution will come forward on the April 17th meeting. The additional information will be available to the Commission in their packet, and will be on the workshop agenda. If they want to see the survey ahead of time it will be available in her office. Commissioner Minning asked for clarification on the information from Delta Seven. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda, and there will be an item for discussion on the workshop agenda.

6. Addition of A/V Rate Plan to Recreation Rate Plan

Mark Santos, IT Director, made a brief presentation regarding A/V rental rates. We are getting requests for use of IT staff and equipment more frequently. He suggests a rate of \$25 per hour, a two hour minimum, and that the rate start a half hour before the event

starts. Commissioner Bildz clarified that it would not be a flat two hours, but it would correspond with the number of hours actually used. This charge would be for equipment that would require IT staff to use it. Commissioner Collins asked if the additional service would always be needed. Would \$25 cover the expense? Mr. Santos stated that it is a fully burdened rate and covers it. Commissioner Collins asked if the user would decide if the overtime would be needed, or if it would be staff. It would be up to staff to decide. Mr. Fant stated that we have the equipment and the services; we should at least cover our costs for using them.

7. Discussion of Rollback Rate and Effect on Revenues and Budget

Ruth Chapman, Finance Director, stated that she had done some research, and there are several proposals out there. There are many proposals, and a lot of information. There are no formulas available yet for the proposals. She is unable to have figures on how this will impact us. Mayor Maloof stated that she had received a newsletter discussing the options that are being proposed. Commissioner Gayton asked Ms. Chapman when the budget schedule would be distributed, and whether the instructions to department heads would include the amount of budget cuts that they would have to make. We can not expect the increases that we have seen in the past. We will have additional expenses, such as bridge tenders. Mr. Fant stated that the preliminary budget calendar would be distributed to staff at the staff meeting tomorrow. The staff will submit their preliminary budgets before the new City Manager arrives. We will continue to monitor what the legislature does, and will have to make some tough decisions during the July time frame. We will start working on a preliminary budget based on maintaining the current level of city services. Commissioner Bildz asked how we would figure the 2001 rollback rate. Commissioner Gayton stated that it would result in an 8.8% decrease in our budget. Commissioner Bildz stated that we have had a lot of new construction since that time. Commissioner Gayton gave an explanation of how he arrived at the 8.8% figure. Mr. Fant stated that in the past Department Heads had been asked to present budgets with cuts. The only way to reduce the budgets is to cut personnel. Only 13.5% of the tax bill goes to the City.

8. Commission Committee Appointments

Mayor Maloof stated that there are several committees that Commissioners serve on. Commissioner Collins requested to be transferred from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to the BIG-C. Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like to stay on the Suncoast League. Commissioner Bildz stated that he would like to stay on the Beach Stewardship Committee. Commissioner Minning stated that he wanted to stay involved on the Beach Stewardship Committee as well. Mayor Maloof stated that we should take care of the outside committees first, and then work on Beach Stewardship.

Commissioners Minning and Bildz asked questions about the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Minning volunteered to serve on this. Commissioner Bildz stated that he would be willing if needed.

Commissioner Minning – Tampa Bay Regional Planning
Commissioner Gayton – Suncoast League
Commissioner Collins – BIG-C
Commissioner Bildz – BIG-C Alternate

There was then a discussion about the Beach Stewardship Committee. There were two resolutions presented. The first established the committee, and its membership. The second changed the Commission requirement from the Commissioner from District 4 to any Commissioner. Commissioner Minning suggested that the appointment be an annual appointment, rather than one that expires at the end of the term, coinciding with the seating of the new commission, or shortly thereafter. Commissioner Bildz stated that he does not feel that a Commissioner should be a chairman of any board. Commissioner Minning asked the reason for that. Commissioner Bildz stated that Commissioners are held to a higher esteem, and that they could influence a committee because of their position. There was discussion on how Commissioner Minning could continue on the Beach Stewardship committee. He could be appointed as the City Manager's representative. There should be a new resolution adding "or his designee", or add an additional Commissioner to the committee. It was suggested to add a consultant to be appointed by the Commission, with no term. The duration of their appointment would be until they were replaced by the Commission. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda.

9. Code Enforcement Board Appointment

Mayor Maloof stated that there are two vacancies and alternate positions available. Commissioner Gayton suggested that Michael Daughtry and Dominique Reiter as the members, and Thomas Walkowiak and Kevin Johnson as alternates. There will be another opening in August. There were questions raised about alternates, and if they can hear cases that are continued. No member can vote unless they have heard the entire case. This item will move forward to the April 17th meeting agenda.

10. Request From Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Gayton gave an explanation of this item. There was a resolution received in February regarding the County water flow and system flow of funds. It changes the system from a closed loop system to an open loop system. The County wants to be able to use excess funds in the systems for other expenditures. It is the opinion of several area municipalities is that this should not be done. If they are overcharging they should reduce their rates. He would like to send the County a resolution stating that. Commissioner Collins stated that it could be used for transfer of property. It would be robbing Peter to pay Paul. He agrees with Commissioner Gayton. Commissioner Minning stated that if we had an open flow of funds it turns into a slush fund, and he would support a resolution opposing this. Commissioner Bildz stated that he agreed that we should oppose this. This item will move forward with a resolution at the April 17th meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins spoke regarding Southwest Little League. It is too late to do anything this year, but he has heard from Mike Bonfield, and they are willing to work with us for next year.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Last night the City filed a motion for summary judgment in the federal case. She expects to have a decision from the judge prior to the trial in June. Several hundred pages were filed as attachments. There is no question of fact. Likewise, Schwarz filed a motion against the city for summary judgment.

She has been looking into the issues with St. Petersburg regarding the beach. She will be walking the beach with Rick Raus, and has started her research. It is very involved.

Tomorrow evening from 5:30 to 7:00 Pinellas County Utilities will be holding a public information meeting regarding the Capri water main replacement. This meeting will be held at the Community Center. Commissioner Bildz asked if the rest of the city would lose pressure due to the work. Commissioner Collins stated that there would be interim times when there will be low pressure or no water at all. There will be an open forum question and answer session with representatives from Pinellas County. Mr. Fant will be attending the meeting to learn as much as he can, but it is not our project, it is the County's project.

The TI Causeway Drawbridge will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday due to a concrete pour.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins asked if it was possible to do a better job letting people know that the bridge is going to be closed. Could we put signs on Gulf Blvd.? Mr. Fant explained that we do not have a right-of-way on Gulf Blvd. to put signs up. We publish it in the newspaper, on our website, and via e-mail notifications. We have flashing reader board signs, and detour signs at all the detour routes. Occasionally there are closures that are beyond anyone's control.

Commissioner Minning has received requests for radar signs. Mr. Fant stated that that was in the plan, but doesn't know what the schedule is. Currently the Public Works Department is in the process of planning out locations on the Isle of Capri. He will check on the status for Paradise Blvd.

Commissioner Bildz reported on the Sunset Beach Civic Association. They have a new president. Mayor Maloof did the swearing in. Commissioner Minning was present, as was the City Planner Lynn Rosetti.

Commissioner Bildz wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burke stated that he had talked about the recyclable problem on the Isle of Capri. He was pleased to see Waste Management there with additional containers. He has found broken glass and plastic all over the area. He wants it brought to Waste Management's attention that their drivers are very sloppy.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

