

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
May 1, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. American Legion Flag Donation/Display

Interim City Manager Fant gave a brief overview of this item. Flags would be displayed along Gulf Blvd. between Memorial Day and the 4th of July. The flags and mounts will be donated by the American Legion and a private company. Commissioner Minning asked if there has been any consideration given to putting these up on the causeway as well in conjunction with the bridge opening. Mr. Fant explained that the Gulf Blvd. joint effort states that they will be displayed along 20 miles of Gulf Blvd. from Clearwater to St. Pete Beach. John Burke stated that it was his understanding that they did plan to do the causeway. Commissioner Bildz asked about pricing for the brackets. Mr. Fant explained that a private company, Gunn Welding, is donating the brackets.

B. C. Acton expressed concern because it did not include West Gulf Boulevard. Sunset Beach would front the money from their own funds if they could get the same deal as the rest. Mayor Maloof thanked her for their offer, and stated that they would check on it and get back to them. Mr. Fant suggested that Ms. Acton speak to the American Legion directly, suggested that it be expanded.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda on May 15, 2007.

2. WPC Line Cleaning & Lining Contract

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, stated that it has been several years since this has been done. The foreman has informed him that there are things that need to be done and shouldn't be put off any longer. We can use either operating funds or the revolving fund loan. Commissioner Collins asked about the \$750 figure for traffic control. Mr. Hambidge explained that it included costs of renting barricades and cones, and the labor to block off the work areas. Commissioner Gayton stated that he has no problems with fixing the problems with our sewer lines, but wants to know why we are piggy backing with Gulfport. Mr. Hambidge stated that it was to save time, since there is already a contract in place. Mr. Fant stated that it also allows us to take advantage of pricing that has already gone out to bid. Mr. Gayton mentioned last year's budget discussion, and how \$400,000 of the revolving loan fund was moved into the budget for items like this. He asked about grant funds for the sewer system. Mr. Hambidge explained that the grant funds are to be used for the master pump station, master control stations, and lift stations. The EPA grants can only be 65% of the project cost. We have \$1.4 million available to do work to the system. Commissioner Gayton stated that our sewer system needs a lot of work, and asked if we have a list of what needs to be done. The interest on the loan funds is only 2.2%, and wouldn't have to be paid back until 2009. We pay St. Petersburg \$1.4 million due to our salt water intrusion. Mr. Hambidge stated that there will be a bigger increase next year due to that. We will be surcharged and fined. Mr. Gayton asked why we don't get together a program to start repairing, by using the money that we would be fined for repairs. Mr. Hambidge stated that we had started that several years ago. The county then came in and gave us reclaimed water and took care of some of the

lines that had not been damaged in the past. Mr. Hambidge contacted the county asking for them to repair it, but due to the requirement to prove that the damage was done by them, it was decided that the money would be better spent to do the work, rather than on expensive studies.

Commissioner Gayton discussed the contract with St. Petersburg that will be up in 2008. They are surcharging and fining us because of the salt water intrusion. What will happen in 2008 if we don't show an effort to stop the intrusion? He would like to see a program put together for what we need to do immediately, and how much more can we do with the \$1.4 million of free money until 2009. Mr. Hambidge explained that about \$3,000,000 has already been spent. The biggest problem is the building sewers, which are partially owned by the city, and partially privately owned. There will need to be a policy decision as to how those are handled. Commissioner Gayton stated again that we should be using the "free" money now in hopes of stopping the fines and surcharges.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the materials that our lines are made out of, and how it holds up. Our lines are clay. Commissioner Bildz asked if they were mapping out the lines. Mr. Hambidge stated that we are mapping them out, but we don't always know where the laterals go, or what they are made out of.

Commissioner Collins asked about the lining that would be used. Mr. Hambidge stated that the present material lasts about five years. The new material will last considerably longer. Jacksonville uses this material, and they are having good luck with it. Commissioner Collins asked about the warranty and pricing of the material. There is a warranty, and it is more expensive, but lasts much longer.

This item will move forward to the May 15, 2007 meeting agenda.

3. CAFR Report

Jeanine Bittenger, a Sr. Auditor Manager with Davidson, Jamieson & Christini, P.L., gave a brief presentation of the CAFR report. They expressed no opinion on the report, which is a high rating meaning that they find no problems. They anticipate getting another Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for this year. She explained several of the statements in the report, and commended staff for their budgeting skills and ability to stay within budgets.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he thinks it is a very good report with a lot more information that they have been given in the past. He thanked Ruth Chapman, Finance Director, for her work on the report.

Commissioner Bildz commented that he thought that when project were completed it should be reported to the Commission so that it could be entered into the minutes.

This item will move forward to the May 15, 2007 meeting agenda.

4. Animal Waste Ordinance Referral to P & Z

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, has provided the Commission with a sample ordinance, and gave a brief update on this item. She discussed this with the Sunset Beach Civic Association at their meeting. Section 6-39 of the Code of Ordinance deals with animals, and animal waste on public properties. She suggests using this ordinance rather than adding to the Land Development Regulations.

Commissioner Bildz stated that it sounded good to him, but felt that the 24 hour accumulation was a bit stiff. He felt that weekly might be better. Ms. Rosetti stated that

the problem would be people that leave their dogs out in a fairly small enclosed area. Ms. Kiefer stated that this more describes a nuisance, and suggested adding a sentence that states that excess accumulation shall constitute a nuisance. That has been well litigated, and we have direction on abating nuisances.

Mayor Maloof stated that this would make the public aware of the problems that this does generate. It fouls our waters. Her goal is to have our waters be as high quality as the community can. It is not her intent to have the Code Enforcement officers looking for this. Mayor Maloof stated that the worst thing people can do is to hose it down so that it seeps into the ground. Ms. Kiefer stated that language should be added to the ordinance prohibiting that.

Commissioner Minning stated that the main problem with this is bacteria. The majority of it is confined to the top two feet. This is more a concern with direct run off.

Ruth Bartlett spoke about the issue. There are many people in her neighborhood that don't walk their dogs or clean up after them – they turn on their sprinklers to dispose of it. There is a problem on Paradise Island. Even though litter bags are provided people don't pick it up. Commissioner Minning asked Ms. Bartlett's opinion of the issue. She stated that she tries to go around at least once a week to pick up the waste. She has a big backyard, and walks her dog. She feels that many people will be interested in this issue.

Ms. Kiefer stated that fines should be specified in the ordinance. Code Enforcement issues always make people upset.

This item will move forward to the May 15, 2007 meeting agenda.

5. Sun, Sand & Symphony Update

Dominique Reiter represented the Chamber of Commerce and gave an update on the Sun, Sand & Symphony plans. She stated that it was not clear in the budget that the Chamber had asked for the Police overtime to be covered. They are requesting at this time that the city pay for that. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification, as the cover memo discusses Police, Recreation, and Public Works staff. It was explained that Police was the only thing paid for by the Chamber last year, and that funds are not as readily available this year as costs have gone up. Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the number of police officers. Mr. Fant stated that it will likely be about 3 extra officers, at a cost of about \$2,800 for the entire event. The Symphony is charging \$6,000 more than last year, and donations are down from previous years. This resolution clarifies the city's support and funding of the event, and allows for the use of the beach and conditions of the use.

Mayor Maloof asked which beach access will be used for the parking on the beach. The St. Petersburg beach access will be used. The entrance and exit from that parking lot is controlled by the traffic light, which will facilitate traffic flow.

Commissioner Gayton asked if they were being asked to pass a resolution in regards to the parking. They will be required to follow the same guidelines as last year. It is an event that will need to be approved each time as there are different items that need approval.

This item will move forward to the May 15, 2007 meeting.

6. Marina Committee

Commissioner Minning asked that this item be included on the agenda tonight. If the grant comes through, and we decide to proceed with the marina, then the Marina Committee should be a viable, working committee. It currently consists of three members, with the Recreation Director, Cathy Hayduke, as an advisor. He stated that he feels that the Recreation Director should be part of the committee, and the number be increased from three to five residents. He suggested one representative from each district, plus a Mayor's appointee.

Commissioner Gayton asked if it should be one person from the Recreation Department, or one person from the City. Commissioner Minning stated it should be one from the Recreation department.

This item will move forward to the May 15, 2007 meeting as a resolution.

7. Committee Appointment Rule Change

Commissioner Minning brought this up to discuss representation of the various committees and boards. He feels that if there are people waiting to be assigned to a committee then citizens should only be assigned to one committee.

Mayor Maloof stated that she had received Mike Daughtry's resignation from the Marina Committee.

Commissioner Gayton stated that they should be given the choice of which committee they would like to serve on. He stated that he didn't feel that it needed to be a resolution, but could be added to the guidelines. Commissioner Minning stated that he liked the suggested wording.

Dominique Reiter gave her resignation verbally from the Mitigation Committee, and stated that there is now another vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board.

Ms. Kiefer stated that there is nothing in the City Charter or Code of Ordinances prohibiting people from serving on more than one committee.

This will be added to the current guidelines as item number 8.

8. Recognition of James Newton

Fred Turner, Personnel Director, gave an update on the service of James Newton as a reservist. He has been sent to Afghanistan to serve. He feels that it is appropriate that his service to his country be recognized.

Commissioner Collins asked if there are any records, or if we know, how many citizens of Treasure Island are currently serving overseas. He feels that they should be recognized when they return. He asked if anyone has family members or friends that are currently serving in a war zone that they let the city know.

Mayor Maloof asked if there is an opportunity to send things to James. Mary Anne in Public Works is collecting items, and the address will be placed on the website.

Commissioner Collins asked how long ago he was activated. He was activated in November, and went to Afghanistan about a month ago. The term of deployment is now 15 months overseas.

This item will be placed on the May 15, 2007 meeting agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bildz made brief comments about the budget situation at the state legislature. Mayor Maloof stated that it is an insult to the cities to be accused of wild spending. If we get hit with deep roll backs it will be very uncomfortable.

Commissioner Collins read a letter that he received regarding the bridge openings.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer stated that Judge Beach is expected to sign a judgment ending the charter litigation.

A decision of the Planning and Zoning board was appealed. The City prevailed in that appeal.

Judge Moody has rescheduled the trial date for the federal case to September. He will be reviewing our motion for summary judgment in the meantime.

She has met with Cliff Truitt and Nicole Elko regarding the erosion control line. She has stated an opinion. Lands acquired by accretion are only legally theirs if they are as a result of natural causes. These changes are man made, therefore, the City of St. Petersburg would not be entitled to the additional land. She would suggest passing a resolution on this.

Mr. Fant thanked the Mayor and Commission for their comments at the beginning of the meeting. He stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Silverboard. There is a staff meeting scheduled for Monday morning. All activities have been accomplished very well by the staff members. He expressed appreciation of the support he has received from the Mayor, Commission, and staff. He encouraged them to continue to meet with Mr. Silverboard prior to meetings, as it has expedited the meetings.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins discussed whether it would be possible to put a "No Outlet" or "Dead End" sign at 7th Avenue and Capri Boulevard. He has received several citizen comments regarding this. Mr. Fant stated that he would check into it.

Commissioner Collins reported on the National Hurricane Insurance conference that was held in Nassau for the meteorologists. He was able to go on behalf of the city at no charge to the city. He spoke with Dr. William Gray, who is a national hurricane forecaster. A lot of the topics discussed had to do with insurance issues. It was suggested to have a "Town Meeting" prior to the hurricane season, where citizens can learn about what to expect during an evacuation, and ask questions about other hurricane related issues. Mr. Fant stated that he has done hurricane preparedness meetings for years, and the interest from the community isn't there. Commissioner Collins stated that he feels it is lack of publicity. Mr. Fant stated that starting last year, due to the increase in our technology capabilities, there is a program produced by our IT staff that is updated on an annual basis, and broadcasted on TITV all throughout the hurricane season. There is a whole section about hurricane preparedness, evacuation, and re-entry on our website. The program will begin broadcasting on June 1st. Commissioner Collins stated that he knows that it is done, but was suggesting a different approach.

Commissioner Gayton reported on his and Commissioner Bildz's attendance at the Suncoast League of Cities meeting.

Commissioner Gayton reported that the mobile collections for hazardous chemicals and electronic equipment will be on May 19th. He gave a list of the items that can be brought to the

collection, and items that can not be brought. He requested that the Public Information Officer announce it on TITV and create some flyers for the event.

Commissioner Bildz reported on the Sunset Beach Civic Association Barbeque to be held at the Lion's Club next Monday.

Commissioner Bildz gave a reminder of today being the first day of turtle season, and reminded people to turn out the lights.

Commissioner Minning announced that this Friday was the PICA meeting.

Mayor Maloof reported on her trip to Mac Dill Air Force Base for the dedication of their new building.

Mayor Maloof attended the birthday party in Tampa that was where the event that Ms. Reiter spoke about earlier was held. There was a discussion about doing a spa day for some of the female residents, and also to invite some of the injured service men to Sun, Sand & Symphony.

Mayor Maloof announced that on Friday, May 4th, we would be celebrating Cinco de Mayo at the Community Center. The men working on the bridge are being invited. All are invited to help.

Mayor Maloof stated that we are all looking forward to Reid Silverboard's start with the City on Monday. She stated that he would be very impressed with our staff.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the beach cleanup. It will be the second Saturday of the month.

Commissioner Collins stated that he has some names of hotels and motels to give her who are willing to donate weekends for injured service people and their families.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.