

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
June 19, 2007**

The workshop was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Gulf Golf Property Easement Vacations

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, gave an explanation of this item. There is a condominium project planned for this property. One of the conditions of approving the site plan review is a vacation of the utility easements on this property. There are no utilities using these easements at this time.

Commissioner Minning had brought several scribner's errors in the suggested ordinance to Ms. Rosetti's attention. She will make the changes and provide the corrected copies to the Commission at the first reading.

Commissioner Collins asked about the approval from FDOT.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the company that he works for has bid on this project, so he feels that he should withdraw from the vote on this item.

Commissioner Gayton clarified that these lots were for condo-hotel use.

Commissioner Collins asked what the start date was for this project. Ms. Rosetti stated that this was one of those things that would have to wait until the CO was ready. The permits are ready, and they have been through the entire plan review process.

This item will move forward to the July 3, 2007 meeting agenda.

2. Elnor Island Contractor Selection

Ms. Rosetti gave an explanation of this item. In April a request for proposal was issued to eradicate the Brazilian Pepper plants from Elnor Island. The experts proposed a spray kill in place, and then come back annually to spray kill again. The cost of this procedure is well below the grant money that we have been given. We have suggested the low bidder. Their qualifications are as good as the other firms. She has contacted Fish & Wildlife. Spraying annually through 2010 will still be under the initial grant, and can be included in the same grant funds. Ms. Elko has stated that there is a new program to grow mangroves, and a year from now we would be able to get mangroves at no cost to plant on Elnor Island. She is requesting that they approve the bid from Biological Research, Inc.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the possibility of overspray and whether it will hurt other vegetation in the area. Ms. Rosetti stated that they are very good in their field, and will be

very careful not to damage any of the mangroves. Commissioner Bildz asked if it could hurt any of the animals on the island. Ms. Rosetti stated that it would not.

Commissioner Minning clarified that the application is to the trunk of the tree, not the leaves or surrounding area. It is a controlled spray. They will come back for three years to ensure that they are eradicated.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the dead plants would be removed. Ms. Rosetti stated that they would deteriorate.

Commissioner Minning asked what the time frame was for the project. Ms. Rosetti stated that the contractor is ready and just waiting for the go-ahead.

Mayor Maloof asked if the Brazilian Peppers were the only exotics out there. Ms. Rosetti stated that she was unsure.

Commissioner Gayton stated that if there were others out there they should be taken care of at the same time.

Commissioner Collins asked for a report if there were other exotics out there, and if there were, they should be taken care of now as well.

Commissioner Gayton asked that we take care of that now, rather than have to come back again if others are found. Ms. Rosetti stated that she will contact Fish & Wildlife immediately, and there will be a survey done. She will request permission to use the grant money for all exotics.

Commissioner Minning stated that if this project moved ahead now we could arrange a clean up this fall.

This item will move forward to the July 3, 2007 meeting agenda.

### 3. Code Enforcement Board Appointment

Commissioner Gayton suggested appointing Charles Weinrich as an alternate to the Code Enforcement Board. He is a long time resident and well qualified for the position. This item will move forward to the July 3, 2007 meeting agenda.

### 4. Marina Committee Appointment

Commissioner Collins suggested that Ken Goldsmith be appointed to the Marina Committee. Commissioner Bildz stated that he had spoken with Doug Brown, and he is willing to serve on the Marina Committee. His name will be added to the resolution that will be voted on at the July 3, 2007 meeting.

## II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked about the paving project on the Isle of Capri. City Manager Silverboard stated that the project will be starting tomorrow. Commissioner Collins asked what the procedure would be – would they pave one half the street at a time? Mr.

Silverboard stated that they would be doing that, and it would dry quickly enough for people to be able to use the street.

Commissioner Collins asked for an update on Publix. Mr. Silverboard stated that a foundation permit has been issued. He will check on it and e-mail the Commission with an update.

Commissioner Gayton asked how long the paving would take on Capri. Mr. Silverboard stated that it should only take one day, and then they will move to the Isle of Palms. Rain would delay that.

Commissioner Minning gave a follow up on the beach raking item. He and Rick Raus went out on the beach to inspect the area. They spoke with the raking company. They were very accommodating. He was informed of what they were doing, and what the city ordinance was. He stated that he would be accommodating, and would not rake within 15 feet of the existing dunes. They spoke with Delta 7, who will get back to them with a recommendation and figure for the southern end of the beach. The private raker provided them with a list of their customers, and Neal Schwartz gave them a legal description for each property.

Commissioner Gayton clarified the area that would be raked. He stated that if he continues to rake the areas that he should not have in the past the dunes will never come back. Commissioner Minning stated that those areas could be replanted with materials obtained from the county. Commissioner Bildz suggested that the homeowners be contacted about that. Commissioner Minning stated that the raker agreed not to rake within 15 feet of the dunes. He has been following the old patterns that he has always followed, not taking into account the new growth. Commissioner Gayton asked that in addition to putting in new vegetation, how we can stop him from doing further damage. Commissioner Minning stated that he felt that if he was presented with an area of new vegetation to be included in the no rake area he would be accommodating.

Commissioner Collins asked about the drum circle and the litter on the beach. Are we going to be able to put more cans in the vicinity of the drum circle? He suggested that we step up police visibility. Mr. Silverboard will report on that during City Manager reports.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that it might be the time to close it down. There is a total lack of respect from the participants.

### **III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

The City Attorney had no report.

Mr. Silverboard followed up on the comments regarding the emergency telephone number available evenings and weekends. One has been set up. It is on our website, and on the after hours recording.

Mr. Silverboard gave a report on the special detail being run by the police for the drum circle. There is overtime pay involved in running the special detail. People have been cited for underage drinking, glass on the beach, and in one instance they arrested someone on an outstanding warrant. The police will be out there, and visible, for at least

the next month or two. The drum circle can be a problem year round, but it is particularly problematic during the summer months. The City Attorney is in the process of drafting an ordinance requiring the drum circle to be shut down by 9:00 p.m. This would give the police the ability to take some action if people did not observe the stated curfew. The police reported that they checked the area, and did not see anyone camping on the beach. They are not sure when the pictures that have been circulated were taken. Mr. Silverboard has asked Chief Casey to make contact with the person that has been responsible for keeping the webpage advertising the drum circle up to date. They are hoping to find someone to take responsibility for the activity. They have spoken with some of the hotel/motel owners regarding them assisting with the cost of the extra patrols, since they are requesting the additional patrols. Mr. Silverboard will report with an update at the next meeting.

Mayor Maloof asked Mr. Silverboard to comment on the budget. Mr. Silverboard stated that they do not have the formulas from the Department of Revenue yet, but they are doing some calculations already. Our revenues will be frozen at the current year levels. We will then have to reduce that amount by 9%. That works out to about \$420,000. That is about 5% of our general fund revenues. Police and Fire comprise almost 50% of our general fund. We will try to preserve them as much as possible with the cuts. We will do our best to comply with the mandated cuts without affecting services any more than we have to. The following years may require some devastating cut backs to our services, including Fire and Police. We are already looking at the way that we provide services with the future cuts in mind. We plan on having the budget to the Commission on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that we will be able to count the revenue from new construction to the tax rolls, and that it will help to offset some of the \$420,000 in cuts. We hope that it will lower the cuts to about \$300,000. Next year we may not have those revenues. Those are what we count on to make up the increased costs in fuel and expenditures of that nature. We will end up having to cut back our budget even further, due to mandated increases that we are contractually obligated to give, such as those in the Police and Fire contracts. We will be providing suggestions on how to cope with these cuts in the future.

#### **IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Minning stated that there is a District 3 opening on the P & Z board, and asked for volunteers.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the reappointment time for all boards is coming up in August, and suggests that volunteers come in and fill out applications.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the City puts on a really good fireworks show and encourages people to participate in the public fireworks rather than use private fireworks. Mayor Maloof asked if enforcement would be increased at that time. Mr. Silverboard stated that the officers will be on duty.

Mayor Maloof thanked people for their patience during the repaving projects.

Mayor Maloof reported that the clock has been repaired.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.