

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET WORKSHOP
July 9, 2007**

The workshop was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. Mayor Maloof commented that it was the longest executive summary that she had read, and said that Mr. Silverboard had done an excellent job presenting the information.

I. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Bob Minning	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz – Vice Mayor	District 4	Present

II. OVERVIEW OF BUDGET:

Reid Silverboard, City Manager, gave a power point presentation on the proposed budget.

III. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTS:

1. General Fund Revenues

Mr. Silverboard made brief comments regarding the proposed revenues and the increases in several fees. It was decided to go through the departmental budgets first and come back to revenues.

2. City Commission

Mr. Silverboard commented that the Commission budget was slightly more than last year's. Commissioner Gayton stated that he wanted to start off with the Commission setting the tone. Each department was asked to reduce their budget. He commented on the travel and education lines. He felt they should reduce their budget by a minimum of 5%, and take \$5,000 out of the travel and education lines. He suggested that only the Mayor and one delegate attend the Florida League of Cities, and that not everyone should attend everything.

Commissioner Minning asked for an explanation of the election amount. It is for the March election and the meals for the two other county elections.

Commissioner Collins asked a question about the dues and publications line. Mr. Silverboard explained that the Florida League of Cities and Suncoast League are very beneficial. The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce has been cut.

Mayor Maloof stated that she felt that the volunteer recognition reception budget could be lowered and we could do it ourselves.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt the pension line could be cut. Mr. Turner, Personnel Director, stated that it was required by Florida State Statute that it be paid to a Commissioner or Mayor who served 30 years.

Commissioner Collins made further comments regarding dues and publications. Did the rest of the Commission feel that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was beneficial to Treasure Island? The Commissioners felt that it was, and our funding was at the minimum level.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he is adamant about cutting \$5,000 from the travel and training and education budget. Commissioner Minning stated that he is not opposed to cutting the \$5,000, but he wants to know the affect of cutting the budget. How would they handle it? Would they all choose one to attend? Commissioner Minning suggested that they cut \$2500 from the volunteer recognition luncheon, and \$2,500 from education. Mayor Maloof commented that she felt education is very important to them to do their job properly. She can support \$2,500, but not \$5,000. Commissioner Bildz stated that he agrees with Mayor Maloof.

It was agreed by consensus to reduce travel and per diem by \$1250, education by \$1250, and volunteer reception by \$2500 for a total of \$5,000.

Commissioner Minning asked a question about election advertising and legal ads.

3. Legal

Mr. Silverboard explained that Ms. Kiefer, City Attorney, is requesting an increase in her hourly rate. She is not requesting an increase in her monthly retainer. Regarding other expenses, she is requesting an additional \$50,000 for the ongoing trial, and other unforeseen expenses for other items that may arise. Rather than the \$50,000 that she requested, he proposed \$35,000.

Commissioner Gayton asked who Ms. Kiefer's letter was addressed to. It was addressed to Mr. Silverboard. She has not put in a formal request on her rates yet, which will require a formal action during a meeting. Commissioner Gayton stated that an additional \$35 per hour is a 46% increase, and is unacceptable to him. Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt it was still a bargain rate. Commissioner Gayton stated that last year we budgeted \$35,000, and we are already past that amount halfway through the year. We have an outside attorney provided by the Florida League of Cities, and we can't afford to be paying that amount. The Commission would like to workshop the increase of the hourly rate.

4. City Clerk

This budget is an addition to the budget. Previously it was included in the Administration budget. Mr. Silverboard made brief comments regarding what the City Clerk is responsible for. He discussed the imaging program that is ongoing, and the budget cuts that he was suggesting in that area.

Commissioner Minning asked if this was the area to address computer outlay. They will be staying in the departmental budgets.

Commissioner Collins asked about the legal ads. These are for the ads required for public notices and ordinances. He also asked about travel and training. Mr. Silverboard explained that he permitted one trip for each Department Head – either a state or national conference of their choice. If the money is unused it reverts back to the general fund.

Commissioner Gayton asked a question regarding the wages of the City Clerk. He asked for a copy of the wage survey that was used to suggest the salary. The Personnel Director looked at Pinellas County cities that are comparable to our city. The City Clerk is currently the lowest paid clerk in Pinellas County. The median salary for Clerks is around \$60,000. The recommendation is lower than the median salary. Mayor Maloof commented that the City Clerk has attained all the necessary certifications. There were no further comments.

5. Administration

Mr. Silverboard stated that it was with great reluctance that he did not put in wage adjustments for Department Heads. He also did not put in for one for himself, even though it was included in his contract.

Commissioner Minning made a comment about the telephone expenses. All cell phones have been moved from contractual services to the individual departments.

Mr. Silverboard stated that he has also limited his travel to one conference as well. He does have a certification that he needs to maintain.

There is one computer that will be replaced in Administration.

Commissioner Minning noted that the contractual services budget was considerably lower and wanted to ensure that the amount was adequate. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was.

6. Information Technology

Commissioner Minning asked about the part-time employee. Mr. Silverboard stated that there was an error, and there would be no change. The Department's request was to make that position a full time position, but that request was denied. Ms. Martin currently works part time for the IT Department, and part time at the Beach Pavilion. Her Beach Pavilion hours will be discontinued, and she will remain part time in the IT Department.

7. Personnel

Commissioner Minning asked if the recruitment line was based on past history, and if we were going to be in a hiring mode. Mr. Turner stated that the amount has been reduced. Mr. Silverboard explained that when there was a list of items he cut from the bottom line, rather than change each line in the lists.

Commissioner Gayton asked why the annual fire fighters physicals were in this line rather than in Fire/EMS. Mr. Fant stated that they were originally in the Fire budget because there was no personnel department. When the personnel department was started the expenses were moved. There are pre-employment physicals also, so they put all physicals in the same line.

Mayor Maloof stated that she had no problem asking restaurants in town to sponsor the employee recognition luncheon, so felt that \$2,500 could be cut. Mr. Silverboard suggested that we leave something in there. It was suggested to leave \$1,000 in there, and deduct \$1,500 from that line.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt Commissioner Gayton raised a good point regarding the physicals, and that he felt that they should be moved to the Department budget for next year.

8. Transit

There were questions raised about the trolley service. We could turn it over to PSTA and they would bill for it via their millage on the tax bill. Commissioner Bildz stated that he has no interest in joining the PSTA and strapping our citizens with the additional bill. He doesn't feel that the service would be any better. The fee is calculated by a formula that uses the number of riders and hours spent in the city.

Commissioner Gayton asked how many residents would be taxed. Ms. Chapman stated that it is about 2,400. This is the number of residents that receive utility bills. We would need the number of taxable properties which would include condo owners and businesses. If we were to become a member of the PSTA the tax that each resident would have to pay would be roughly \$218, and he is not willing to do that.

Commissioner Gayton stated that we could increase the rate to an amount above the rollback rate, and he hoped that we would not do that to pay for this service. He does not want to assess an additional tax on a service that we have never taxed before. He is not willing to go above the 2.3878 rollback rate.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt it was premature to discuss the rate until we went through the entire budget and knew what further cuts would be made.

Commissioner Gayton stated that maybe we should come back to this item. Commissioner Collins stated that until we see where we are at with the budget to decided that. This item will be brought back again.

9. Library

Mr. Silverboard stated that the library is expecting roughly \$106,000, which is about a 4% increase. This is using the formula that was negotiated a few years ago. Mayor Maloof stated that she realizes that it is a large amount of money, but if we were to pull out the library would close. Commissioner Collins stated that there is a lot of support. Commissioner Bildz stated that if there is an area to be cut he would not be opposed to cutting here, as this is the internet age and the service is not needed as much. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is a percentage of the population that is not as internet comfortable as others, and it also serves as a social event for some people. If residents have to use another library they would be charged roughly \$100 for a non-resident charge. It would costs us more to reimburse the residents all or part of that fee. Mayor Maloof stated that they have the lowest operating budget of any in the system. Commissioner Minning stated that he is in favor of the library.

10. Finance

Commissioner Bildz stated that historically there were a lot of people in finance due to the bridge tolls. Now that the tolls are eliminated, are all the employees necessary? Ms. Chapman stated that we are going to a new software system, and that most companies hire temporary staff to cover the additional training process. Mr. Silverboard stated that in this upcoming year we are going to look into contracting out utility billing. Pinellas County offers the service. They are in the middle of a rate study so there isn't a firm cost on that yet. During the course of the year, if we find it is feasible, that will give us an opportunity to look at the situation in staffing for the following year. In the meantime, if we lose employees in the department we will not fill the vacancies.

Commissioner Minning asked about the insurance. Ms. Chapman stated that it was based on her estimate, and feels after a conversation with Florida League of Cities, that we can go with last year's figures. Commissioner Minning asked if we could cut about

\$24,000 from that figure. Ms. Chapman stated that she believed they could. She will not have the figures until she hears back from the Florida League of Cities, but she would be comfortable with last year's amount. The budgeted amount would be \$279,000.

Commissioner Gayton stated that Commissioner Bildz was asking about a reduction in personnel due to the loss of the bridge tolls to process. He was asking for clarification regarding this, and that they would not have to hire anyone new for the new system. Ms. Chapman answered in the affirmative.

11. Fire – EMS

Commissioner Minning asked about the 2006-2007 budget vs the estimated expenses and what the overage was. Chief Fant stated that the estimated expenditure for electricity was divided between Police and Fire. It was budgeted based on an estimate from the Finance Department based on historical figures. They also budgeted \$1,000 for vehicle repairs. There are two vehicles that are older vehicles that have required some expensive unexpected repairs. Commissioner Minning asked if he was comfortable with the figures for next year.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the cuts have been deep, and are getting deeper this year. We are having to use fund balance. There is nothing extra in this budget. Commissioner Minning clarified that his concern was whether there was enough budgeted in the proposed budget. He does not want to dip into fund balance next year because items were under budgeted. Mr. Silverboard stated that he is doing everything he can to preserve fund balance, including a spending freeze.

Commissioner Minning asked Chief Fant if he was comfortable with the proposed amount. Chief Fant stated that he is not, but that reductions had to be made.

Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification on the volunteer fire line item. Chief Fant stated that he shows it as an encumbered amount. He also clarified the different in the budgeted amount, versus the actual amount for electricity. It is an over expenditure of approximately \$4,500 in that line.

Mr. Silverboard pointed out that we were no longer budgeting for the volunteer fire department, and he hoped that it didn't hurt us. They raise funds far about the \$6,400 that they cost in the budget.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the \$12,900 repairs. It is a total for all repairs, and not just for the two older vehicles. Some of it was for repairs that were done in late September, 2006, it wasn't paid out until this year. Commissioner Collins asked if enough money was budgeted for repairs for next year. Mr. Silverboard explained that a contingency fund has been added for unexpected expenses that there is no funding for.

Commissioner Gayton asked how much money the volunteers had raised in the past few years. Chief Fant stated that it was approximately \$100,000. He then asked how it would affect the city in that area. Chief Fant stated that it probably wouldn't hurt at all at the citizen level. He will be meeting with the volunteers tonight and will explain the budgetary situation. The amount is a token amount of \$10 per week per volunteer that hasn't been raised in years.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he would like to come back to this. We have cut other areas, so perhaps we can do something with this item.

Commissioner Minning asked if the capital outlay for radios could come out of LOISS. Chief Fant stated that he recommends that it come out of the EMS Sinking Fund. Ms.

Chapman clarified that it was recommended to roll that fund into the general fund, so it would come out of there.

12. Police

Mr. Silverboard stated that in this department there is a reserve officer program that has also been proposed to be eliminated.

Chief Casey stated that they reduced their proposed budget by \$13,600 from last year's actual budget. The City Manager reduced an additional \$32,359. \$14,941 was received through TIPA (Treasure Island Police Association). These donations are for specific purchases.

Commissioner Minning raised a question regarding part time employees. Would it be appropriate for the expenses for the parking enforcement officer to be offset from the parking meter revenues? Mr. Silverboard stated that they did not need to be moved from the General Fund. It is a wash.

Chief Casey gave a brief explanation of the part time dispatch job and why they were left in the budget. It is more expensive to fill them with current staff.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the over time budget, and whether if it is in fact spent already. Chief Casey answered in the affirmative, and confirmed that there would be no further over time expenditures. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification on overtime in the administrative overtime for next year. Chief Casey explained that it was for the Administrative Sergeant, and it was due to the increase in salary from October 1st. Commissioner Gayton stated that the increases in overtime were large. Are the increases due to the loss of an officer? Chief Casey stated that it was based on the last three years of over time use in those categories, and the current and anticipated salaries. There has been an increase in salaries. This year there were several vacancies, which caused a need for over time on the part of the remaining officers. Commissioner Gayton stated that he feels the over time is excessive, and wants to know what can be done to fix the problem. Mr. Silverboard stated that he had had that discussion with Chief Casey, and they are looking at several possible solutions. Commissioner Gayton asked if it would be done within this budget. Mr. Silverboard stated that there may be some negotiating that would have to be done as well.

Commissioner Collins asked about \$27,000 in over time hours. Chief Casey stated that it included overtime for Sun, Sand & Symphony, 4th of July, and other events. Commissioner Collins clarified the \$170,000 that was in there for administrative support. Chief Casey stated that these were figures based on historical spending. Commissioner Collins asked Chief Casey to give a breakdown of it for the benefit of the citizens viewing at home with out the back up.

Commissioner Gayton asked to leave this item open for now.

13. Marine Patrol

Commissioner Gayton asked how many hours were involved in Marine Patrol. Chief Casey stated that it was 16 per week. He then asked about the current expenditures to date on the overtime for this line, and the anticipated amount. Chief Casey stated that he was unsure what that was. Ms. Chapman stated that nothing had been being charged for Marine Patrol for one of the officers, so she moved his expenses to Marine Patrol. There is an error, and most of that money will be moved back to Police.

Commissioner Collins stated that we have a Marine Patrol that works 16 hours per week, at a cost of roughly \$77,000. How important is that to Treasure Island? This is not including the new boat and motor that will be needed in the future. Chief Casey stated that it acts as a deterrent, and necessary to respond to calls in the water. Commissioner Collins stated that he is not opposed to it, but with what we are faced with in this budget, it is \$77,000 that we could perhaps delete. Could other agencies provide that service? Chief Casey stated that they could, but perhaps the response time would be less, since they are not right here. Commissioner Collins asked when they worked. Chief Casey stated that it is Saturday and Sunday. Right now there is only one officer. When others are trained we hope to increase the marine patrols to 40 hours. The budget is based on 40 hours for most of the year.

Commissioner Gayton commented that he thinks the Police Department is doing an outstanding job, and doesn't want Chief Casey to think they are picking on them.

Commissioner Minning asked if the 20.92 was correct. Ms. Chapman stated that it is. He also asked if extended warranties were purchased for the warranties that have expired. Chief Casey stated that they were not available.

Mayor Maloof stated that she feels it is important to have a water patrol in a waterfront community. She doesn't know how the residents would feel about not having one. She doesn't know that she could support doing away with it.

Commissioner Collins clarified that he thought it was expensive for 16 hours per week, and Chief Casey clarified that it covers 40 hours. There are other agencies that can cover it, but would they cover it as well.

Commissioner Minning wants to go on record that he is in full support of having a marine patrol here in a waterfront community.

Chief Casey stated that the one time that it is needed and someone's life is saved it makes every dime spent worth it.

14. Police Training Fund

Mr. Silverboard stated that we are estimating revenues and expenditures of about \$3,000. The rest of the fund is incorporated into the general fund. We are budgeting no money out of the contraband fund this year. We can not anticipate the revenues in that fund.

15. Community Improvement

Mr. Silverboard stated that there is a reduction recommended in this department, but it is not as of October 1st. Mr. Wichman, the Director, is retiring in January. He is recommending that the slot be filled from in-house, and the promoted position will not be filled. Commissioner Collins asked how the department would function. Mr. Silverboard stated that the department would be reorganized and more than likely Neal would be promoted and the deputy Building Official's position will be left vacant.

Commissioner Bildz asked if he was promoted, would he then get a raise. Mr. Silverboard stated that the exact amount has not been determined. Ms. Chapman stated that with his bonuses for licenses he is already close to the salary level for the position. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is premature to discuss salary at this time. Commissioner Bildz also asked about the overtime required for weekend inspections, and whether there was a charge for that. Mr. Schwartz stated that they do not go out on weekends, but would look at that, and user fees, for next year. The overtime is for when code

enforcement officers are called in for department meetings, or if Jeff has to stay late completing inspections. Also, Code Enforcement officers need to inspect occasionally in the evenings during turtle season.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the amount of pay for licenses. It is \$1300 per year.

Commissioner Minning asked about the \$15,000 for the Comp plan. Ms. Rosetti stated that as the requirements change per the evaluation, we would use the assistance of the Pinellas Planning Council to complete our Comp plan. That is an estimate based upon discussions with the PPC staff. Commissioner Gayton feels that the amount seems exorbitant, and asked whether Ms. Rosetti could do it herself. Ms. Rosetti stated that she could do it, but not do that and all her other duties. Mr. Silverboard stated that she also has to do the EAR, and there is not enough time for her to do it all.

16. Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance

Commissioner Minning asked for clarification of the repairs to building equipment. Mr. Hambidge stated that it is the fuel tank removal.

Commissioner Minning commented on the decrease in the vehicle maintenance. There are new vehicles coming, and they will be under warranty.

17. Beautification

Mr. Hambidge stated that this was where the large cuts were made in his department. They will not replace three employees who are no longer here. Each crew will be reduced by one person.

Commissioner Minning asked if there was a ballpark figure on the cost to maintain the causeway east of the bridge. Mr. Hambidge stated that it is approximately 1/3 of the cost of maintaining the length, so approximately \$80,000. Commissioner Minning asked if anything had been looked into to reduce that cost. Mr. Hambidge stated that he had approached the City of St. Pete about taking it over, and they responded with a strong no. Two years ago they cut back the types and numbers of plants over there to make it less maintenance.

Commissioner Gayton asked if that was a ballpark figure. Mr. Hambidge stated that it was. Commissioner Gayton asked if we had ever considered contracting that out, and if not, whether we should consider it. Commissioner Collins stated that he thought it was an excellent idea. Mr. Hambidge stated that we could take a look at that. It would be from the foot of the east side of the bascule bridge to Park Street.

Mayor Maloof asked what the \$1800 was for telephone. Mr. Raus stated that it was for radios.

Commissioner Bildz questioned the 30% adjustment to Worker's Comp. It is the category of the adjustment causing the difference. He also asked about an attachment that was not there. Mr. Hambidge will provide it tomorrow.

Commissioner Minning commented that it appeared that there were reductions in fuel amounts, and asked about the price. Mr. Silverboard stated that we get a reduction from Rally. Commissioner Collins asked about the large trucks that provide places with gas, and whether it would be a good idea for the city. Mr. Hambidge explained that it is usually for marine fuel, and he hasn't seen anyone around here doing that. It is usually more expensive because they come to your place to do it. Commissioner Collins stated

that perhaps it should look into. Mr. Hambidge stated that if we had storage facilities it might be less expensive, but with them having to fill each vehicle it is not cost effective.

18. Municipal Facilities

Mayor Maloof asked the difference between special pay and overtime pay. Mr. Raus explained that it was service bonuses for the employees who had over ten years of service.

19. Recreation

Commissioner Bildz asked about the total on the last page. Ms. Hayduke stated that so much was cut that it wouldn't have added up, so they just used a bottom line figure.

Commissioner Minning asked about summer camp and whether the revenues are based on the expenses. Ms. Hayduke answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Collins asked about the numbers of participants. Ms. Hayduke stated that the bridge has reduced the numbers, but they anticipate them going back up a little next year.

Commissioner Minning asked why winter camp was cut. Ms. Hayduke said that they employ three coaches, and participation is small. Last year was only 20 kids.

Commissioner Gayton asked about 325 overtime hours. Ms. Hayduke stated that it was for two employees for special events such as weddings. The people are charged overtime fees for that.

Commissioner Gayton commented that he didn't see anything for moving the pirate. Ms. Hayduke stated that she would take it to Treasure Bay if they wanted.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he would like to see the fireworks removed, and asked if we would be getting a refund for the problem that occurred with the finale. Ms. Hayduke stated that she is working on it. Mayor Maloof commented that it seemed to be happening all over the country. This item will come back again. Mr. Silverboard stated that if they were considering combining with another city he could inquire about it.

20. Recreation Center and Club House

Mr. Silverboard explained that there is an error in the part time employee line. It should be \$31,170 instead of \$5850. That would make the total for personal services \$139,200. That would bring the total for the recreation center/club house to \$167,850. This adjustment will have to be made to the bottom line, along with the other adjustments. The \$5,850 was actually the savings for closing Treasure Bay early on the weekends. That will begin on August 1st.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the clerical assistant extra duties. What is PPLWOP. Ms. Hayduke stated that whenever there is a holiday they get an additional amount for working on a holiday.

21. Recreation Center Maintenance

Mayor Maloof asked what would be dropping from contractual services. Ms. Hayduke stated that it was the laser grading of the course, which will now be done in-house. She also commented that there was a big drop in overtime. Ms. Hayduke explained that this year there was a lot of overtime for events that have been cut from this budget.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the chemicals used at the golf course, which is near the water, and whether they were being used too much. Ms. Hayduke stated that they are having the water tested, and it is all fine.

22. Beach Improvement

Commissioner Gayton asked if this was a new classification in the general fund. Mr. Silverboard stated that the beach maintenance would be rolled into the general fund, and the \$500,000 for beach nourishment would be put into reserve.

Commissioner Minning asked for clarification on the beach renourishment costs. Treasure Island doesn't pay for it, unless it is an emergency, which is what this money is designated for. He also commented on the \$5,000 for new beach access signage, and whether it could be part of the walkover and or NOAA grant. Mr. Hambidge stated that it is possible for it to come out of the NOAA grant, but not the walkover grant.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the beach tractor service in the amount of \$29,500. Mr. Hambidge explained that it is half the salary for the employee who rakes the beach. Commissioner Gayton also asked about moving and reserving the \$500,000. He stated that we are using money that is reserved as unreserved funds to reconcile the fund. Mr. Silverboard stated that reserved accounts should not be included in that amount. Mr. Gayton stated that it presented a serious problem, as it would leave the fund balance at around 7%. Mr. Silverboard stated that that was part of the issue. When the causeway fund was brought over we brought over a deficit of \$750,000. About \$350,000 of that is a debt owed to the general fund. We have approximately \$300,000 that the causeway fund owes that the general fund is going to have to pay. What we need to do is get our fund balance stabilized, and gradually build it up to the 15% reserve that is the commission policy. It was not lightly that some of the suggestions were made. Commissioner Gayton stated that we are reducing our fund balance down a significant amount. He stated that we cannot put the \$91,000 for the EMS equipment sinking fund in either. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was at our discretion on that one. It is not a designated fund. Commissioner Gayton stated that he wanted the public to know that we are using fund balance to make this budget work, and that we are reducing it to approximately 7.5%. Mr. Silverboard stated that you can reserve it rather than designate it as a separate fund. It would achieve the same protection level, and the Commission would have to vote in order to use it for anything else. It would be reserved for a specific amount. It would not be used as part of the unreserved, undesignated fund balance.

VI. Public Comments:

Dominique Reiter commended everyone on their work on the budget. She then spoke about the affect of the cuts on her personal taxes. She will save \$18.06. If all the proposed increases take affect, she will have an increase of \$37.20 on her cell phone bill. If she has a home phone and cable, it is another \$37.20 increase. If she has a special pick up, it would be an additional \$20. That is now 5 times the discount that she would get. She has a second property in Treasure Island. She would get back \$52 on that one. She still pays the cable. With the two properties, she will now be paying \$100 more. Out of the 72 units in her complex, roughly 25 of them will be ending up with the same result. Most of them have a maximum discount of about \$50. Property taxes are a tax deduction – communication fees are not. The additional fees for garbage and sewer increase the costs even more. She would have to raise the Sun Ketch III monthly assessment \$20, and is only allowed to raise it by \$35. She would like them to consider some of this when making their decision.

Commissioner Gayton asked Ms. Reiter to provide the City Manager with that information.

Dominique Reiter asked if the 9% was for just homestead or all properties? It is all. She then asked for the costs involved for the activities that were removed so that she can present them to the Chamber for their consideration. She also expressed concern about city employees not being able to be provided to the extra events. She stated that she is not comfortable with the \$500,000 beach fund moving.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on where her figures were arrived at regarding the values of the homes. She took it off the property appraiser's website. Commissioner Collins wanted to make it clear that the \$18 decrease was not an across the board decrease, but based on her property only.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.