

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET WORKSHOP
July 16, 2007

The workshop was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. Mayor Maloof stated we are starting the third of the budget meetings and commented that she must leave the meeting at 3:30, and if the meeting wasn't adjourned by that time to please continue without her.

Mayor Maloof then asked Reid Silverboard, City Manager to start the meeting.

Mr. Silverboard began with the revisited items concerning the volunteer firefighters. He removed the stipend for the fire fighters which amounted to \$6200. He stated the Commission wanted to think about it. The Volunteers are important to the community and believes through their fundraising efforts they bring to the City far more than that amount of money.

Commissioner Alan Bildz stated they wanted to visit the budget overall. If the City had an extra \$6200 it would be nice. Mayor Maloof stated that she hoped the fire fighters understand. Commissioner Phil Collins stated the money the fire fighters raised for the City offset their costs, and Commissioner Bildz and Mayor Maloof concurred.

Mr. Silverboard said based on the last meeting the City's anticipated revenues in General Fund are \$8,910,110 with expenditures of \$8,909,040. Ruth Chapman, Finance Director, handed the Commission a spreadsheet with slightly different amounts: revenues of \$8,869,510 and expenditures of \$8,872,120 with a difference of \$2,610 to which Mr. Silverboard stated would presumably come out of fund balance. This involves doing some of the things they talked about last week.

Ruth Chapman said two major things can happen: using the LOISS fund to reimburse the Causeway Fund so the General Fund doesn't have to absorb the \$500,000 deficit. The LOISS fund used over \$2 million not reimbursed from the East/West Bridge Grant. Since then the City has transferred \$1 million from the LOISS funds to the Causeway Fund, but the City can still use an additional \$500,000 to cover the deficit from the money not reimbursed for the East/West Bridges. Secondly, the City could transfer \$150,000 from the Gas Tax Fund for bridge maintenance and Beautification so to take away the burden on the General Fund.

Other changes to the Budget include moving the Beach Improvement Fund and the Beach Tractor Fund. They are being brought into the General Fund and do not need to be budgeted twice. When the Beach Improvement fund was a separate fund it was reimbursing the General Fund, now that it is brought into the General Fund there is no need to double budget, this was a reduction. Commission Travel and Education was also reduced by \$1,250 each. The Employee Awards' Luncheon was reduced to \$1,000.

Commissioner Minning asked for a list of the reductions, and Commissioner Gayton asked if the Commission could get it at today's meeting. Mr. Silverboard said he didn't have a list to hand out right now. Commissioner Gayton then asked Mr. Silverboard if he could go over the list again. Mr. Silverboard explained they reduced the Commission per diem and education line by \$1,250 for a total of 2,500, reduced the Commission Volunteer Reception by \$2,500, for a total reduction of \$5,000 to the Commission's Budget. Mr. Silverboard then stated the City Attorney's hourly rate is to be on the July 17, 2007 workshop meeting.

The Personnel Department's employee recognition luncheon was reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,000. The Finance Department's insurance was reduced from \$303,000 to \$300,000. Commissioner Minning then asked if the total savings was \$3,360, and Mr. Silverboard said yes. Mr. Silverboard restated the removal of the volunteer firefighters' stipend. Ruth Chapman explained the fire fighters' physicals were moved from the Personnel Department to the Fire Department's Budget. Commissioner Minning asked if there was a savings, to which Ms. Chapman replied no, then Commissioner Minning asked if the \$6240 was removed, Mr. Silverboard said yes.

Mr. Silverboard said there was no change to the Marine Patrol, but Ruth said there was a question about how many hours the officers accrued, and Mayor Maloof asked to go over that.

Mr. Silverboard continued stating that within the Community Improvement Department (CID) the City was looking at fees for weekend inspections, but it wasn't an issue in the budget. In Beautification the Commission talked about contracting out for landscaping, but there was no change in the budget.

Mr. Silverboard said they were to revisit the Recreation Department's \$15,000 budget given for fireworks, and that it was still in the budget. Ruth Chapman continued that in the Rec. Center Club House's part time had been \$5,850 and was supposed to be \$31,170. That increased the FICA in that account from \$5,990 to \$7,930, it increased the amount budgeted for retirement, which went from \$6,270 to \$8,290, workers comp went from \$2,300 to \$2,450 totaling up to \$143,320 for personal services and the total for the Rec Center Club House \$171,970, which is more than we originally planned. With the benefits the net addition is \$29,440. Commissioner [REDACTED] asked what amount was specifically added to the Budget. Commissioner Minning gave him a total difference of \$4,120.

Mr. Silverboard continued with the revenues of the Fire Department/EMS, stating the City budgeted \$410,000 but increased it to \$449,700, with an increase of \$39,700. Ruth Chapman added the \$480,000 to the WPC showing the revenue as a grant. Commissioner Minning asked if the IT Department picked up \$13,000 budgeted for computers for other department, and Mr. Silverboard stated it was taken out and budgeted in the other departments, but they would need to double check, and once found Ruth Chapman said she'd remove it.

Commissioner Minning asked about the \$5,000 and \$18,810 reductions in Beach Improvement Fund. Mr. Silverboard asked Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, who stated it was for the Beach Access signs that the City was going to use the NOAA Grant for. Lynn Rosetti, City Planner concurred. Fire Chief Charlie Fant stated he did an evaluation last year based on some new wording that needed to be incorporated into the beach access signs stating "No Lifeguard on Duty". For a temporary fix there are stickers on the current signs, with the idea that the regulatory signs at the sidewalk entrances would be changed then have the proper wording. Chief Fant then continued to state that when Mr. Hambidge, Ms. Rosetti, Commissioner Minning and himself met to respond to the NOAA Grant, he believes that was for the bigger Beach Access signs that would go at certain access points, and doesn't think money would be available to make signs for where all the current signs are. Commissioner Minning believed the last correspondence from NOAA said it would cover those at Gulf Blvd. and at the Beach side, but Fire Chief Fant believed it wouldn't include every beach access point from Blind Pass to John's Pass, and these signs were anticipated to replace the current signs. Commissioner Minning believes all the beach access points were to be included in the grant, but Fire Chief Fant did not think so. Rick Raus, Assistant Public Works Director stated the signs Fire Chief Fant were talking about, the "No" signs, were not beach access. Commissioner Minning asked if the "No" signs would be covered in either the NOAA grant or the Beach Walk-over Grant. Fire Chief Fant believes they could. It was confirmed that the \$18,000 was the operations fund. Commissioner Gayton inquired if the full \$22,810 was removed or just the \$18,810 were removed from the Beach Improvement Fund. Ruth Chapman stated only the \$18,810 was removed. Reid Silverboard stated that the bottom line of the Beach Improvement fund, minus the \$5,000 is \$44,850.

Commissioner Bildz believes we made enough cuts to reinstate the Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Minning asked if there was another \$18,000 removed from the Commission Proposed Expenditure, Ruth Chapman answered yes.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the Causeway. Ruth Chapman then explained about the East/West Bridges and how the grant covered \$5,200,000 but the expenses were over \$2 million greater than what the grant covered, and her understanding of how money was originally transferred from the LOISS fund was to reimburse it for the non reimbursed expenses they had for capital items, such as the East/West Bridges. Commissioner Gayton asked if the \$2 million came from LOISS. Ruth Chapman said the LOISS did not pay for the bridges but rather Causeway Fund paid for the bridges at the time. Mayor

Maloof said she thought the grant was larger, Ruth said it was \$5,200,000 and the City spent \$7,800,000. Don Hambidge agreed with the amount of \$5,200,000. Commissioner Gayton asked when the other million dollars was transferred. Ruth Chapman stated \$500,000 was transferred two years ago, \$250,000 last year and \$250,000 this year. Commissioner Gayton wasn't aware that the initial \$500,000 was transferred into the Causeway Fund because it just shows it being carried over to the next year, but it wasn't supposed to be used if something were to have happened during the construction of the new bridge. Reid Silverboard stated that during Fiscal Year 2004-05, \$500,000 was transferred. In 2005-06, an additional \$250,000 and an additional \$250,000 in 2006-07, the money had already been transferred. Commissioner Gayton asked if the \$1,000,000 goes to the construction of the East/West Bridge. Reid Silverboard's understanding was that the grants totaling \$5,200,000 were to go to the construction of the East/West Bridge, and the cost was \$7,800,000 and the money was to pay the costs that were not covered by the grant.

Commissioner Bildz said the LOISS fund transferred to the Causeway Fund, the Causeway Fund made up the difference, and he believes what the Finance Director is saying is that the General Fund will not have to absorb that. Ruth Chapman concurred. Commissioner Bildz said the \$1.5 million would be taken from the LOISS fund rather than \$500,000 coming out of the General Fund. Commissioner Collins asked if that was the proper procedure. Ruth Chapman said it is a use allowed by the LOISS Fund and because the General Fund cannot handle it she suggested the City use the LOISS Fund for the capital cost that wasn't reimbursed, and the procedure has been used in the past.

Commissioner Gayton suggested keeping the Causeway Fund in the Enterprise Fund because it creates a General Fund deficit balance of \$500,000. He said the City should use the Gas Tax Fund to pay the \$221,000. Commissioner Gayton suggested the City sell the asset of the Causeway House, then use the LOISS money to reduce the rest of the debt. He stated this would remove the strain from our General Fund and prevent us from reducing our spending and prevents the City from raising taxes. Also, the City could also seek assistance from FDOT a lot easier if it remains in the Enterprise Fund, for FDOT may ask the City to raise the taxes if it remains in the General Fund. Commissioner Gayton suggested that the City should not raise taxes, but should roll back the millage, and find a way to get rid of the \$308,000, then next year the Commission should discuss adding a \$20-25 user fee from the residents.

Reid Silverboard said it is alright to keep the Causeway Fund in the Enterprise Fund. The Enterprise Fund should act as a business: charging fees to cover expenses, and the City doesn't have a fee. Mr. Silverboard said the impact to the General Fund isn't there anymore. If the Commission agrees to transfer the money to the General Fund to cover the unfunded debt of the Causeway Fund it doesn't reduce the Fund Balance. The City is still showing a revenue coming in for that debt. It is alright to use the gas tax money to help pay for the operational costs once it is turned over to the City. Just show a transfer from the Gas Tax Fund to General Fund as a revenue to offset the maintenance cost. This budget proposes to single out the Causeway Fund and keep it as a division within the Public Works budget so one can see what the operation costs are. Mr. Silverboard said the City was anticipating the sale of the house, and the proceeds would go into the Renewal and Replacement Account. From an accounting point it no longer has the characteristics of an Enterprise Fund. The only user fees that are being suggested in the General Fund are for Parks and Recreation and some for CID. The Sewer Fund's user fees are to pay for the increase in operating costs. Sanitation's fees were also increased, to help pay for the increase in the cost to operate.

Commissioner Gayton said he wasn't referring to those particular fees. Mr. Silverboard said the increase in the Communication Services Tax and the Utility Tax are already counted as revenues in the General Fund. If the City doesn't plan on charging quite as much then there is more of a reliance on using fund balance to make up costs. Commissioner Gayton said that was correct, but what he would like is to eliminate the \$300,000 and eliminate the tax increase and fees. He said he believes the easiest way to do that would be keeping the Causeway Fund in the Enterprise Fund. Reid Silverboard then stated that doesn't help because there are funding sources besides the tax increases for those costs that the Causeway would cause. The \$500,000 in LOISS and the gas tax money is revenue coming into the General Fund to offset the same amount of expenses the Causeway would be costing

the General Fund. Commissioner Gayton wanted to know if the City could ever charge a user fee for each resident to cover all operations for the bridge. Mr. Silverboard then said that would be putting the burden on the residents as opposed to the users and that is a problem. Commissioner Gayton said the old stickers for the toll cost \$20 but were going to go up to \$100. He said he wouldn't mind paying the \$20, it could be done next year. Once it is put in the General Fund we'll never be able to approach the State again. Mr. Silverboard didn't believe there is any legal reason by putting the cost in the General Fund that would prohibit the State/County from taking over the expense of the bridge, but believes it will take a political action for any agency to take over the bridge. There is nothing to be gained by keeping it in an Enterprise Fund. The City has identified funding sources, LOISS and gas tax, however, after this year, Treasure Island will only be getting about \$70,000 a year in gas tax, so the City won't be getting a funding source to cover all the costs. Commissioner Gayton said the City will have a funding source: \$70,000 minus the \$222,000 and only \$140,000 to ask the residents to pay as a user fee only if it is in the Enterprise Fund. Mr. Silverboard said the City can ask if it is in the General Fund. However, is the City going to ask the residents for a voluntary user fee, yet not charge all the other users? Commissioner Gayton said yes and that the user fee was to help pay for the upkeep of the bridge. Commissioner Minning said it is a user fee just like anything in the Enterprise, but what is the best way to position it. Commissioner Collins asked Commissioner Gayton why he feels if the City were to sell the Causeway House and put it in the General Fund that that would preclude the State from taking over the bridge. Commissioner Gayton said he feels that once the bridge is absorbed into the General Fund and we pay for it the first year out of the General Fund budget, it looks like the City is capable to continue to pay for it. Commissioner Collins asked for some clarification because Reid Silverboard said it wouldn't prevent the State from taking over. Mr. Silverboard went on to say the most realistic way the State will take it over is if we have a sympathetic legislative delegation to sponsor a bill to tell FDOT to take it over, and it doesn't matter which fund it is in. Essentially what will need to be done every year is appropriate from the General Fund to transfer to the Enterprise fund. The City will have to budget for the appropriation in the General fund and also the expenditure in the Causeway fund, which unnecessarily increases the appearance of the budget, but if the Commission wants to put it in the Enterprise Fund, it can be done. Essentially we could wipe out the debt and pay for the upcoming year with gas tax money but after that the only funds we have dedicated is the gas tax money. Commissioner Gayton feels the debt should be wiped out with the gas tax and the Causeway money, not the LOISS fund. Commissioner Bildz said with regard to the Causeway House, Commissioner Gayton is assuming two things: 1) The City sells the house for \$500,000 and 2) it is sold this year. Commissioner Collins said the house isn't going to be sold this year for next fiscal year. Commissioner Bildz said it isn't going to be waterfront anymore for the City is getting one of the easements.

Don Hambidge stated there are two sets of easements on the piece we should keep which has the City's drainage pipes underneath it. The two sets of easements go to the house the City purchased but also the three houses to the east and all four houses have the right to pass and repass over the land in two different locations. They are not waterfront lots, but rather water view rights. Mayor Maloof suggested looking at all alternatives for funding if we can't find someone to take it over but rather other entities to take it over including FEMA and the Coast Guard. Commissioner Bildz went back to the initial question: Should the City remove \$500,000 out of LOISS and put it in the Causeway Fund? He wouldn't have a problem for it would bring down the balance.

Commissioner Minning said that from a financial standpoint it doesn't make a difference for both proposals are the same. Commissioner Collins is for transferring to the General Fund. Reid Silverboard said we put the house on the market. The City isn't in a rush to sell it and can wait for the proper price. He then suggested the money and put it in a Renewal and Replacement account, so there is a beginning funding source for the repairs to the bridge. Mayor Maloof and Commissioner Collins agreed, but Commissioner Bildz said he disagrees and believes that once a Renewal and Replacement account is established it'll be hard for another agency to take over. Mayor Maloof said any agencies wouldn't look at the details, but rather the big picture of the City supporting the bridge as a small community.

Commissioner Minning asked for clarification that if the house is sold it would go into the General Fund into a Renewal and Replacement account. Mr. Silverboard said the \$500,000 is a legitimate expense, and suggested taking what ever proceeds that come in from the house and create a Renewal and

Replacement account so the City has a funding source for repairs. Commissioner Collins asked if the funding source would come in the next year. Don Hambidge said he hopes not but the next major expense would be replacing the computer system within the next 5-6 years then next would be the hydraulic within 12-15 years. Commissioner Collins asked if the bridge was covered for up to a year and then after that we pay. Don Hambidge said yes.

Commissioner Gayton asked to move on and wanted to know what the fund balance would be in the General Fund. Ruth Chapman said the unreserved balance of \$1,407,000 for September 30, 2007. Commissioner Gayton asked for the balance in September 30, 2007, and Ms. Chapman stated the City was looking at \$1,257,000. Commissioner Bildz asked if it was unreserved or unreserved undesignated. Ms. Chapman stated unreserved. Commissioner Bildz asked if the City still has the \$500,000 Beach Improvement designation. Ms. Chapman said that was reserved.

Commissioner Gayton asked what percentage the fund balance was at the end of 2008, and Ruth Chapman said it was 15.86%. Commissioner Gayton then asked for the percentage at the end of 2007, Ms. Chapman said 14.32%. Commissioner Gayton asked what the fund balance would be if the City eliminated taxes and fees at the end of 2008. Reid Silverboard asked if he was talking about the Utility Tax and the Communication Services tax, which Commissioner Gayton said adds up to \$308,000. Commissioner Minning said the City needs to look at the 15.86% at the end of 2008 is a bit deceiving for the \$1,407,000 because the \$500,000 needs to be taken out. Ruth Chapman said the City reserved \$500,000, but then it was subtracted out from where it was reserved.

Commissioner Gayton said if the City removed the \$308,000 for fee and tax increases, Ms. Chapman stated it would be about 12.4% and it would make it \$1,099,163 if the amount was \$308,000, but with all the increases it was more than \$308,000. Reid Silverboard said Commissioner Gayton was talking about the Utility Tax and Communication Services Tax, but there would still be a tax on the business licenses. Commissioner Gayton stated the increases on business licenses comes out of the individual's pocket, not all residents. The residents were looking at a \$60 increase in fees and taxes concerning cable, water, telephone, electric and natural gas. If the City rolled back 9% and didn't increase any fees or taxes, and the City still has a fund balance of over \$1,000,000 at 12.4% and the \$94,000 in reductions haven't been added in. Commissioner Bildz said there would be some justification in keeping the Communication Service tax and doing away with the Utility Tax, because these days people don't need cable or telephone, but they need electricity and water. Reid Silverboard wanted to clarify that the City is not using anything out of fund balance, and the Commission is agreeing to take \$300,000 from fund balance to balance the General Fund budget. Commissioner Gayton said that would be his suggestion for he is not in favor of raising taxes or fees. He said if the fund balance was lower then the Commission could have a discussion about it. Reid Silverboard wanted to point out that next year when going over the budget the Commission is going to be looking for the \$300,000 again. Commissioner Minning asked to keep the millage 2.38 and achieve it just as it has been described. Commissioner Gayton added that the 06-07 funds that were supposed to be used were approximately \$245,000. The City started using this amount out of the Fund balance, the City is up to \$428,000, so during this current year, the City hasn't stuck to the 06-07 Budget, and it has been increased by \$180,000, and this is why he feels the City shouldn't put the tax burden on the people when the City can't even control its own budget. Reid Silverboard said last year, the Commission knocked off as much as they could with the loss of the Causeway Revenue, and this year the Commission is seeing the effects.

Commissioner Gayton asked the Finance Director if the City needs to use \$428,490 out of last year's Fund Balance. According to page A-11 of the General Fund Budget, the City appropriated \$245,000 in the 06-07 Budget, on the General Fund Balance for 2006-07 \$537,890, or \$428,000 on the reconciliation. Ruth Chapman stated the \$428,000 is correct.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the \$80,000 in the grounds Beautification for maintaining the east side of the bridge. Reid Silverboard said he was looking into contracting that out, and the City can certainly do that but must keep the same budget. Commissioner Gayton said if the City could get a contract for \$40,000 it could be put in the General Fund Revenue and make it a lot easier to bring back the \$6,200 for the volunteer firefighters. Mr. Silverboard went on to say he doesn't know how much it

will cost to contract out. Commissioner Gayton wasn't sure how much the \$6,200 is going to affect the balancing of the budget. Commissioner Bildz went stated that the volunteer firefighters bring much more to the City than the \$6,200 the City gives to them, and he doesn't want to dissuade them and he is all for the \$6,200 being in the budget. Commissioner Gayton said he supported that. Commissioner Minning said he received emails and phone calls in support of keeping the stipend for the volunteer firefighters, and he is also in support of the \$6,200. Reid Silverboard confirmed the amount with Fire Chief Fant at \$6,240. All five Commissioners are in full support of the volunteer firefighters' stipend being put back into the Budget.

Mayor Maloof asked Reid Silverboard if he spoke to Jill Silverboard, the City Manager of Madeira Beach about the fireworks. Mr. Silverboard said Jill Silverboard and Madeira Beach do have an interest in sharing fireworks with the City of Treasure Island. Mayor Maloof said she spoke to many residents who suggested the City speak to St. Pete Beach and Madeira Beach and see about doing the fireworks off a barge so all three beaches can see it. Commissioner Gayton wanted to know how many people will be on the barge and what would happen if the fireworks go off prematurely again. Mr. Silverboard said the barge would be unmanned. Commissioner Collins asked if the fireworks are barged, what precautionary methods will be taken to keep recreational crafts away. Mr. Silverboard said it his understanding that the Marine Patrol would be out there. Police Chief Tim Casey went on to say the City of Treasure Island would be out there as well as the Sheriff. Commissioner Collins said the barge would have to be equidistant between Treasure Island, and Madeira Beach, which sounds like John's Pass, and perhaps isn't a good spot. Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director stated currently Madeira Beach sets off their fireworks from their ball field. Commissioner Collins wanted to know if Treasure Island is going to help pay for it, is it fair for them to be up at their ball park. Mr. Silverboard said it would be at a closer more central location. Commissioner Collins stated he is in favor of sharing it with Madeira Beach, but he wanted to know where the location will be and what the cost would be. Currently the City pays \$15,000 for the fireworks, is the amount going to go up to \$30,000, or are the two cities going to split the \$15,000 cost. Mr. Silverboard said he imagines Treasure Island would be paying the same amount as Madeira Beach and they pay considerably less than Treasure Island. He went on to say Madeira Beach does not use the same company as Treasure Island, but he doesn't think their fireworks are as nice as Treasure Islands. He suggested the City leave the \$15,000 in the Budget and he will speak to Madeira Beach to make a suitable arrangement for having a combined show, and settle on an equal amount charged. He will then bring it before the Treasure Island Commission with a tentative agreement, and if the Commission doesn't agree, Treasure Island can do their own. Commissioner Collins asked Cathy Hayduke if Treasure Island was going to get a refund for the botched up 4th of July fireworks. Ms. Hayduke said she is still working on it. Mr. Silverboard said the City could probably save a lot of overtime hours if the City decides to share. Commissioner Bildz is in favor of removing the money from the Budget. Commissioner Collins is in favor of the fireworks especially if we share the cost with Madeira Beach. Commissioner Gayton said it is more important to cut the overtime than it is cutting the cost of the fireworks.

Commissioner Gayton wanted to speak about the Marine Patrol Budget with a total of \$77,000 for an officer's time although he is split between two departments. Commissioner Gayton asked if the Budget could reflect half his time accordingly. Mr. Silverboard said the adjustment can be made to show half his time on the water and half his time as a Patrol Officer. Commissioner Collins agreed for it shows the officer working a total of 16 hours per weekend. Commissioner Collins then asked Police Chief Casey if he anticipated the hours increasing over the year. Chief Casey said he hopes it does. Commissioner Gayton wanted to clarify that his hours could be split 50/50 on the road and on the water. Chief Casey said that is correct. Commissioner Gayton asked Ruth Chapman about the \$12,500 estimated overtime with the Marine Patrol, considering the time is split in half. Ms. Chapman said she would split it equally among the Marine Patrol and the Police Department Budgets. Commissioner Collins said he was confused about the overtime considering they are only working 16 hours per weekend. Reid Silverboard said the overtime is applied to things such as attending court on citations he gave out while on the water. Mr. Silverboard suggested either splitting the overtime between the Police Department and the Marine Patrol Budgets, or putting the entire \$12,500 in the Police Department Budget. Commissioner Collins asked Police Chief Casey if those who get citations on the water end up going to court. The Police Chief said very few go to court and most of them plead. Commissioner Collins said the budgeted

overtime was too much. Mr. Silverboard said the entire \$12,500 would be put in the Police Department Budget. Commissioner Minning said he thought the full \$77,000 was to be budgeted for a full-time Marine Patrol Officer. Police Chief Casey said that it is more a bookkeeping thing. Commissioner Collins asked if the \$77,000 should be reduced by 2/3rds. Police Chief Casey said it depends on how much of the money you want to put back into the Police Department Budget. Commissioner Gayton said if the Budget reflected 50/50 it would be a good reduction. Commissioner Minning commented there would be no net savings. Commissioner Minning asked if the expenses on the Marine Patrol Budget could be or if they reflect similar usage of the equipment. Police Chief Casey said it is the annual amount and the entire amount gets consumed. Reid Silverboard said the biggest expenses are gas and oil, and he thinks the Budget adequately reflects its use. Commissioner Collins said he is in favor of the Marine Patrol, but it may be something the City considers removing in the future. He questions the cost versus the service. Reid Silverboard said the City will be taking a hard look at all its operations if what we expect to happen next year does happen. He will also see if the Marine Patrol can patrol both sides of John's Pass and see if the City can retain all the fines from the tickets issued. Commissioner Collins said he spoke to a Coast Guard at John's Pass about retaining the fines. He said the Coast Guard doesn't cite people. They are primarily search and rescue, and the Coast Guard said the Sheriff's Department and Marine Patrol give out the citations. Mr. Silverboard said he wasn't sure if the Coast Guard was really satisfied with the amount of patrolling done by the Sheriff's Department. The City of Treasure Island is already patrolling that area on the weekends, and the proceeds would bring the City some extra funds. Commissioner Minning asked if Mr. Silverboard could find out what the schedules and perceived responsibilities are for the Sheriff, Marine Patrol and Fish and Wild Life. Mr. Silverboard said yes.

Commissioner Collins wanted to discuss transit. Mr. Silverboard said he's done some calculations on transit and doesn't think the Commission needs to revisit it. He told the Commission that the millage rate for the transit is .6074, for every \$1,000 in assessed value. Broken down each household would pay sixty cents per \$1,000. According to the property appraiser's website, an average single family home on the beaches is over \$500,000 so if the City joined the PSTA, the average household would be paying over \$300 per year for the service. Mr. Silverboard suggested the City stick with the initial \$188,000 contract and do not charge the citizens the additional millage. Commissioner Bildz agreed. Commissioner Collins also agreed, but felt the millage was too low. Mr. Silverboard said if we actually joined the PSTA, each property owner would see an additional millage of .6074, and an additional \$304 per \$500,000 household. Commissioner Bildz said that is the PSTA line item on the **ad valorem** bill. Mr. Silverboard said he wasn't sure how much the PSTA had to roll back their millage, but it probably isn't a terribly significant amount of money. Commissioner Gayton said people would be paying more for PSTA than they would be paying the City of their total of what they pay the City, and feels the City is alright where it is with regard to the PSTA and it should be a closed subject. Mayor Maloof said looking down the road if there is something to be done with mass or rapid transit, sales taxes may be increased to fund it. Commissioner Minning asked if the \$188,000 PSTA contract as well as the Library could be rolled back by the 9%. Mr. Silverboard said the PSTA does not look at Treasure Island as if it was property tax based at all. The way their formula works is based on the amount of time the trolley spends within the City's limits times some hourly rate.

Commissioner Minning then asked about the Library. Mr. Silverboard said the Library Board met at the end of June with their revised budget based on the reduced funding they will receive from the State as well as the Pinellas Cooperative. The Budget increase was approximately \$2,000, and they will more than likely not give us the 9% discount.

Commissioner Gayton said the Commission talked about a need for an increase in the amount of overtime from this budget to last budget. There is a \$13,000 increase in overtime. Reid Silverboard suggested the City budgets that. He talked with the Police Chief about having all the officers out, it is a significant cost. When the City has other requests from community groups for off-duty police officers, the City should ask the groups to pay for their time, for the City cannot afford to pay for their time. Commissioner Bildz asked about the 4th of July overtime. Police Chief Casey stated it was \$7,654 in costs for salary. Commissioner Collins said this also applied to the Sunday Night Drum Circle. The Police Chief said yes. There are two officers on overtime, but the City can see the fruits of the labor.

Commissioner Collins believes the police overtime isn't a luxury but rather a necessity, but as far as other groups coming onto the island, he agrees with Mr. Silverboard and those groups should pay for the officers' time. Commissioner Bildz asked Chief Casey if it was true that the overtime pay had been depleted. Chief Casey said the overtime was depleted in June. Commissioner Bildz then asked if the Police are still spending overtime at the Drum Circles on Sunday. Chief Casey said yes, but he hopes the overall Police Budget will carry it.

Commissioner Gayton said there shouldn't be an overtime increase this year. Chief Casey stated that the increase reflects the raise in salary to adjust for that. Its not an abundance in overtime, it just reflects the increase cost to pay the officers overtime. Commissioner Gayton asked if it isn't a number of hours, it just makes up for salary adjustments. Chief Casey said yes. Commissioner Bildz stated he doesn't want to decrease the overtime at events such as the 4th of July, for it is a necessity.

Mr. Silverboard said he will have a clean Budget for the Commission within the week. He realizes it is confusing, but next year there will be computers to help us along. Commissioner Minning asked for line item lists of additions and subtractions. Commissioner Bildz asked if at the July 17th Commission Meeting if the millage rate will be the roll-back minus the 9%. Mr. Silverboard recommended that the Commission build in a little flexibility.

Commissioner Gayton thanked the City Manager and all involved. Mayor Maloof seconded it, and asked if there was any thing else.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 3:15 p.m.