

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
August 7, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

The workshop was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Res. 07-62 Beach Management Plan

Rick Raus gave a brief explanation of the beach management plan. He reported on their meeting with the private raker. He has ceased operations out on the beach. The plan establishes the no rake zone around the dunes.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he thinks that it is an excellent idea.

Commissioner Bildz asked what the procedure was to rake up sea weed at the water line after storms. Mr. Raus explained that they have tried picking it up and hauling it away, but that was expensive. It is \$37.50 per ton to remove it. They try to get it back out into the water for it to be taken care of naturally. They will try to get it to the high tide line and let the tides take it out in order to keep the new tractor out of the surf.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the cost, and whether we could bury the sea weed on the beach. Mr. Raus stated that due to the turtles, and red tide, we are not allowed to bury anything on the beach. During red tide we do haul away dead fish.

Commissioner Minning pointed out the historical photographs that are included in the packet. The Beach Stewardship Committee will be discussing a sea oat planting in this area at their meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Gayton asked about some of the smaller areas on the maps. They are very small dunes.

2. Friendship Community Church Special Exception

This item is withdrawn. It needs to go before the Planning and Zoning Board for their recommendation before it comes to the Commission.

Commissioner Gayton asked who the applicant was, and if there is a letter from them. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is a quasi-judicial item, and all evidence must be presented at the hearing. Ms. Rosetti stated that the applicant was Premier Realty Group, who owns the property. The Friendship Community Church is asking for the exception, as they are the ones using the property.

Commissioner Bildz asked if it needed to be workshopped again, or could it go directly to the regular meeting after the Planning and Zoning board finished its work. Mr.

Silverboard and Ms. Kiefer stated that they could do that if they wanted to. The Commissioner agreed to hear it at the meeting after the Planning and Zoning Board makes its recommendation.

3. Res. 07-64 Planning Review Fees

Ms. Rosetti stated that these fees better reflect the cost of staff time.

Commissioner Bildz had a question about the inspection fees, if they knew how many inspections were required at the time of application, and if they were charged accordingly at the time of application. There was a brief discussion about the inspection and reinspection fees. This item will move forward to the August 21, 2007 meeting agenda.

4. Res. 07-61 Interlocal Agreement with the PPC for Professional Planning Services

Ms. Rosetti gave a brief explanation of this item. This is a continuous interlocal agreement. This is strictly a renewal, and all fees remain the same.

Commissioner Gayton clarified that everyone is charged a millage for this service. We are budgeting \$15,000 for assistance with our comp plan. He asked what assistance we receive for the millage. Ms. Rosetti gave an explanation of the services that are provided, and explained that it is less expensive to pay the additional money to the Pinellas Planning Council than to hire an outside consultant. Commissioner Gayton stated again that he feels that we should not have to pay for this assistance. Mr. Silverboard explained that they had given workshops on how to prepare the EAR at no charge. If additional assistance is needed they would have to charge for it. Commissioner Gayton stated that the PPC is only budgeting to receive \$12,000 from cities for services, and asked if we were the only city anticipating asking them for assistance. There are other cities that will use them, but the \$12,000 probably represents money that they already know will be coming in from next year. This item will move forward to the August 21, 2007 meeting agenda.

5. Discussion - Board and Committee Attendance (Requested by Commissioner Collins)

Commissioner Collins explained that there are times when people serving on boards and committees plan their day to attend meetings, and when they arrive they find that there isn't a quorum, and the meeting is cancelled. He requested that members that know that they are unable to attend notify the chairman so the meeting can be cancelled in advance if necessary.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt all the boards should adopt a rule like the Code Enforcement Board has where if a member meets a certain number of meetings in a row they are removed from the board or committee.

Commissioner Collins stated that it was common courtesy for members to notify the chair if they are unable to attend. He is addressing the occasional absence. If there are repeat offenders then that should be addressed as well.

Commissioner Minning suggested that as a first step the chair of each committee or board query the members ahead of time to ensure their attendance. Commissioner Collins

stated that he has no problem with that, but feels that it puts an unfair burden on the chair to do that. It should be up to the individual boards to work this out.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the Code Enforcement Board has instituted that practice. One member calls several hours before to ensure that they have a quorum. If they don't, then they call in an alternate. He suggested that the boards follow the Code Enforcement Board's procedures. He feels that the problem lies with the people that repeatedly don't show up. If this is happening then the Commissioner should be notified and asked to take the appropriate action.

Commissioner Collins stated that he had been asked to address this by members of the Planning and Zoning Board. He asked Mr. Silverboard what he thought of this. Mr. Silverboard stated that they could pass a resolution addressing this. Ms. Kiefer stated that the Code Enforcement Board has rules to address it, and removed a member for regular absences. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would do some research and come back with a resolution addressing it with the other boards and committees.

Commissioner Bildz stated that they appreciate all the work that the volunteers of the various boards and committees do.

6. Res. 07-63 Annual Committee Appointments

The City Clerk has spoken with all but two members, and everyone else wants to be reappointed. This item will move forward to the August 21, 2007 meeting.

7. Pedestrian Crosswalks

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. There have been pedestrian activated crosswalks installed in several of the beach communities. We have several locations in the city that we have grant funding in place to install crosswalks. We are suggesting that we take a look at this type of pedestrian activated crosswalks. These cost approximately \$5,500 each to install. Commissioner Gayton has provided some information on crosswalks that have been installed in St. Petersburg. These have additional features like motion detectors, and a voice instructing the pedestrian to push the button. These are approximately twice as expensive as the ones we are proposing, at a cost of approximately \$11,000.

Commissioner Collins asked if these have the red lines that go across the street. Mr. Silverboard stated that DOT will not approve those types of signaling devices. Commissioner Collins stated that the pedestrian should be hand-signaling to the drivers that they are about to cross. Mr. Silverboard explained that all that is required of the pedestrian is that they step off the curb.

Mr. Silverboard suggests that we buy the units ourselves and either install them ourselves, or include the installation in the mast arm bid.

Commissioner Gayton stated that we have plenty of grant money available, and he would like to suggest that we take a look at the enhanced crosswalks in St. Petersburg. He feels the visibility is much better for both the pedestrian and the driver. Some of the problems at 104th were discussed.

Commissioner Minning asked if there was any type of schedule for this project. Mr. Silverboard stated that Mr. Hambidge had given him a preliminary plan, but there would be some changes. They are almost ready to go out to bid. A schedule will be required as part of the bid process.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked about the artwork on the east and west bridge. Mr. Silverboard clarified that they would be replacing the faulty material with some type of tile, and it would be done by the opening on the 25th of the month.

Commissioner Collins commented about the Beautification Committee's concern that the Code Enforcement Officers cite properties, and then nothing further is done. He asked if they would be using more diligence. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is only recently that the Code Enforcement Board has been meeting again. The Code Officers have been instructed to try to resolve issues without taking them to the board. This sometimes takes time. The key to resolution is having a Code Board that understands their duties, and that the Code Enforcement Officers be given instruction on the process. With the staff getting more aggressive on code enforcement, it is important that the Commission understands that this is the direction that they have been given and have consistency in enforcement. We will work with the residents to get these issues resolved. Most don't know there is an issue.

Commissioner Collins suggested that new residents of Treasure Island be given a copy of the regulations. Mr. Silverboard suggested that new residents that come in to sign up for utility services be given a welcome package. He stated that the Public Information Office will begin work on that immediately. Commissioner Collins stated that if someone who ordinarily complies, and for reasons of illness or other difficulty can't comply, they will not be punished for it.

Commissioner Gayton stated that there were two items that were not discussed at the budget workshops, and he wanted to talk about it now rather than have an additional workshop. The first issue is Alcalde and Fay. Mr. Silverboard explained what line items had a portion of the \$60,000 annual fee in them. We get back far more in grant money than we spend on this item. Commissioner Gayton stated that we are only requesting money for the sewer system, and for the marina. He questioned the Commission as to whether they still felt that it was worth the amount spent at this point. Commissioner Bildz stated that he doesn't like to spend the money on a lobbyist, but that is how the game is played. Commissioner Collins stated that it is a good investment as long as we are getting back the return. Commissioner Minning clarified that this money is coming out of enterprise funds. Commissioner Gayton stated that he just wanted everyone to know where this money is coming from.

Commissioner Gayton stated that we had not discussed the beach trail during the workshops. There is a grant for beach walkovers, and the NOAA grant for the beach entrance. There is a \$10,000 donation from the Islettes. He feels that something should be done with the beach trail and the wall that is falling down. We passed a resolution last year, and he thinks we should open discussion to allot some money for the repairs. Commissioner Collins asked if there was a time requirement to use the NOAA grant funds. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is money that has been allocated, and we are trying to get them to amend the original agreement in order to use the money for certain

improvements such as educational signage, lighting, regulatory signs and pavement. None of it would be used to repair the actual beach trail. Commissioner Gayton stated that we are going to have beautiful beach entrances and beach walkovers, but a wall that is falling down. He suggests that some of the LOISS money be allocated to do some of the repairs to the wall. Commissioner Bildz stated that we would need an estimate of the amount needed. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is an estimate in the information from the consultant. Commissioner Gayton stated that there was no figure for repairs. Commissioner Minning stated that there has been an estimate done by the DPW. He would be in favor of doing something. Commissioner Minning also suggested doing something with the property between the trail and the properties along Gulf Boulevard. Mr. Silverboard asked what information they wanted. Commissioner Gayton wants the cost to repair the wall, what we can do with the \$10,000 beautification donation from the Islettes, and information regarding what Commissioner Minning mentioned about the property between the trail and the properties along Gulf Boulevard. Commissioner Bildz stated that he'd rather see the money spent there than on beautification of the causeway.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer stated that next month is the federal trial. We are on call for the whole month. Please let her know if there are scheduling issues.

Commissioner Gayton asked about Ms. Kiefer's memo regarding the discussions with the City of St. Petersburg. This was at the recommendation of Nicole Elko.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the building permits for Publix and the condominiums to be built at Gulf Golf have been issued.

Mr. Silverboard has spoken with Nicole Elko regarding the affects of the drumming on the turtles. She stated that the noise has some affect on nesting in the area.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Maloof commented that there is a palm tree in front of the Floridian that is dead, and asked if it could be replaced.

Mayor Maloof commented that everyone is working hard to get the work done for the bridge opening. The next project after that will be Can-Am week. It is already being worked on.

Commissioner Collins commented that there are many citizens on the Isle of Capri that are having difficulty with the larger trash cans. They will be replaced with smaller ones. Public Works will, upon request, move the large cans for people who are unable to while they are waiting for the smaller cans. He commended several staff members for their assistance on short notice in helping some residents with disposal of yard waste.

Commissioner Collins asked that if anyone knows of a returning veteran please notify him so that they can be recognized. Our Personnel Director Fred Turner's son has recently been deployed.

Commissioner Collins gave information regarding the Pinellas County by Design report that has been issued.

Commissioner Minning announced that PICA will be having its end of the summer picnic and ice cream social on Friday at Treasure Bay.

Commissioner Minning gave a reminder that the Beach Stewardship meeting is at 1:30 tomorrow.

Commissioner Bildz gave a reminder that there will be no building inspections of any kind on August 15th, so plan early.

Commissioner Bildz spoke about the impervious asphalt that has been used on the sidewalk. Mayor Maloof commented that this was discussed at a meeting that she had recently attended, and people had expressed dissatisfaction with it. It is very maintenance intensive.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Tourism Density issue is going to be discussed at the 7th and 21st at the County Commission hearings.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burke gave a reminder of Saturday's beach clean up.

Mr. Burke asked a question about what was happening with the property that burned on 3rd Street East. Can they be forced to do anything with the property? Ms. Kiefer stated that it could be addressed through the Code Enforcement Department.

Heidi Horak made a comment regarding the appointee situation for boards and committees. She feels that they should look at more than attendance – they should also look at the work that they do. She stated that the Planning and Zoning board already has a policy about checking in with the Associate Planner.

Heidi Horak gave an update on what is going on with the historic properties. She is giving presentations to three organizations. After those presentations she will be back before the board.

Commissioner Collins asked the City Manager to follow up on the first public comment that was heard at the meeting.

Pam McIntyre spoke regarding the Code Enforcement issue. She was told that unless it is harmful it was not going to be addressed. She did not feel that it was an appropriate response.

Kevin Johnson made comments regarding the crosswalk discussion. There are bus stops near some of the crosswalks. They should be separated. He is in favor of the pedestrian operated crosswalks.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.