

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 5, 2007
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. 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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dominique Reiter spoke representing the Chamber of Commerce. She invited the public to a luncheon with officials from Publix on September 13th. She also spoke about an appreciation luncheon being held on September 26th for the people involved with the bridge construction.

Hugh Ruckdeshel spoke regarding the boat ramp at 123rd Avenue. He requested that something be done with it. He suggested charging a fee for use of the ramp. He also spoke about the power poles on 123rd Avenue. One doesn't have the cables removed yet. He would like the wire and poles removed.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

E. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Res. 07-77 Setting the Tentative Millage Rate (Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read. The public hearing was opened at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. The public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous. The Mayor read the report giving the millage rate of 2.3878, and explained that it is a 9% decrease.

2. Ord. 07-10 Budget and Appropriations (First Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the ordinance as read. The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof at 6:11 p.m. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Maloof at 6:11 p.m. Upon roll

call, the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous. The Mayor announced that the ordinance will appear on the September 19th agenda for second reading and public hearing.

Commissioner Minning asked if the budget was posted on the website. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Collins asked if there also had to be newspaper advertisements. Mr. Silverboard explained the procedure for advertising the meetings.

Mayor Maloof thanked the City Manager for his work on the budget.

F. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

3. Res. 07-65 Veteran's Day Boat Parade Donation

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Bildz commented that if the tax reform bill passes in January it will be difficult to fund items like this. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Res. 07-66 Wag the Beach

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Gayton commented that he supports the event, with the exception of the parking on the beach. In 2004 the Commission approved the expenditure of \$40,000 for a study of the flora and fauna and exotic species on the beach, and he can't support the parking due to the impact on the plants. We are trying to preserve the beach. Mayor Maloof commented that she supports the event, but not the parking on the beach. Commissioner Minning stated that he had received two e-mails in favor of parking on the beach, and two not in favor of the beach parking. There is concern for the environmental impact of parking on the beach. He reviewed the parking area for the Sun, Sand & Symphony parking, and found that it was not in environmentally sensitive areas. He inspected the beach after the event, and did not find any visible evidence of impact. He feels that selective parking for specific events can be done in an environmentally protective manner. Commissioner Bildz stated that he disagrees with those comments. He suggests that people park in the business areas and walk to the beach.

Commissioner Bildz made a motion to amend the motion deleting the parking on the beach. It was seconded by Commissioner Gayton. Mr. Ruckdeshel commented that he sees no problem with parking vehicles on the beach. The people participating have nice dogs and nice vehicles, and should be allowed to use the beach. If there are problems they should be corrected then. If it is to be allowed for Sun, Sand & Symphony it should be allowed for other events.

Dominique Reiter presented a map of the area that will be used for the event. They have fifty vendors lined up for the event. She stated that the Chamber is a responsible group, and will use the same parking plans that they used for Sun, Sand & Symphony. She asked Commissioner Collins to attest that it was a big help to

those who are handicapped. She stated that not everyone will be parking on the beach. There were less than 200 cars parked there for Sun, Sand & Symphony. It would ease the parking situation for the vendors. She discussed the various events that the Commission has had to cut from the budget, and stated that the Chamber would like to sponsor those events, but needs City support on this. She asked the Commission to reconsider parking on the beach.

Commissioner Collins stated that two weeks ago he was more in favor of parking on the beach. Tonight he is less in favor. There are only about 200 cars that would be there, and doesn't know how necessary it would be. He asked if it were possible to ask participants to park downtown and run a shuttle to the beach. This would eliminate the environmental concerns, and be a good way to get traffic to the local businesses. He feels that would be a more positive impact on local businesses. Ms. Reiter stated that she feels that the idea is excellent, and would like to incorporate it along with the parking on the beach. There is concern about people leaving their dogs in hot cars, but she doesn't feel that it will be an issue. Commissioner Collins stated that regardless of how the vote turns out they should consider the shuttle to attract people to the downtown businesses.

Mr. Ruckdeshel stated that there are a lot of no parking tow away zones. Parking is only allowed in the business district if you are going into the business. Commissioner Collins stated that the businesses would be in favor of it for this event.

Upon roll call, the amendment passed on a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Minning being the dissenting vote. Upon roll call, the vote to approve the amended resolution was unanimous.

5. Res. 07-68 Gulf Beaches Public Library Service Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Mr. Ruckdeshel stated that he didn't know how many people used the library, and doesn't feel that we need the library anymore. We need the \$100,000 for other things. The money could be used to run the drawbridge. It is unnecessary for a library. The money is needed here.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. 07-75 LOISS (Penny for Pinellas) Interlocal Agreement

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Mayor Maloof commented that at the Mayor's Council meeting today there was discussion regarding the percentage of payment to the cities. We are being urged to sign this agreement by September 14th, but many of the cities are not going to sign it. Mr. Silverboard stated that the City Attorney is suggesting that we hold off on approving this. The date that the county is asking for this is their date only. This item can be referred to the next meeting on the 19th.

Commissioner Bildz made a motion to table this until the September 19th meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Gayton. Upon roll call, the vote to approve the motion to table was unanimous.

7. Res. 07-76 Gas Tax Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Minning asked if this item was similar to the LOISS item. Mr. Silverboard explained that it was simply changing dates.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Ord. 07-09 Business Tax Increase (First Reading & Public Hearing)

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification on which section of the code this was amending.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Collins gave a brief explanation of what these taxes were for. They are strictly businesses. It is the old Occupational License tax.

Mr. Ruckdeshel stated that he has been paying for an occupational license for 37 years. It also includes rental property. He asked how much it would be raised, and suggested that it be called a service license.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous. The ordinance will appear on the September 19th agenda for second reading and public hearing.

9. Ord. 07-08 Supplemental Appropriations (First Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read. The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof at 6:57 p.m. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Maloof at 6:57 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous. The ordinance will appear on the September 19th agenda for second reading and public hearing.

10. Res. 07-74 Increase in Parking Violation Fines

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

11. Ord. 07-07 General Wage Adjustment (First Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Collins explained that all non-union hourly employees would be receiving a 3% cost of living increase.

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof at 6:59 p.m. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Maloof at 6:59 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve the

ordinance was unanimous. The ordinance will appear on the September 19th agenda for second reading and public hearing.

12. Res. 07-73 Changes in Career Service Manual

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Minning asked about the reimbursement for education. The Personnel Director, Fred Turner, explained that it included tuition and related expenses. They are outlined in the manual. He explained that "up to 100%" could mean that the student had received funding from another source such as a scholarship, so the city would reimburse the unfunded portion. Commissioner Minning then asked about the leave of absence without pay, and whether the job would be available upon the employee's return. If the job is still there they would be allowed to return.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

13. Res. 07-72 City Clerk Salary

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

14. Res. 07-82 Livable Communities

This item was removed from the agenda. It was decided at the August 21st workshop to refer it to the LPA.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.