

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 19, 2007
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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:

Pam McIntyre stated that she had passed out information to the Commission regarding concerns about the City Attorney. She was unhappy with advice given at Planning Board meetings, and requested the Commission review the events of the April 19, 2007 meeting.

Hugh Ruckdeshel stated that he frequently speaks during public comments, but does not receive answers. He asked if the boat ramp would be done.

Paul Starr spoke regarding taxes and fees. He stated that people can not pay the existing taxes, and he doesn't think the business taxes and other fees should be raised.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 21, 2007 and September 5, 2007 meetings and workshops are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to accept the minutes as printed. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The City Manager requested that two items be added to the regular agenda. The first item is to allow the purchase of a greens mower. The motor on the mower used to mow the fairways at the golf course has blown, and this is the only mower that is used for this purpose. Because of the age of this mower it does not make sense to repair it. It needs to be purchased as soon as possible, which is why he did not put it on the workshop.

The second item is item number 5 on the workshop agenda, the dune walkover agreement. It is for approximately \$180,000 in funding to install beach walkovers. If this is not acted on tonight it will not be done during the current fiscal year, and we may lose funding from the County.

It was agreed that the mower item would be item number 14, and the dune walkover item would be item number 15.

E. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. Lorraine Gary spoke regarding her sewer bill. She was angry at the amount that she is being charged. There being no further comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous. The final millage rate for the City of Treasure Island is 2.3878.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the ordinance as read. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Ruckdeshel read an excerpt from the newspaper. He stated that rather than cutting paper clips we should be cutting paper. He stated that paper clips and staples are one of the major hazards in an office to computer equipment. He stated that they should reduce the funding to the library. He doesn't feel that it is worth \$100,000. The money should be spent on crosswalks or the bridge. There being no further comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

3. Res. 07-84 Madeira Beach Middle School Use of the Treasure Island Pirate

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Collins stated that he had received an e-mail from a resident expressing concern about losing our mascot. It is trademarked, and we will not lose it. It cannot be used without the Commission's permission. Attorney Kiefer suggested that permission be granted in the form of a license. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was 4-1 with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

4. Ord. 07-09 Business Tax Increase (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. There being no public comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Res. 07-69 Water Pollution Control Rate Adjustment (Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Collins explained that the reason for the rate change was due to the additional charges by the City of St. Petersburg. We have no choice but to pass the rate increase on. Commissioner Bildz explained that the money collected in sewer fees was not used for anything other than sewer charges. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Ruckdeshel commented about the sewer system that used to be in Treasure Island, and explained why we are with the City of St. Petersburg now. There being no further comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. 07-78 Solid Waste Rate Adjustment (Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Bildz explained that the charges that were being added for special pickups were not to generate additional information, but to keep the rates for the regular pickups lower for everyone. Commissioner Collins stated that every time an item is taken to the dump we are charged. Commissioner Minning stated that this money is only used for solid waste to recoup costs. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Mr. Ruckdeshel commented that he had a card for a property that he owns on the Isle of Palms. He discussed condominiums and how they only get one bill. He is a firm believer in recycling. If they are going to charge for recycling they should make it mandatory. This should apply to all or none. He was expressed concern about having to move the new trashcans from sight. He stated that condominiums are a category of single family homes, and should be charged the same. Mr. Ruckdeshel urged the Commission to fix the billing situation. Mayor Maloof asked Mr. Ruckdeshel to sit down as he had exceeded his time. There being no further comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Ord. 07-07 General Wage Adjustment

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

8. Res. 07-85 Employee Health Insurance

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Bildz stated that this was one of the cuts that the City had to make this year. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

9. Res. 07-67 EMS/ALS First Responder Agreement Renewal

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

10. Ord. 07-08 Supplemental Appropriations (Second Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Bildz clarified that the change was to fund the mower. These types of changes are allowed. Mayor Maloof opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. There being no comments, Mayor Maloof closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

11. Res. 07-80 Beach Renourishment Reserves

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

12. Res. 07-81 Attendance Requirement for Boards and Committees

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

13. Res. 07-83 Planning Board Appointment

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution appointing Kevin Johnson for a term to expire on August 31, 2009. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

14. Res. 07-95 Purchase of a Replacement Mower

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution. Commissioner Gayton stated that he didn't feel this was an emergency, and felt that he was not in favor of spending the additional money. Commissioner Bildz stated that he was not in favor of it either. Commissioner Minning asked for an explanation of why it was recommended to purchase rather than repair. Mr. Silverboard explained that this piece of equipment was originally purchased used, and the suggested mower is a step down from it. He stated that he didn't have a problem repairing the mower, but that this mower is no longer reliable as a front line mower, and there is no backup available. It is used at least weekly, if not more often. Because of its age it doesn't seem to be appropriate to spend the money to repair it considering the usage that it gets. A newer machine would be a more reasonable long term investment. Commissioner Gayton stated that he is still not in favor, and the item was not discussed during the budget process. He would rather spend the money to repair rather than replace. Commissioner Collins stated that he was originally in favor of it, but he felt the cost was too high. Mr. Silverboard explained that this price was off the state contract, and Ms. Hayduke had tried to get a demo, and this was the best that we could get. Commissioner Collins asked if the repairs would be warrantied. There would be no warranty as we would be doing the

repairs in house. Commissioner Collins stated that if it is a brand new engine with a warranty it should be able to be taken care of quickly. Commissioner Minning asked what the alternatives were. Has anyone looked at a used mower? Ms. Hayduke stated that used mowers were between \$11,000 and \$12,000. The mower being proposed was the least expensive of all the new mowers. They are getting numerous complaints about the fairways. Commissioner Minning asked when the last time the engine was replaced on that mower. Ms. Hayduke did not have that information available at this time. Commissioner Minning asked if we put the golf course on an enterprise fund basis and put this cost in, how long would it take to repay it. It would take about one month with 1500 non-residents to pay for it. Commissioner Collins stated that he felt they should pursue replacing the motor. Commissioner Bildz stated that in the workshop we will be discussing increasing golf fees. He feels we should not be spending this much money for something that is used mostly by non-residents. Commissioner Gayton stated that we have to get the grass mowed, and we can accomplish the same thing with a repaired mower as with a new mower. Commissioner Collins asked if the transmission was the original transmission. He agrees and thinks we should repair rather than replace. Commissioner Bildz asked if this was within the City Manager's authority to authorize the repair. It was answered in the affirmative. The motion and second were withdrawn. It is the consensus of the Commission to repair rather than replace.

15. Res. 07-96 Interlocal Agreement for Dune Walkovers

We have received a draft interlocal agreement from Pinellas County to build dune walkovers. They are offering \$90,000 in state funds, and \$90,000 in County funds to build walkovers. The Beach Stewardship Committee has met, and made its recommendations. The funds need to be encumbered with the County before the new fiscal year starts in order to receive the funds. Commissioner Minning stated that there were three potential sites for walkovers. It was decided today to commission one in the area just north of the Sunset Chateau condos. There would be additional funding every year, and the City can apply for it each year. The money in this agreement can also be spent on the removal of beach walkovers that are in disrepair or are no longer needed. It is important to execute the agreement in order to encumber the funds. Commissioner Bildz asked if anyone had looked into removing the walkover at the Sunset Vista Park. He also commented on the walkover at the Sunset Vista Hotel and how it needs to be extended. Commissioner Minning stated that that one is "duned in", but it is not the property of the City, so the funds cannot be used for that one. The Sunset Vista Park walkover was part of the NOAA grant, and was supposed to be part of a nature trail. Commissioner Bildz asked the width of the proposed walkover. Commissioner Minning asked Rick Raus to explain. Mr. Raus stated that the DEP is very concerned about the height. They all have to have two foot clearance. We try to have all of them be ADA compliant, but it isn't always possible to have the ramps. They can not be any further than ten feet further than the dune. Commissioner Gayton asked what action was required tonight to secure the grant. Mr. Silverboard stated that they needed to authorize the appropriate official to approve the agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the motion as read. Comments were made regarding the dune walkover at Sunset Vista Park. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.