

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 2, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING**

The workshop was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Res. 07-95 Boat Parade Donation

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. A letter has been received from Les Lathrop representing the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club requesting a \$1,000 donation for the boat parade. Due to the budgetary cuts this year this item was not funded in the budget.

Commissioner Minning stated that he had asked Mr. Lathrop for the information that was provided. This is a signature event that Treasure Island sponsors, and is very popular. He wasn't aware that this was not included in the budget, and thinks it is not too late to put it back in. The City benefits from this, and he would support funding it.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he looks forward to this every year, but it is a lot of money in a tough budget year. The City sponsors by providing staff.

Mayor Maloof stated that it is a huge city wide event that she would hate to see go down for lack of funds.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the line item for food for poolside and boats. Mr. Lathrop explained his position at the Yacht Club and gave a brief history of the boat parade. In the beginning the City donated \$500 per year, but it was changed to \$1,000 after about the 8th year. He explained the line item for food. It is a kickoff party for the community. This is the event that they use to raise the toy donations. They collect up to 1,200 toys. There is also a post-parade party for the participants in the parade. The Club absorbs any shortfall in the budget.

Commissioner Collins asked about the date. He feels that they should avoid weeknights. He asked for clarification on the entry fee. It is \$10 per boat. He commented that it was a low figure considering how many people were on each boat. He doesn't feel that anyone would drop out if the fee were doubled to \$20. Mr. Lathrop stated that the notices have been sent for this year, so they would have to consider it for next year.

Commissioner Bildz commented that 20 people could donate \$50 and come up with the \$1,000 easily.

Mr. Lathrop commented that maybe if a letter went to the people on the route from the City they would get some donations. He will do whatever he can to trim the expenses. Commissioner Gayton asked where donations should be sent.

This item will move forward to the October 16th meeting agenda.

2. Res. 07-96 Chamber of Commerce Sign

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. The Chamber of Commerce has requested permission to put a sign in the median near the causeway. It will be used to announce city-wide events that they are sponsoring. The existing sign is used by several organizations, and there have been scheduling conflicts. The ultimate solution would be an electronic message board.

Dominique Reiter spoke representing the Chamber. She thanked the Commission for allowing this to go on the agenda. They are not looking for a large sign. They will be working with Florida Design. She requested that they put this on the November 6th meeting agenda, when she would present them with proposed designs. The signs would be up for 10-14 days and then removed. They are already getting feedback on Wag the Beach, and they would like to advertise it. The sign would not be used for luncheons or mixes – it would only be used for City-wide events. Commissioner Gayton asked Ms. Reiter to give a letter to Mr. Silverboard stating what they want. Ms. Reiter agreed to incorporate a letter with her design plans for the November meeting. Commissioner Bildz asked how many events would be advertised. Ms. Reiter gave a list of the activities that are currently planned. Commissioner Bildz asked if it were solely for the Chamber of Commerce, or if it would be used by the City as well. It will be paid for by the Chamber of Commerce and used solely for their events.

This item will move to the November 6th meeting agenda.

3. Res. 07-97 Code Enforcement Board Appointments

Commissioner Gayton stated that he had received a call from Buddy Castiglia volunteering to serve as an alternate on the Code Enforcement Board. Commissioner Bildz stated that there were three applications, but two were interested in other boards as well. Since Mr. Castiglia was only interested in the Code Enforcement Board he supports his appointment as an alternate to the Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Silverboard clarified that Mr. Weinrich will be appointed as a full time member, which would create the vacancy for the alternate position.

This item will move forward to the October 16th meeting agenda.

4. Discussion on Dog Parks – Requested by Commissioner Collins

Commissioner Collins explained that he had a request for a dog park, and thought it was a good idea. He didn't feel that it would be expensive to build. He feels that there could be one in each district. There were several locations that could be considered. Commissioner Bildz agreed that it was a good idea. Mayor Maloof asked if the dogs would be able to run there. Commissioner Collins explained that it would be a fenced in area for them to be able to run. Commissioner Minning asked that staff come forward with an assessment of the possible locations and other information at another workshop before this goes to a meeting.

Mr. Silverboard stated that there were only two locations that could work well. The two locations would be Roselli Park and T.I. Park. There are a lot of things to consider. He

has asked Ms. Hayduke to contact other communities that have dog parks for further information. Ms. Hayduke gave a brief update on the information that she had received so far, and will update them further when this is discussed again.

Dominique Reiter expressed concern about the park. She discussed the clean-up, as well as the hours, locked bathrooms at Roselli Park, extra traffic around the park, and whether we would need to disconnect the irrigations around the area. She is not against it, but she thinks that there needs to be thought through a little more. She again requested that the bathrooms be unlocked. Commissioner Collins stated that they are unlocked during the day now. Ms. Hayduke clarified that they are open during the day on weekdays and whenever Little League is there, and closed on the weekends.

Ms. Hayduke advised the Commission that if they build the dog park they will have to amend the City Ordinance regarding the leash law.

This item will move forward to the October 16th workshop agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins announced that he will have a symposium for businesses on October 15th, tentatively at the Bilmar. On 2nd Street the water main that has been dug up is taking so long because they need to test the water. The beach vegetation signs are to be replaced soon. He offered to attend association meetings to answer questions.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the contracts for the boat ramps. Mr. Silverboard spoke to Mr. Hambidge, and the bid package is out on the street for the crosswalks, dune walk-overs, ramps, and traffic signals. Crosswalk bids are expected by the 23rd, dune walk-overs and boat ramps by the 24th, and the traffic signals by the 25th.

Commissioner Minning brought up that the water testing on Thursday was high. The advisory is still in affect, but the Health Dept. only tests at the St. Pete Municipal Beach.

Mayor Maloof said she spoke to a resident about the street lights on Paradise Lane. She would like to put together a letter to give to the residents, and she has suggestions from a TI police officer.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer spoke about the Federal case. We are now back in State Court on the injunction, but the rest is in Federal Court. It simplifies things a bit, but she is not sure how that affects the counter claim. The Judge has temporarily suspended everything, so we are still in a holding pattern.

Maura talked about the Penny for Pinellas and wants to put it on the next Workshop agenda. She wants the municipalities to review the draft and dialogue with the County. Mr. Silverboard said he will discuss that with the City Attorney.

Mr. Silverboard updated the Commission on the house that was damaged by the fire. A demolition contractor pulled a permit today and will be completing the work within the next ten days.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins spoke about the amphitheater that he proposed at the last meeting. Concerns were raised about noise. He is convinced that it is a great cultural magnet to draw people in from St. Pete. He presented a tentative schedule. He feels there are benefits to the community.

Commissioner Bildz reported on the Sunset Beach Civic Association. They are active again. Questions about parking were raised at the meeting. It will need to be addressed in the future.

Mayor Maloof discussed the proposed resolution supporting the communities banding together to negotiate with Brighthouse regarding the proposed move of government channels to the digital tier.

Mayor Maloof urged residents to attend the events planned for Can-Am week. She read the schedule and thanked participants for their support. The American and Canadian flags that have been displayed were donated by the American Legion.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

Mary Maloof, Mayor

Phil Collins – District 1

Ed Gayton – District 2

Bob Minning – District 3

Alan Bildz – District 4

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Foss, City Clerk