

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 16, 2007
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING**

The workshop was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Res. 07-100 Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicles

Mr. Silverboard stated that the figures in the staff report for the 2007 Ford Expedition XLT are incorrect, and the amount to Don Reid Ford should be \$27,238, which includes the base vehicle price, the XLT package, and the power windows, door locks, etc, spotlight, additional keys, and an extended warranty. In addition to that we will be spending an additional \$3,234 for additional equipment for the vehicle. The total price of this vehicle will be \$30,472. The bid award price will be \$27,238. We are paying within \$16 of the price of last year's vehicle.

Commissioner Minning asked about the extended warranty, and whether it was the drive train. Chief Casey answered in the affirmative, and clarified that it is odometer miles.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the new total amount for the two vehicles to be purchased is \$44,074.

Commissioner Bildz asked why we couldn't get by with something a little smaller. Chief Casey explained that after equipment and prisoner areas are added we need the space. Commissioner Bildz asked if every car had to be equipped to transport prisoners. Chief Casey gave a brief explanation of the booking and transporting process. Mr. Silverboard explained that it wasn't every car; it was just the patrol vehicles. Commissioner Bildz commented that a few years ago we had police cars, and now it is all SUV's. Chief Casey explained that we need every officer to be able to patrol the beach. Commissioner Bildz suggested that we get some motorcycles or smaller vehicles to cut expenses. Mr. Silverboard reiterated that we need the vehicles to be able to drive on the beach, and also be able to respond after storms. These vehicles are on the beach on a daily basis. That is a decision that the Commission made several years ago. Commissioner Bildz asked again if all of the vehicles had to patrol the beach – he understands that some of them have to, but do all of them. Chief Casey explained that procedurally, a Crown Victoria would be less expensive to operate, but for what we do here, this procedure is successful. A Crown Victoria would limit us during special events. The cost difference is about \$4,000, but the benefit that we receive makes up for it.

Commissioner Collins asked if the extended warranty extends to the transfer case, and how long it was for. Chief Casey stated that it was the entire drive train, and five years, 75,000 miles. Commissioner Collins asked if Officers always sit with the cars idling. Chief Casey explained the procedure that the officers follow while idling. Commissioner Collins commented that we are not taking into account what the old Expedition will bring us at the auction. Chief Casey stated that there is no way to predict that.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the 44,000 miles is over and above the odometer meter. Chief Casey explained that an hour on the hour meter is the equivalent of approximately 37 miles on the odometer. Commissioner Gayton asked if there had been more incidents at Roselli Park, and if the cameras had been installed. Chief Casey stated that nothing significant has happened. The cameras are purchased, but have not been installed yet. Commissioner Gayton asked if the officers get out of the car and look around. Chief Casey answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Gayton asked if the graffiti on the water tower would be removed. Mr. Silverboard stated that we will check with the County about it.

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

2. Res. 07-102 Bright House Networks Channel Relocation

Mr. Silverboard explained that we had received a copy of a resolution from the City of Pinellas Park. They have asked all cities to pass a similar resolution. Brighthouse is proposing to eliminate the government access channels in December, and will be putting them in the 600 range of the digital tier. Most cities are proposing to challenge this in their franchise agreements. This resolution asks them to delay moving the channels, and hopefully we will be able to go to our legislative delegation to prohibit them from putting us in that range. Mayor Maloof stated that it was her understanding that it will be done at the federal level in 2009. Mr. Silverboard stated that in 2009 all cable signals will be digital and everyone will need a box. If the government channels are moved to the 600 range people will have to know where they are rather than surf to them.

Commissioner Minning stated that if there is a resolution coming out of the Commission, it will not be just to delay. In 2009 there will be a cost to convert to digital cable. He feels that all we are doing is delaying, and we should ask Brighthouse to leave the channel where it is.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he will not get digital cable, and thinks he is not alone.

This item will move forward to the November 6th meeting with updated language.

3. Ord. 07-11 Election Qualifying Dates

The City Clerk explained that a law change moves up the date to provide ballot language to the Supervisor of Elections office, which requires a change in the qualifying dates. Commissioner Bildz asked if this would be enough time with the holidays. The City Clerk answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Minning suggested a wording change to section 14-9 (b) that will be made for the next meeting.

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

4. Ord. 07-12 Repeal of Causeway Tolls

Ms. Kiefer gave a brief explanation of this item. It was a condition of the grant for the bridge that we eliminate the tolls. Commissioner Minning stated that he would like to see

the wording from the grant in the ordinance. Ms. Kiefer will incorporate the language into the ordinance. This item will move forward to the November 6th meeting agenda.

5. Discussion of Dog Parks

Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke gave a brief explanation of the memo that she has provided to the Commission. She has done a considerable amount of research. It is her recommendation that the only location that should be considered is Roselli Park. She read a list of what would be needed for the park. The costs of dog parks in Pinellas County ranged from \$21,518 to over \$54,000. Some communities have received grants for their dog parks. These costs do not reflect the ongoing maintenance costs. City Ordinances would have to be changed to allow dogs to run off their leashes. Costs to consider would be fencing, irrigation and water fountains, benches, mutt mitts and replacement dispensers, signage, landscaping and sod, and any optional equipment. She estimates that it would be somewhere between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Her recommendation is to including funding in next year's budget and apply for grant funding if the Commission desires.

Commissioner Minning asked for clarification that McLaughlin Park is not under consideration for the park. Ms. Hayduke stated that it is too small and would not be feasible.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification that this would only be a dog run at Roselli Park. Ms. Hayduke answered in the affirmative, and gave a brief explanation of the layout. Commissioner Collins commented that when he brought it up he had no idea that it would take this much work or be this expensive. He stated that he would be in favor of applying for grant money for this. Ms. Hayduke stated that the submission period is June through September, and she will look into it.

Commissioner Minning commended Ms. Hayduke for her presentation. He asked about the space. The area being discussed is less than half an acre, so if it were divided into two areas for large and small dogs it would be approximately 2/10ths of an acre each. Commissioner Collins asked if two areas would be necessary. He also asked if the area available would be big enough. Ms. Hayduke stated that all of the parks that she saw were larger.

Commissioner Gayton stated that it is a residential neighborhood, and they would need the support of the neighbors. There are issues with noise, odor, daily maintenance, etc. What percent of the residents will use it? He feels they need to get the support of the residents of Capri Circle South before they do anything. He hasn't seen any support for the project so far. Commissioner Collins agrees. Commissioner Bildz stated that there are already 18 parks in the county, and even if we got the grant the price of the maintenance would be expensive.

John Burke, a resident of the area, spoke in opposition of a dog park at Roselli Park. He stated that people walk their dogs all over the Isle of Capri now, and they don't need something to draw more people to the area. There is not enough parking during baseball season, and there would not be enough parking for the dog park too. With the budget constraints we shouldn't be spending money on dog parks. He suggested that they take it to the Isle of Capri Civic Association for their opinion.

Mayor Maloof asked if the commission wished to go further. Commissioner Collins stated that he does not. Commissioner Bildz asked if we should go to the Civic Association. Commissioner Gayton stated that if there were more room in the city it would be a good idea. Commissioner Collins asked for it to be reviewed, and it was. He suggested that it be dropped. The commission agreed by consensus to not move forward with this.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked about the status of the artwork on the bridge. Mr. Silverboard stated that the old artwork has been removed. He will get an update from Mr. Hambidge on the status of the project. Commissioner Collins asked about cost, and if we would receive a refund.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he has received calls and e-mails from citizens expressing concern regarding the speed tables on 107th. He wants to assure people that they are speed tables and not speed bumps. He asked for people to give it a chance. There were installed at Sunset Beach today.

Commissioner Minning discussed the water quality on the beaches. The last test showed high levels of bacteria, so the advisory is still in affect. We are still trying to find out where it is coming from. The Health Department sampled again today. He also duplicated their sampling, and also sampled other areas. The results will be in tomorrow. Due to the high number last week, even if the levels come down we will more than likely be under advisory for the next few weeks. When he sampled other areas they were all well below the levels. Commissioner Gayton asked for an explanation of where the different types of bacteria come from. Commissioner Minning explained the two types, and where they come from. They can come from sewage, storm water runoff, discharge from boats. We have no pipes going into that area. Commissioner Gayton asked if the County had any idea of where this could be coming from. Commissioner Minning stated that they were puzzled about it as well. Mr. Silverboard explained that this has happened at this time of year in the past, and we may never have an explanation. Commissioner Collins asked if the tankers coming into Tampa Bay could have anything to do with this, with the currents at this time of year. Commissioner Minning stated that the intermittent nature of it could fit, but he would expect more dilution in that distance. He would expect to see it more widespread.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported that the City of Treasure Island was victorious in the federal lawsuit on every issue. The injunction that she filed in 2005 was sent back to the state court. The judge has issued the rulings on all claims asserted by Gulf Coast, including the counter claims. This will enable the City to collect the fines issued by the Code Enforcement Board in the amount of approximately \$182,000. We will also be requesting attorney's fees. A notice of appeal was filed on October 5th, but she feels very confident in Judge Moody's summary judgment. Mr. Yakavone's office will be handling the appeal. Mr. Silverboard asked if the briefs have been filed for the appeal. Ms. Kiefer stated that they are not due yet. Commissioner Bildz asked if the fines were still accruing. Ms. Kiefer stated that they accrued until they come into compliance, and they came into compliance when the building burned. Commissioner Gayton asked if we would be going after them for the other addresses. Ms. Kiefer answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Silverboard discussed having a bus tour with the Commission and Department Heads and visit areas of the City together. It would be noticed so that it would be a public meeting. It would give Administration and staff the opportunity to see what the Commission is seeing out there. He requested that they look at their calendars for the beginning of November for a free morning.

Mr. Silverboard advised the Commission that he was contacted by the Historical Society. They have acquired some display cases and requested that it be displayed in City Hall. He suggested putting it on the south wall of the customer service area in the front of the building.

Mr. Silverboard stated that we have a camera area set up in the back to get updated photos of the Commission. These will be for the wall of City Hall and the website. He requested that all Commissioners be photographed before they leave tonight.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins gave a brief report on the Business Symposium that was held last night. There were approximately 25 people, the City Manager, Commissioners Bildz and Minning, and business owners. Some suggestions were doing additional landscaping around town, Friday night Flicks, and other City wide activities.

Cathy Hayduke will be attending the Clearwater Jazz Festival on Friday night to see how it works behind the scenes. Mr. Dunbar from Clearwater also invited Commissioner Collins and the City Manager, and will be coming to our November 6th meeting in order to help us to explore these additional activities.

Commissioner Collins again offered to attend any association meetings to answer questions or address concerns.

Commissioner Minning spoke about a conversation that he had with a citizen regarding being kind to neighbors, and whether you talk to your neighbor first, or Code Enforcement first. He suggested that you go to your neighbor before calling Code Enforcement. Commissioner Bildz added that if they were doing something dangerous they should call the police.

Mayor Maloof made an announcement about the Sunshine Elementary School reunion to be held on Saturday, November 3rd, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Albans Parish Hall. There are flyers that will be posted.

Mayor Maloof commented that Can-Am week was a huge success. Mayor Salsi watched several of our meetings, and thought they were very orderly and that we held good meetings. She thanked everyone who helped out with the events.

Mayor Maloof announced that the League of Cities Legislative Conference will be held in November. She attended the Home Rule Committee meeting on Friday. One of the first things to be presented to the legislature will be regarding the regulation of fireworks. Another item that is high on the list is funding for transportation. There is a transportation trust fund that will be raided by the legislature and governor to help cover the budget shortfalls. Another item that was discussed was electronic enforcement devices.

Mayor Maloof gave a reminder of the Suncoast League of Cities meeting on Saturday in Pinellas Park at 10:00. We are hosting the meeting here in January.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burke stated that the house on 3rd Street East has been completely removed as of today and it looks nice.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 8:14 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