

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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 thanked Mayor Maloof, Commissioner Collins, the Police and Fire Departments, and Ron Flowers for making their Halloween party a success. Their Civic Association earned enough money at their garage sale to purchase and donate a defibulator for the Fire Department.

Ms. Reiter announced that the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held this Thursday. Wag the Beach will be held on November 17th. The Chamber will be doing the Santa Parade on December 1st.

A.J. Audet. Commander of the American Legion Post complimented the City and the Public Works crew for getting the flags up. He announced that there would be a Memorial Service at noon on Sunday, November 11th at the park. It will be followed by an open house at the Post.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meetings and workshops of October 2nd and October 16th, 2007 are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the minutes as corrected. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Res. 07-96 Chamber of Commerce Signage

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Minning asked how it would be handled if another organization made the same request. There may be other organizations that want to announce their events. He suggested that this sign structure be made available for other events as available, as the Chamber only has two major events to advertise. Commissioner Bildz stated that he was going to ask

the same thing. Ms. Reiter spoke for the Chamber of Commerce. She commented that the sign would be in color, and they would make it as attractive as possible. She doesn't feel that there will be a lot of groups looking to advertise events. They are approached to sponsor events on a regular basis. They will not be using it to advertise grand openings, luncheons, or mixers. She suggested that if others asked about signs they take it up on a case by case basis. Commissioner Collins stated that he felt that it was a good idea to attract business to the community. There are two major events, but the Chamber is working to bring other events to the City in the future. He feels that other requests should be taken on a case by case basis. If it gets difficult then the sign could be taken down. Mayor Maloof stated that we still have the large sign available on a case by case basis. Commissioner Minning commented that he agreed with that, but he is trying to look to the future now. If the sign isn't being used, why couldn't it be used by other organizations? Commissioner Bildz asked if the City sign was being used and the Chamber sign was available could another organization approach the Chamber to use the sign. Ms. Reiter stated that she would take it on a case by case basis. She explained that there are sections on the sign specific to the Chamber that are permanent.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Collins asked why it would take until the spring of next year to get these cars. Police Chief Casey explained that one is on the lot and available now. The other will be ordered.

Commissioner Bildz stated that other communities have smaller cars, and not all vehicles need to go on the beach. He stated that he would like to see the Police Department consider looking at less expensive vehicles in a future budget.

Commissioner Collins asked Chief Casey to explain why the four wheel drive vehicles are necessary. Chief Casey explained that the amount of equipment that needs to be installed takes up a large portion of the interior of the vehicle. They have a minimum of three officers out at one time. If there is a call for assistance on the beach then another officer would have to go in and get a vehicle that could be used on the beach. Cars are less money, but the difference is not substantially different because of the number of miles driven. The goal has been to convert the entire fleet to four wheeled drives. We are busy with law enforcement on the beach. He recognizes the cost of these vehicles, and has investigated other vehicles. Commissioner Bildz stated that other agencies use smaller vehicles, and questioned if all vehicles needed to be four wheeled drive vehicles. Chief Casey stated that he wasn't sure that they would realize that much of a savings, and having a motorcycle replace a car could sometimes necessitate bringing a car out, therefore occasionally having to utilize two vehicles.

Commissioner Collins asked how often they drive on the beach. Chief Casey stated that each officer makes two or three passes on the beach during each shift.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was 4-1, with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

3. Res. 07-102 Brighthouse Networks Channel Relocation

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the motion as read. Commissioner Bildz stated that they had requested language asking Brighthouse to leave TITV on Channel 15. Mr. Silverboard stated that section one of the resolution gave opposition to moving the channels to the digital tier. Mr. Silverboard stated that other communities have passed resolutions like this and gotten a letter from Brighthouse stating that they would be moving them anyway. Commissioner Bildz stated that he still wanted it to read that TITV15 remain on channel 15. Commissioner Minning suggested that language be added supporting leaving the channels in the current tier. It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to amend the resolution as read. Upon roll call the amendment passed unanimously. Upon roll call, the resolution, as amended, passed unanimously.

4. Ord. 07-11 Qualifying Dates (First Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Collins to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Ord. 07-12 Repeal of Causeway Tolls (First Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Bildz asked what the hurry was to pass this, as we are not charging tolls at this time anyway, and if there is no documentation that prohibits the collection of the tolls. Mayor Maloof stated that there have been discussions with various entities regarding this. Mr. Silverboard stated that he has contacted Congressman Young's office asking for documentation. He has not received it. He has checked the LAP agreement with the state, and it isn't there. Commissioner Minning stated that until we get definitive documentation we should table this ordinance. Mayor Maloof stated that she had spoken with Mr. Coward regarding documentation, and he recalled that it was a conversation. It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to table this item indefinitely until we find documentation. Commissioner Collins asked what the repercussion would be if we table this item. Mr. Silverboard and Ms. Kiefer stated that there should be no repercussion in waiting. Commissioner Gayton asked Mayor Maloof about her original conversation with Congressman Young regarding the tolls, and what his intentions were regarding the tolls. It was Congressman Young's intent to have the tolls removed. The federal government does not approve of collecting tolls in an upscale community that has received grant money. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was clearly a decision that the Commissioner had to make, and was discussed with the community. There is correspondence with Congressman Young thanking him for his assistance in acquiring the grants and stating that the tolls would be removed. Mr. Silverboard has spoken with Harry Glenn requesting the documentation for the prohibition of collecting the tolls. He has not received a response yet. Mr. Glenn was concerned that he was asking the question. Commissioner Gayton stated that in past conversations with Congressman Young,

he was concerned that there would even be a question. Commissioner Collins asked if they needed anything else if it was documented by the Commission's actions. Commissioner Gayton stated that he was satisfied with the actions taken and would support the repeal of the ordinance. Mayor Maloof stated that it was already discussed with the residents.

Upon roll call to table, the vote was Commissioner Minning, yes, Commissioner Bildz, yes, Commissioner Collins, no, Commissioner Gayton, no, Mayor Maloof, no. The motion to table fails. Upon roll call, the motion to pass on first reading passes with a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 6:47 p.m.