

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 – Vice Mayor	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz	District 4	Present

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Heidi Horak spoke regarding parking issues on Sunset Beach. She urged the City Commission and City Manager to give direction in a creative manner. She discussed public access to the beach. They will not come up with something that is good for everyone. She asked them to think about the public relations issue if they limit access to the beach. She suggested a “campaign of courtesy”, signage, or residents putting out small cones. She asked them to come up with a solution that balances every interest. She asked them to engage the public and make it a more enticing solution, and to come up with a creative solution for the long term and not just a quick fix.

Gary Dion spoke regarding his property that abuts the boat ramp. He received a call today telling him that work was going to be started, and the fence was going to be removed. He asked that they replace the fence to keep boaters off of their property. They requested a six foot fence be installed. He stated that they looked at the plans but don’t fully understand them. There is a six foot fence on the other side. Mayor Maloof stated that this was the first that she’s heard of this and asked if the City Manager could address it. He stated that they would look into it tomorrow.

Ozzie Sarius is the tenant in Mr. Dion’s property. He spoke about some of the things that happen with people coming in to the boat ramp. There are privacy issues. The curfew time gets abused, and it has been suggested to him to put a chain across at the 11:00 curfew time. He requested a six foot fence.

Danielle Comb. She spoke supporting the fireworks proposal. She is a volunteer at the Chamber. She has spoken to many business owners that didn’t understand the proposal.

Tony Amico spoke regarding his businesses in Pinellas County. He discussed Caddy’s, his business at Sunset Beach. He stated that there seems to be an issue with emergency vehicles on Sunset Beach, but doesn’t understand why. He suggested that if streets are too narrow to support parking, then limit parking to one side of the street, or not at all if the street is too narrow. He doesn’t think that a parking permit that allows everyone in Treasure Island is not a solution, and wonders if a permit system allowing parking only for Sunset Beach residents is a solution. He then commented on the proposed swim zone at Sunset Beach. People don’t swim out that far. The boaters won’t swim in to his business, and

those that do would be in danger. He doesn't feel that it is necessary. He watched the video, and didn't see anything other than people enjoying their boats. He requested that if they need to, move the boat parking to the northern side of Caddy's. Eliminating the boat parking will take away from his business. He discussed the statistics that have been released on boating recently. He requested that they be considerate when they vote on the proposed swim zone, and suggested that they listen to the boaters.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None

#### **E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **1. Consideration of Res. 08-46, Approval of the FY2007-2008 CAFR**

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Minning asked what the relationship was between item E-6 and the CAFR and whether there was an affect on the CAFR. Mr. Silverboard stated that the CAFR was accurate and Item 6 is to correct an error created when funds that should have been carried over were not. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### **2. Consideration of Ord. 08-03, Development Agreement (1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Public Hearing)**

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Heidi Horak stated that the Planning & Zoning Board was working on several changes, and commended the Commission for taking this up. The public hearing was opened at 6:28 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m. by Mayor Maloof. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### **3. Consideration of Ord. 08-05, Sunset Beach Swim Zone (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Bildz stated that Mr. Amico brought up the point that the swim zones would be 300 ft., and asked if that was a change. Mr. Silverboard explained that the ordinance reads no greater than 300 ft. At times the buoys move due to storms and beach renourishment, and they need to be reset periodically. He stated that at the last meeting the Commission instructed staff to draft an ordinance to extend the swim zone from the end of Weckesser Park all the way around to Blind Pass. Commissioner Collins clarified that the buoys would not be moved out any further than they currently are, and they are in closer due to beach renourishment and storms. Mr. Silverboard stated that they are usually set at or close to 300 feet. He suggested that they consider setting a slow speed minimum wake zone from Weckesser Park north to the area behind the Lion's Club. This would have less impact on the business in the area, and reduce the noise in the area. Commissioner Collins stated that he felt it was a good compromise. Commissioner Bildz stated that if they wanted to go north of Weckesser Park up to the Lion's Club, and change the swim zone to 150 feet in that area, he would be in favor of that. It would be an easy swim due to the sand bar. Mr. Silverboard stated that they would have to revise the ordinance and come back again for first reading. If the Commission wants to extend the swim zone all

the way to Blind Pass he can leave that in there, but if they want to take it out, he's not aware of any problems in that area. He described the area that the boats could come in to the shore. Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt the proposed swim zone was fine, with a revision to address the area from Weckesser Park to the Lion's Club. Commissioner Minning asked what the depth of the water was at 150 feet out. It is about 10-12 feet. Commissioner Gayton stated that if we are going to make significant changes then we should have another workshop to discuss it. Commissioner Bildz stated that the way the ordinance is written is fine, and all we are proposing is modifying the area near Weckesser Park. Mr. Silverboard stated that he was proposing that they modify this ordinance to allow the boats closer to Caddy's, so that it was in one ordinance as opposed to two. Commissioner Gayton stated that he would rather pass the ordinance now, and modify it later after further discussion. Commissioners Bildz and Collins agreed.

Heidi Horak spoke about the history of the boating issues in the area. The boaters want to be closer. She feels that the swim zone all the way to the end was extreme. It is only on the weekends when there are boats in that area that it's a problem, and now that they have the slow speed minimum wake zones the boats aren't going fast. The boaters want to be closer to the businesses. People do not learn quickly. If they are going to make a change it needs to be one very clear change that they are willing to stick with. She feels that they are lacking in imagination and consideration with this ordinance and they should continue to work on it.

Ray Green stated that he is part of the problem when they created the swim zone in the past. The activity that they have in back of the houses now is a danger to those swimming in the area. Two weekends ago a boater came to the shore and threw his anchor with the anchor rope wrapped around his neck. People will come in when there are waves pushing into the shore and try to nose into the beach. The problem needs to be addressed right now. What goes on behind Caddy's is a separate issue. We need to extend the swim zone all the way south.

Tony Amico stated that if you are going to take one away without giving something then they should wait on the whole thing. They are taking away from John's Pass all the way to Sunset Beach. There is nowhere that anyone would be able to pull a boat up to the beach. He feels that they should wait and do it all at once, and make a decision that should be final. Caddy's has been a bar and restaurant there since 1947, and will continue to be. He feels they should have another public meeting and talk about it further.

Mary Beth Becker stated that she understands Mr. Amico's point of view, and she patronizes Caddy's. She feels that safety issues must come first. There was recently a child that was almost hit by a wave runner. They have witnessed an intoxicated boater who was brought to her house with a gashed leg, unaware of how he was injured. They should concentrate on safety.

Bob Hartman stated that he has small children, and he likes to drop them off at the beach, and then move the boat back. He is careful, and feels that it isn't a problem.

Andrew Becker stated that he is a boater as well, and he has kids also. There was a swim zone behind his house, and when he wanted to see the progress on his house they wore life preservers and swam in. The area from John's Pass to Caddy's is a swim

zone, not a no wake zone. Now that Shell Key doesn't allow alcohol they have all come to our beach, and that is a liability that we shouldn't allow.

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification of the idle speed no wake zone areas. Mr. Silverboard explained the different zones.

Ms. Kiefer stated that she agreed that if they were going to make any changes then they should start over. Commissioner Gayton stated that the intent right now is not to make changes right now, so we should vote on it now. Commissioner Collins stated that the most important thing is the safety of the people in the water and the residents in the area. He feels that they should pass this as written, and then address the other concern later. Commissioner Bildz asked if we could put the Caddy's issue on the next workshop.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Consideration of Res. 08-50, Fireworks

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Collins thanked the Rice family for their generosity. Commissioner Minning asked if the Rice family had agreed to the conditions. Mr. Rice presented the city with the certificate of liability insurance, and stated that they agree with the terms. Commissioner Collins asked if a rain date was proposed. Mr. Rice stated that it would be July 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he hoped everyone would come out and enjoy the fireworks. Commissioner Bildz stated that this was roughly a \$20,000 donation to the city by the Rice family, and it is the first time since he has been Commissioner that he can support fireworks. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Res. 08-56, Price Increase for the Mast Arm Project

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Collins stated that this is the second time that we have had to get new bids at a higher price, and asked if there was something that we could do to avoid this happening in the future. Mr. Silverboard stated that we were revising our procedures to speed up the process. We were asked by DOT to change our specifications, which slowed down the process, and we are still waiting for them to issue the permits. Mr. Murphy has recommended that we issue the P.O., which allows the contractor to order the material at that price. Since that time steel prices have gone up again, but that allowed us to freeze the price. Commissioner Collins clarified that the authorities can change their minds after we get approvals. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Gayton stated that the state has been doing that with our sand sharing. Mr. Murphy stated that one of the things that would preclude this would be to get the formal approval and permits from the DOT prior to going out to bid. This would lock our pricing in for 90 days, and we could get Commission approval and award the bid and get started much quicker. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Consideration of Res. 08-51, Supplemental Appropriations

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.

7. Consideration of Res. 08-52, Tourist Development Tax

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

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.