

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
June 3, 2008**

The workshop was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Res. 08-49, Acceptance of the FY2007 CAFR.

Ruth Chapman, Finance Director, gave an introduction of auditors Richard Cristini and Jeanine Bittenger, who gave a presentation of the audit and FY2007 CAFR. Mr. Cristini stated that they believe that the report fairly represents the financial activities of the past year. He stated that we need to look out 3-5 years, and that all municipalities are facing the same budget difficulties. He stated that the City is not in compliance with the recommended 15% fund balance limit at this time. We did not need to take as much out of fund balance in FY2007 as anticipated. Some funds were transferred into other funds to allow for more flexibility. The enterprise funds, other than the Causeway Fund, which was closed, each showed an operating profit. Those dollars will be put back for use in the coming years.

Commissioner Minning asked if there was a recommendation for a balance reserved in the enterprise funds. Mr. Cristini stated that some communities have cut it back to 10%. The Commission has more discretion to control the rates. That discretion gives you more flexibility to solve problems.

Mr. Cristini stated that the City submitted the report for the Recognition Award as in years past, and he believes that it will qualify for the award.

Mr. Silverboard stated that there is one item that needs to be discussed that concerns a portion of the audit. Ms. Chapman stated that regarding the Paradise Blvd. Intersection project, it was budgeted in the FY2006-2007 budget. It was not budgeted in the FY2007-2008 FY. There is a fund balance available that is just about enough to cover that project. She is proposing that they carry over the amount of available fund balance in the LOISS fund and complete the project. Mr. Silverboard explained that money has been spent on that project. It should have been carried over, and it was an error that it was not. We have already awarded a bid for the project. We would like to go forward with the project. We had budgeted \$220,000, and that is the amount of money that should have been carried over and wasn't. The project had been started, so it should have automatically been reappropriated.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the \$217,000 included just the mast arm, or did it also include the state of the art crosswalk. Mr. Silverboard stated that it did not include the crosswalk, which would be done as part of another project.

Commissioner Collins asked if the balance that wasn't used would be put back into the special revenue fund, or would it go into the general fund. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be returned to the LOISS fund balance.

Mayor Maloof stated that they could approve that at the next meeting.

2. Consideration of Ord. 08-04, Sunset Beach Parking Permit

Police Chief Tim Casey gave an explanation of this item. He explained that Robbie Wellborn and Katie Mattice were the driving force behind this item. They coordinated the petition, and the survey. Chief Casey stated that the problems at Sunset Beach are not new. It is a unique area, with the more narrow streets. There is minimal residential and off street parking, and is mostly a public beach from end to end. The residents encounter most frequently the problem of not being able to park in front of their residence, or their driveways are blocked. Indirectly related to that, residents often encounter visitors to the beach who have had too much to drink and use vulgar language. These problems are exacerbated by the spring break crowd. There are also two businesses that are a big draw and generate a lot of complaints. Caddy's draws the largest crowd, and has taken many steps to help mitigate the problem. The survey in the packet was delivered to all residents of Sunset Beach. Of those that were returned, they support the permit from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. There will be a start up expense. Chief Casey described the signs, and stated that they estimate 200 signs and poles. They have given estimated costs and suggestions to recoup the costs.

Commissioner Bildz commented that he felt that the Police Department did an excellent job and is pleased that this will be implemented. He feels that the start up costs are not a big price to pay for peace of mind in Sunset Beach.

Commissioner Minning asked if there was an estimate of the cost for the Finance Department and I.T. to develop this. Mr. Silverboard stated that they think that the software program will be a relatively simple spreadsheet. We have no way of knowing the man hours that it will take to get these permits issued. We are going to do as much of it as we can online. This covers the direct costs and the labor for Public Works to install the signs. There will be some cost to develop the online application and some hours to issue the permits. There will be an annual renewal fee as well. We are hoping to incorporate those costs in our budget that is coming up so that the funding will be available beginning October 1st. We would spend the time between October 1st and the beginning of December getting the signs up and communicating with the residents of Sunset Beach regarding the need to obtain a permit for on-street parking. We hope that the program will become effective as of January 5th, 2009. We need to bring an ordinance to you setting up the program and setting a beginning date. It will be easier to get past the New Year's weekend and start right after. Commissioner Minning asked if the intent was to make this self funded. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Minning asked if the permits would be offered to residents from other areas of the City. Mr. Silverboard stated that these permits are for residents of Sunset Beach only, for on street parking only. They are not for use at parking meters. Commissioner Minning asked what a resident would do if there was no metered parking available. Mr. Silverboard stated that they would have to find metered parking, or none would be available.

Commissioner Collins stated that he wanted to go on record as being in favor of this. He feels that all residents of Treasure Island should be allowed to participate. He doesn't feel that the residents of the other areas of the city were going to clog up Sunset Beach. He doesn't feel that we can ask all of Treasure Island to pay for something, but then limit it to just one area of the City. Mr. Silverboard stated that they have come up with preliminary figures that will have to be adjusted, and that the permit holders fund the cost of the project. They are not proposing that all taxpayers fund this project. Commissioner Collins stated again that if it is available in Treasure Island it should be available to all residents in Treasure Island. He doesn't feel that the few residents that buy the pass would be inhibiting what they are trying to accomplish. He will vote for this reluctantly if that is not included.

Commissioner Bildz stated that Sunset Beach has the most parking meters in the whole city. Residents from other areas of the city can purchase a parking pass and park at city owned lots. This is only for on-street parking, and is not being paid for by all the taxpayers. It is only paid for by the people purchasing the permits. Commissioner Collins stated again that if it is good for Sunset Beach it is good for all of Treasure Island. It is a simple courtesy. It is all part of Treasure Island.

Joel Cohen, past President of the Sunset Beach Civic Association thanked Chief Casey, and Ms. Wellborn and Ms. Mattice for the work that they did. He stated that safety is a big problem out there. The streets are clogged on the weekends. The Chief is proposing raising the ticket fines, which will increase revenues. The people of Sunset Beach will fund this if need be.

Gwenda Barnitz strongly opposes the issuance of parking passes at Sunset Beach. She stated that it is difficult to move vehicles when guests arrive. It would be inconvenient and expensive to purchase passes monthly for guests. It will make non-residents feel unwelcome. It would be detrimental to businesses if they don't have parking, and what would stop them from purchasing several hundred passes to distribute to their customers? She feels that the Police Department could be more active in patrolling and ticketing on Sunset Beach. We really need help in finding more parking for visitors. The Lion's Club could make a lot of money if they charged for parking in their lot. The City doesn't want to create a burden on our businesses, which issuing parking passes would do. She feels that it is a useless ordinance.

Fred Stern stated that you have to be a resident to purchase a pass. Owning Ka'Tiki doesn't make him a resident, it makes him a bar owner. He commented that he didn't understand how Commissioner Collins could vote for something that he didn't support. He commented that there were millions of gallons of natural resources going untapped. Our natural resource is the beach. Treasure Island needs tourism. We are a small, successful beach bar. You have to look at where the problem really lies. The problem is the people coming into Sunset Beach to park at Caddy's. There is a line of traffic from the 7-Eleven to the valet parking. What will happen when Tony Amico doesn't want to be in the parking business anymore? There are empty lots north of the Sunset Vista Park. The City should have bought those lots and put in parking. He has a parking pass, but was not allowed to park at a meter that was bagged because it was out of order. He suggested that they offer Mr. Amico money for his lot where Delilah's is for parking. Businesses are moving to neighboring communities. You don't have to do expensive studies to determine that we need traffic signals and parking. Ricky T used to say – you need to decide what you're going to be. Be cautious about what you do here. If your gut says no, vote against it.

Allan Sansotta stated that he still walks the beach, and has been doing it for 40 years. He loves the beach and Sunset. Transition takes a long time. When he first came here there were seven bars on Sunset, and there were parking issues then. Now there are two very successful bars. He feels that times have changed, and we need a parking permit system. He expressed concern for getting emergency vehicles down the streets. He asked them to estimate in the additional tickets that would be written when estimating the cost of the project. He feels that there are some refinements that could be made to the proposed rules. It might make sense to come back to the community with a proposal.

Commissioner Collins stated that when it comes to him deciding whether he is going to vote for something, when it has several facets he will make it known.

Commissioner Minning asked how the businesses would handle their parking. Chief Casey stated that there couldn't be a perfect plan. Of all the surveys sent in, there were some that placed blame on the businesses. A greater number of people stated that it was not caused by one business. The intent is to preserve a place for the people that live there to park. It will have some impact on the businesses, but we don't know the extent at this time. He doesn't feel that it will be catastrophic. Other than finding another lot for parking he doesn't see another solution. Mr. Silverboard stated that the businesses have their own parking, and they would accommodate their customers and employees with their own parking facilities. We are not stating that staff has an opinion one way or another. We were tasked with finding a solution. There are both pros and cons. We have no intention of handing out passes to their customers. That doesn't solve the problem. What is needed is more parking, but the City is not in the position to start buying more property or develop a parking garage. The current going price for a parking structure is about \$15,000 per space. Commissioner Minning clarified that the businesses would be limited to the spaces that they have under their control. Chief Casey stated that St. Pete Beach has had this in place since 1992, and there are a number of businesses in that area. People adjust. He can not find another program that would satisfy everyone. There has to be some give and take, and there has to be an expected period of adjustment.

Chris Sierra stated that he serves on the Planning and Zoning Board. Any business that moves onto the island has to provide for its parking and accommodate its clientele. He has no objections to the businesses on Sunset Beach. He patronizes them. His objection is to his yard being used for a garbage can and a urinal.

Robbie Wellborn stated that she wanted to emphasize again that safety is the main issue. It is not a convenience issue, it is a safety issue. There will be either property loss or a life loss because emergency vehicles can not get through the streets. There are a lot of elderly people living in Sunset Beach. The houses are so close that one fire could wipe out Sunset Beach. Emergency vehicles have to get through to us. \$14,000 is not too big a price to pay for life or home loss.

Commissioner Collins asked if emergency vehicles have room to get down the streets if cars are parked on one side of the street. Chief Casey stated that there have been times when two cars have parked across from one another and narrowed the street to the point where an ambulance or fire truck could not pass through. There is the safety side to it, and also the problem of deciding who the first one there was. There has been mention of increasing parking fines, but that is a separate item. We are looking to put in language that will give us a clear foundation to do this. Commissioner Collins asked if West Gulf Blvd. was one of those areas. Chief Casey stated that it was a little wider, and that the problem was mostly

the side streets. Commissioner Collins suggested a compromise of putting parking meters on the side streets. Residents could have their pass and not have to feed meters, but visitors to the area would have to feed the meters. Chief Casey stated that in researching this they learned that people will pay \$20 for a parking ticket in order to have all day parking. The fee has to be enough for them to not do that.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the main issue is the safety issue. He has gone to the boat ramp on both a Saturday and a Sunday, and couldn't get down the streets with his car. We have to be able to get emergency vehicles down those streets.

Mayor Maloof stated that it is also a quality of life issue. The residents should not have to deal with that every weekend. She has traffic for occasional events, and if she had to face it every weekend she wouldn't be happy. She doesn't stay away from Pass-A-Grille because they have a permit system.

Commissioner Minning asked about the passes available in lots of 20. Chief Casey stated that these were just suggestions, and any of this could be changed. Commissioner Minning asked who would be eligible to purchase these. It would be property owners or renters. Commissioner Minning asked if they would be setting up the same situation by allowing people to purchase these passes and have their guests parking on both sides of the street. Commissioner Bildz stated that it would be temporary, and likely only affect one block. Commissioner Minning stated that it was still a safety issue. Chris Sierra stated that when it was his guest he could tell them where to park. You can't do that when it is strangers.

Jerry DePaul is a business owner here in Treasure Island. He suggested that they test the safety aspect on a weekend by having a fire truck go down there. If people are concerned with safety it would be reasonable to test it and know what they are facing. He doesn't feel that people will want a parking meter in front of their homes. You could have a limited amount of parking permits for people that don't live on Sunset Beach. People are parking in front of hydrants. If you park in front of a mail box mail will not get delivered.

Betty Lippke asked if someone were to purchase a pass, would they be able to park in front of her house. Also, who would be enforcing this? Current regulations aren't being enforced. She sees this as a headache. She has not had a problem with anyone, and doesn't see the sense in taking it away from young people.

Jackie Locata stated that she understands that some rights have to be given to people out at the beach. Last weekend was very bad. There were cars blocking her driveway and she didn't know who to call. She feels that something has to be done. A lot of young people are very nice, but some people can be very belligerent when asked to move.

Commissioner Collins commented that the thing that has come out of this is the safety factor on Sunset Beach. The safety of the residents there is paramount. How much this impacts safety should be what affects our decision.

Commissioner Minning stated that he would like to see this move forward with the provision that passes be allowed for residents from the entire city. Commissioner Collins agreed. Commissioner Bildz stated that he wanted to see it move forward as is, and re-look at that issue after a year. Commissioner Bildz stated that it works in St. Pete Beach. Commissioner Collins stated that we shouldn't have to follow another city's trend.

Commissioner Gayton asked if they would bring two resolutions forward. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would be bringing an ordinance to you. It will require more work, so we will not bring it to the next meeting. Commissioner Gayton asked that the suggestion to test emergency vehicle access on the weekends be followed. Mr. Silverboard stated that one of the options would be to allow parking on only one side of the street. There are problems between neighbors. The real issue is whether we are going to have a parking permit system in that area. We will be able to have an ordinance written that will allow the police to have vehicles towed that are blocking access. It is Mr. Silverboard's intent to bring this forward in the budget.

Commissioner Collins asked for the residents of Sunset Beach to e-mail the Commission with their comments.

3. Consideration of Ord. 08-05, Sunset Beach Swim Zone

Mr. Silverboard explained that staff has received complaints about the increased number of boats that are mooring in close proximity to the shoreline just to the south of Weckesser Park. We have prepared a draft ordinance that would eliminate the idle speed no wake zone and change that to a swim zone. They have been given a diagram showing them where that zone would be. If the Commission approves the ordinance we would have to get a modification of our permit, and budget money to place the buoys out there and get signs up with the correct wording.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he is in favor of this. The problem seemed to get worse after the County imposed regulations on Shell Island. There have been complaints about boaters acting inappropriately.

Ray Green discussed three articles that have recently been run in the St. Pete Times regarding boating safety. It is a dangerous situation. He showed a short video that was shot on a Saturday afternoon. The video showed numerous boats very close to the beach. The quality of living with that sound is an issue. It is difficult to police and enforce.

Randy Kah stated that he lives right next to Weckesser Park. When they bought the house it was their dream come true. This year it seems like everything has multiplied times two. Come out on Saturday or Sunday from three to six and see what goes on. He witnessed a kid being pulled out of the water two weeks ago with an injury from a prop. Boaters are drinking in the bars and stumbling back to their boats. It is very dangerous. It is discouraging and he would sell his house now if he could.

Allan Sansotta commented that he used to walk on that portion of the beach, but can't do that anymore because it is so noisy. The problem has doubled since Shell Key has been shut down. It is a safety issue and we need your help.

Commissioner Gayton asked if south of 82nd Avenue is a no swim zone. It is, and extends to Blind Pass. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is north of city parking lot #2, and is also an idle speed no wake zone. The reason the boaters are congregating at the north end is the proximity to Caddy's and the 7-Eleven. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification of the proposed area, which was provided by Mr. Silverboard. Commissioner Gayton asked if they should consider adding the entire length to Blind Pass. It was the consensus of the Commission to add the entire area of Sunset Beach to be designated as a swim zone.

Commissioner Minning commented that with the closure of Sand Key, Caddy's has had more traffic, but where they have really seen a difference is the inlet to John's Pass.

This item will come forward for first reading on the 17th.

4. Consideration of Res. 08-50, Approving a July 4th fireworks show by the Rice family and setting forth regulations.

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, gave a brief explanation of this item. The Rice family has offered to pay all costs of having a fireworks display for the 4th of July. Ms. Hayduke brought up several concerns and made suggestions to provide for safety. Parking will be an issue in the proposed area. We would be the only beach community having fireworks, which will result in a significant impact in vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Ms. Hayduke gave a list of additional costs that would be incurred.

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification as to whether the Rice family would pay for police coverage. He also asked about the liability insurance that Ms. Hayduke was suggesting. She stated that the fireworks companies traditionally provide that coverage. Commissioner Bildz asked if the Fire Department had a boat to put a fire out on the barge if need be. Chief Fant stated that they do not.

Sid Rice spoke representing the Rice family. He stated that they will cover all costs, including police coverage and the Sheriff's Department patrol. They want to change the liable party from Agnes Rice to Gators on the Pass. They will take care of whatever is needed, and all costs. They are willing to arrange for a fire vehicle to be in the area if necessary. He asked if the City of St. Pete could be asked if they could open the public rest rooms. Ms. Hayduke answered in the affirmative. They want to keep the display to the south in Treasure Island, not to the north in Madeira Beach.

Mayor Maloof asked if Mrs. Rice could be here at the July 1st Commission meeting. Mr. Rice stated that he would have her attend. Mr. Rice then thanked the Mayor and Commissioner Bildz for the piece of wood from Elnor Island that looks like a gator. They will be keeping it under glass.

5. Consideration of Ord. 08-03, Development Agreement.

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, gave a brief explanation of the three changes that were made to the proposed ordinance. They are minor changes. They are recommending that this go forward to the June 17th meeting for first reading and public hearing, and July 1st for second reading and public hearing.

Commissioner Collins asked why there was a limit of 20 years. Ms. Rosetti stated that it mirrors state law.

Commissioner Minning asked who would be considered an interested party. Ms. Rosetti stated that it mirrors state language. An interested party could be a developer or the city. Commissioner Minning asked if it was intended to be that broad. Ms. Rosetti stated that it was state statute. We can enter into development agreements now, but it was important to the Planning Board that there be a two phase approval process. It would go first to the Local

Planning Agency, then to the City Commission. Currently it is not required to go to the Local Planning Agency.

6. Discussion, Concurrency Report-Publix (Requested by Commissioner Gayton)

Commissioner Gayton stated that the City of Treasure Island is mandated to have a Concurrency Management Plan. When a developer comes into town that will have an impact on City facilities they are obligated to mitigate that. He commented on Publix and the traffic light situation there. He asked why the developer was not responsible for putting up a traffic light if necessary, if FDOT would approve it. He read an excerpt from that code. He had no problem with putting in a traffic light there, but he doesn't believe it is the city's responsibility. Once it is completed it will have a major affect on traffic in that area. If it has a major affect, then concurrency certificate should state that they are responsible. When the Planning & Zoning Board went through the site plan review, Ms. Rosetti was asked what affect it would have on the traffic in the area. Ms. Rosetti reported that the former Public Works Director, Don Hambidge, didn't see a problem in the area. The developers stated that they had considerable interactions with FDOT to come up with a plan that they would approve. They were unsuccessful in dealing with FDOT, so they came up with a plan so that they wouldn't have to deal with FDOT. Commissioner Gayton asked why, after all the discussions that took place, didn't we require the developer to address this. It wasn't until February of 2008 that the Public Works Department came back and reported that they felt that they would need to signalize the intersection. He doesn't know why it wasn't required in June of 2006 that the developer do the studies and work with FDOT. It was again brought up in April of 2008. He feels that we should have had a concurrency certificate in June of 2006. He feels that we should go back to the developer before Publix takes over, and ask for all correspondence that they had with FDOT. He asked for copies of all correspondence between the developer, the city, and FDOT. Nobody was able to provide that. There has to be something. If we don't have it we should get it from the developer. He feels that it is the responsibility of the developer to go to FDOT and mitigate the problem.

Mr. Silverboard stated that it was his understanding that the issue that the developer couldn't deal with FDOT on was to have a driveway on Gulf Boulevard. They don't have access now, so they went to 104th. Commissioner Gayton stated that he watched the tape and that isn't what they were talking about. They were talking about traffic signalization and access on and off 104th. Mr. Silverboard pointed out that the recommendation that was made was to have a traffic warrant study done. It is what DOT requires in order to allow a signal. Our hope is that the study will give them enough information for DOT to approve a signal. DOT may require that we construct turn lanes on Gulf Blvd and make improvements to the intersection of 104th. What we would propose, if a traffic warrant study indicates the need for a signal, that instead of doing the lanes we would propose a five phase signal. That could be done within the cost of a traffic light. Publix has indicated that they are willing to split the cost of improvements up to a limit of \$300,000, with matching funds from the City. Because of the level of service it was exempt from the concurrency. We have looked at the site plan from TOPS and the amount of floor area, and the new Publix has less floor area than the old development had. He believes that is why a traffic study wasn't required. Commissioner Gayton stated that it was fine when they had confirmation from Publix that they were willing to split the cost, but then he saw an article in the newspaper that said that the money might not be available once the store is opened. He wants to see the correspondence. Mr. Silverboard stated again that they were exempt. They have made the offer now, but he doesn't know how long the offer will be open. Commissioner Gayton asked if there was

something that said they were not required to have a concurrency certificate. Mr. Silverboard stated that on their statement of fees there were no charges for these things because they were not required. They are willing to ask for copies of correspondence, but we can't force them to provide it. Commissioner Gayton stated that Publix is cooperating, and we want to cooperate with them, but we shouldn't have to pay for something that we are not required to spend.

Commissioner Minning stated that he would not be willing to spend a nickel for a problem created by Publix. Why can't we ask them to pay for the entire cost? Commissioner Gayton feels that if they would provide the correspondence it would go a long way towards cooperation with them. Let's find out what their position was originally. Were they originally willing to pay for a signal there?

Commissioner Collins asked if it would be better to get the correspondence from FDOT. Mr. Silverboard stated that we could do a public records request to FDOT. Commissioner Gayton stated that some of it could have been verbal. There were conversations with the City, the City Manager, and with the Public Works Director. Commissioner Minning asked if we could state that no matter how we got to where we are, here is where we are, and ask them to fund the needed improvements. Commissioner Collins stated that Publix has always been community minded. Perhaps they are taking a wait and see attitude to see what is necessary. Mr. Silverboard asked what they wanted him to do. Commissioner Minning suggested that he go back to whomever he talked to and ask them to cover the entire cost. Commissioner Gayton also asked that they be asked to enter into discussions with FDOT.

Commissioner Bildz asked if we did a warrant study and it showed that work was necessary, would we be required to do the work. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would not because it is not our road. We brought this to your attention to try to get a jump on the situation before it opened, by doing the warrant study. Commissioner Gayton asked if the developer did a traffic warrant study. These are usually done well in advance. Mr. Silverboard explained that Publix' requests to DOT for turn lanes, etc. were turned down by DOT.

Commissioner Minning stated that he spoke with former City Manager Ralph Stone , and Ralph told him that it was anticipated that most of the traffic would come from the northern end of the island and Madeira Beach, and that the traffic flow with the turn lanes as it is now should be sufficient.

Commissioner Gayton stated that if concurrency was not required there isn't much we can do, but he doesn't think the burden should go to the taxpayers. Mr. Silverboard stated that this issue brings to light a weakness in our code. He has asked Ms. Rosetti to start working on this to improve the process. We are already making changes. From this point forward the City Planner will make the concurrency and impact fee conclusions.

Commissioner Bildz asked why the crosswalk is on the south side of 104th and not the north side of 104th. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is because DOT refuses to change it. When we do the bike path there may be some changes in terms of the crosswalk, because the path is going to come down the north side of 104th.

7. Discussion, Board Consensus on Bed Tax Requested by BIG-C (Requested by Commissioner Collins)

Commissioner Collins explained that at the BIG-C meeting this week there was a discussion about the bed tax and the 1% that funds the stadiums. It was the consensus of most of the members that the 1% no longer fund the stadiums, but instead be used for beach improvements. Most of the revenues come from beach activities, therefore should be used for the beaches. He is looking for a consensus from the Commission on this.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he agrees wholeheartedly. Mayor Maloof heard this on the news tonight. Commissioner Bildz stated that Tampa Bay Beaches would be holding a meeting at the Don Cesar about this. Mayor Maloof stated that the Clearwater Chamber was in favor of this as well.

It is the consensus of the Commission to keep the money here. There will be a resolution on the June 17th meeting agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gayton asked about the crosswalks. Mr. Silverboard stated that we are just waiting for the contractors bonds.

Commissioner Collins reported that Mr. Lee couldn't do an event for Labor Day, but still feels that he can do something for Mardi Gras. The plan is to have a parade, a 10K run, and a Mardi Gras ball.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported that Attorney Daigneault and Attorney Yakavone felt confident about the oral arguments in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Silverboard reported to the Commission that we have been notified that we have been certified as a designated passport application entity. The I. T. Director and City Clerk have been trained already. We are able to charge a fee and keep \$25 of the fee. We are also waiting for equipment to take passport photos, and can charge a fee for that as well. The State Department has already put our location on their website. We have had to turn 8 people away because we did not have our supplies yet. We will be able to start soon.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins reminded everyone that the Disabled American Veterans have an outreach program here on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Commissioner Collins commented that Ms. Hayduke did a wonderful job coordinating the Sun, Sand & Swing event.

Commissioner Minning announced that the Beach Stewardship Committee would be discussing the beach walk at their meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he has invited St. Pete Beach Commissioner Halpern to attend the workshop on the 17th regarding the slow speed no wake zone in Blind Pass.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan, from St. Pete Beach, stated that they live on the Blind pass waterway. Treasure Island enforces the minimum wake zone on weekends, but not during the week. The boats come speeding down the pass. Their main concern is safety of the public and the manatee and dolphins. They see them with scars. It is mostly single family homes on the channel. They need help from both St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island. There are homes on both sides of the channel and piers. People in kayaks are in danger from speeding boats. It is not safe. The weekend boat traffic is going slow, but during the week it is very unsafe.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.