

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

The workshop was called to order at 9:20 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Resolution 08-81, American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Katie Hatcher, Community Representative for the American Cancer Society, spoke regarding the Relay for Life Event. They are requesting to use the beach at 104th Avenue. Last year the City of Treasure Island had a team that raised over \$1,800 in the event.

Commissioner Bildz asked what they would be doing on the beach. Ms. Hatcher stated that the entire event would be held on the beach. They would set up track markers for the walking area. They hope to have 20 teams who will camp out overnight. There will be fundraisers going on during the event. 100% of the money goes to the American Cancer Society.

Mayor Maloof had a question about the sound. How would that be handled? Ms. Hatcher stated that they do use a DJ and sound system, but understands that there is a noise ordinance and they will adhere to it.

This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

2. Consideration of Resolution 08-88, Award of Proposal for City Insurance Coverage

Fred Turner, Personnel Director, gave a brief explanation of this item. Some months ago they put out an RFP for insurance coverage. Mr. Sid Webber from Interrisk, the consultant that was engaged, is present to answer questions. They had two proposals of interest out of the three that were received.

Mr. Webber stated that he was bringing good news. He thinks that the City can reduce their expenditures somewhere between 20 and 22%. There were three proposals, but one was eliminated early in the process due to the conditions in the proposal. The two proposals being considered came in from the Florida League of Cities and the PRIA. We monitor both organizations on a regular basis and they are both strong.

Commissioner Minning stated that it is good news. He asked if we had been overcharged in past years. Mr. Webber stated that we have not, but that the cost will go up some day. We have been very fortunate for not having any major storms in the past year or two. Commissioner Minning asked if there was any guarantee that the premium would not go up next year. Mr. Webber stated that PRIA offered no increase next year. FLC did not offer that guarantee. Commissioner Minning asked for clarification on the wind insurance item. Mr. Webber explained that FLC does not offer that coverage, and the City gets it from Citizens. They will only provide one million dollars in coverage for each building. You are subject to a 3% deductible.

Mr. Silverboard asked for clarification as to the limits on wind damage from Citizens. It is one million per building. PRIA provides wind insurance and there is no limit on coverage. We are currently insuring roughly ten million in buildings. Mr. Webber explained that larger communities could go to traditional insurers for coverage since they have the large amounts required to get insurance coverage from those insurers. Mr. Webber explained that with the preferred government insurance you are only subject to the 5% deductible in a named storm. No named storms, tornadoes, etc. are subject to the normal deductible. It is better coverage.

Commissioner Minning asked about the returned premiums that we are to receive. Mr. Webber explained that they are returning money one time. The City of Treasure Island would be receiving \$8,600 if they stay with the FLC.

Mr. Webber stated that he has confidence in both programs. Either program would provide adequate coverage. FLC is a 20% savings. PRIA is a 22% savings. Mr. Silverboard stated that we are waiting for some information that he will provide to them. He wants to ensure that the lawsuits that the FLC is currently covering will not be affected by a change.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the FLC has always been good to us. Commissioner Minning clarified that the \$8,600 return premium was factored in, and the Citizen's premium is not in there. Mr. Webber stated that if they stay with FLC he recommends that they stay with the Citizen's policy. If they go with PRIA their wind coverage deductible will be 2% higher. They would have to weigh the risk. Commissioner Minning commented that next year they would not be able to take credit for the \$8,600, so the FLC premium would be that much higher. Mr. Silverboard clarified that with the FLC policy all buildings are not covered, but with the PRIA policy they are.

Commissioner Minning asked what Mr. Webber's recommendation was. Mr. Webber stated that he likes the idea of having wind coverage for all the structures. He is concerned about the additional 2% deductible. His original recommendation was originally FLC. It is so close that it is hard to make a recommendation. Both programs would serve them well.

Commissioner Bildz asked for a list of buildings and their values for the next meeting. Commissioner Minning asked to take a look at the coverage.

This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

3. Consideration of Resolution 08-72, Adjustment to Water Pollution Control Rates

Mr. Silverboard explained that this is consistent with the rate study. We were notified ten days ago by St. Petersburg that instead of the 4.3% increase they had previously told us it will be 7.7%. We are going to try to get by with that with the proposed rates. The reason given by St. Petersburg was due to a bonding issue. We have a meeting on September 12th with their rate consultant. He went to the public hearings of their City Council last year. At the first reading nobody was allowed to speak. He was allowed to speak at the second reading.

This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

4. Consideration of Resolution 08-74, Adjustment to Solid Waste Rates

Mr. Silverboard explained that the recycling is a pass through charge. On the refuse side it is an increase in operating expenses for fuel and the like.

Commissioner Gayton commented on the administrative policy regarding extra pickups. He has received a call. If the pile is more than one hopper they go right by. They are supposed to pick up one hopper and leave the excess. He asked that the policy go on the website. Mr. Murphy stated that we do have components of that on the website. They have recently updated the website, and have an explanation of what a hopper full is, and other information regarding the sizes of materials. Commissioner Gayton stated that they should be picking up at least a hopper full. Mr. Murphy stated that in theory one hopper full should be picked up. He will take a look at it and report back. Commissioner Gayton commented that people feel that they are paying more and getting less services. It is a problem when the excess is left out over the weekend and the leaves die. They end up blowing around and in the storm drains. In the past all the materials were picked up and the street was swept. He asked how to keep this from going down the storm drain. Mr. Murphy suggested that they excess would be picked up on the next yard waste pick up date. He has suggested to residents that if they are going to do a lot of trimming they do so in stages of about a hopper full.

Commissioner Collins suggested that they have a door hanger or something explaining why their waste was left there. Mr. Murphy stated that they could look into that. He also suggested that there is some additional information that they can put on the website. They have just updated the website within the past two or three weeks. We are already using door hangers for some information. Commissioner Collins asked for one to be left in his mailbox.

Commissioner Bildz asked where the yard waste was taken. It goes to the Pinellas County facility in Pinellas Park.

This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

5. Consideration of Resolution 08-73, Adjustment to Stormwater Utility Rates

Mr. Silverboard stated that this has been reduced to 30% increase. This will raise an additional \$75,000. We will still have to use about \$150,000 out of fund balance to balance the Stormwater Fund.

Commissioner Minning asked if this was predicated on a grant from SWFWMD. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would be going to a workshop soon for the upcoming grant period for several projects that we want to do. That grant money is available a year from October 1st. We have several projects in here for improving drainage.

This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

6. Consideration of Resolution 08-83, General Wage Adjustments

There was no discussion on this item. This item will move forward to the September 17th meeting for approval.

7. Consideration of Resolution 08-86, Approval of Supplemental Budget Appropriations

Mr. Silverboard informed the Commission of a small change. They have \$7,800 in Water Pollution Control to remove a fuel tank at the main lift station. The quote is actually for

\$7,985, so he will need to increase the amount by about \$200 to cover that quote. The tank at the pump station is a single walled tank. We are no longer able to get insurance for it, so rather than coming up with a million dollar line of credit it is better for us to decommission it. The \$8,000 will pay for the decommissioning of it, and renting a temporary tank until a permanent solution is installed in conjunction with the renovation of that pump station. We need to act on that right away.

Commissioner Gayton clarified that these items need to be funded now. Mr. Silverboard stated that these items need to be included in the budget now. Our fund balance will probably be a little bit lower than previously anticipated. Commissioner Collins clarified that things that have grants or other revenues will not reduce our fund balance. Commissioner Gayton clarified that we estimate \$285,000 to be taken out of fund balance. Will we still have a 15% fund balance? Mr. Silverboard stated that we have computed \$350,000 to be taken out of fund balance. It will be at the 15% or a bit below. Commissioner Minning asked for the numbers. Mr. Silverboard will provide the numbers for the next meeting. Commissioner Gayton wants to be sure that the additional funding for HDR is in our budget forecast.

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II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked if we can do anything about the people sleeping in Sunset Vista Park. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is a public park and they are legally entitled to be there. We have an ordinance that disallows people on the beach between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. They know it and they disappear during that time. Commissioner Collins suggested that we bring out a K-9 dog to look for them. Commissioner Bildz stated that nobody can use the benches because they have their stuff spread out everywhere in the park. Commissioner Gayton asked if we are allowed to pick their stuff up. Mr. Silverboard stated that we are allowed to pick it up and bring it to the Police Station. He will send the correspondence that he has from the Police Department to them.

Commissioner Minning asked if we have feedback from the police on traffic at Publix. Mr. Silverboard stated that we have received no complaints. Publix paid for special duty police officers to be there during their opening weekend.

Commissioner Minning asked Ms. Kiefer if there was an update on the surcharge. Ms. Kiefer stated that she had hoped to have it filed by today, but was unable to. It will be filed by the next meeting.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported on the Sunset Bay case. The Circuit Court did not uphold the P&Z Board's decision. We have 30 days to appeal. She is requesting an executive session to ask the Commission if they want to expend additional funds to appeal this matter. Commissioner Gayton asked if we could just have the P&Z rehear the case. Ms. Kiefer stated that the court ordered them to approve it. We have two choices. They can order the P&Z board to approve it, or they can appeal it. Ms. Kiefer provided the Commission with a copy of the brief that she submitted. She would like them to read it before the executive session. The executive session will be held on September 17th at 5:00. Present would be the Commission, City Attorney, and Mr. Silverboard.

Mr. Silverboard read a document to the Commission regarding the CRS. It was to inform the Commission that the Mitigation Committee took the appropriate action to review and approve the annual report. Our CRS activities allow us to maintain a "7" rating, which gives us a 15% discount on flood insurance in the community.

Mr. Silverboard reported that we have received a letter from the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce turning the kiosk back over to us. They are taking out the ATM and returning the building to its previous condition. The Treasure Island Chamber may be interested in staffing it a couple of days a week. Commissioner Collins asked if we could lease the building out to vendors as a revenue source. Mr. Silverboard stated that the lease requires the building to be used for the purpose of promoting tourism. Commissioner Gayton stated that when Mr. Fisher sold his store he donated the land to the City. He will talk to Mr. Fisher about it.

Mr. Silverboard advised the Commission that a committee has been formed to study the EMS funding and the future of EMS. He has received a copy of an e-mail sent out by Daniel Graves, from Seminole, who is the chairman of the Firemen's group. The membership is close to what the City Managers have recommended. The first meeting will be conducted by Dick Williams, who is the head of Emergency Services. They are looking at getting an outside facilitator to see if the Cities, the County, and the Fire Departments can agree on a consolidated structure for EMS in the County. They feel the time is right now to look at those sorts of things.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins gave a brief report about the BIG-C meeting. He has left information about the three day breast cancer walk.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 10:35 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