

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
March 17, 2009**

The workshop was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Consideration of Proposals for Beach Concession Services

Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke presented a brief explanation of this item. The Commission had instructed her to request proposals for beach concession services. She received four proposals; two for the beach pavilion area, and two for the central beach area. A committee of four staff members made the following recommendation:

1. That Ando-Vend continue to provide vending services. He will pay the city 15% of his revenues.
2. That Gelatis, Inc. provide concession services in the beach pavilion area. They will pay the city \$5,000 for the first year, with renegotiation annually.
3. That Beach Services West provide concession services in the central beach area. They will pay the city \$15,000 the first year, \$17,000 the second year, and \$18,000 the third year.

Mr. Silverboard made a correction to the Gelatis, Inc. proposal. They would pay \$5,000 the first year with an annual adjustment of 3%, or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater, for years two and three.

Commissioner Collins asked about the length of the contract. Beach Services West requested a five year contract, but staff is recommending a three year contract.

Commissioner Coward asked if they had required a certain quality of equipment. Ms. Hayduke explained the vendor will use his current equipment and replace it with new once it is made by the manufacturer.

Commissioner Gayton read an excerpt from the request for proposal and asked for clarification of the area that the City of St. Petersburg owns. Ms. Hayduke explained the area that they own. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is currently litigation going on between the City of St. Petersburg and their current vendor regarding where the city owns. Commissioner Gayton stated that we would eventually have to deal with this in order to establish an ECL. Mr. Silverboard explained that it has been established and a permit issued. Commissioner Gayton stated that the City of St. Petersburg was only given 150 feet west of Gulf Boulevard. He feels that we would be conceding to them if we accept anything stating that they own anything beyond those 150 feet. The Beach Stewardship Committee has been working on that. If the mean high waterline runs through that property they have no ownership west of the mean high waterline. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is more complicated than that, and is a subject for its own workshop item. The reason that that area has been excluded is because it is in dispute on where the City of St. Petersburg owns and what is public lands. Commissioner Gayton stated that we have been giving services to the residents and visitors of the City of Treasure Island in that area for 45 years and he does not want to see those services discontinued.

Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification regarding the equipment and whether it had to be new. It stated that it had to be new in the request for proposals. Ms. Hayduke stated that the equipment needed to be in good condition and kept in good repair. Commissioner Gayton asked if based on the request for proposal, would Taylor Rental have to go out and buy all new equipment. Mr. Silverboard clarified that the Commission could allow Taylor Rental to use existing equipment if they chose his proposal. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification on the replacement requirements, and asked Mr. Silverboard if he approved the recommendations. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he supported keeping the vending at the beach pavilion. He does not support providing rental services at Sunset Beach. He stated that he felt that Taylor Rental has been loyal to the City of Treasure Island and he would support keeping their service. Mr. Silverboard stated that Taylor Rental had the option of matching the proposals of the other vendors.

Greg Taylor stated that he is the owner of Taylor Rental. He has been operating since 1965. Commissioner Bildz asked if he serviced other beaches. Mr. Taylor stated that he only services Treasure Island. Commissioner Bildz asked if he knew what the other vendors charged for their services. Mr. Taylor stated that he did not know. He stated that the amount that he bid was the amount that he could pay the city without raising his prices. He has always paid the amount that the city asked. He offers a 50% discount to Treasure Island residents and business owners. Commissioner Coward asked if he had to raise his rates, would it have a negative impact on his business. Mr. Taylor stated that what he quoted is based on his current rate. He has always negotiated with the City Manager. Commissioner Collins stated that Beach West Services was offering \$15,000 the first year, \$17,000 the second year, and \$18,000 the third year. Would Mr. Taylor be able to match those bids? Mr. Taylor stated that he would pay the city whatever he was asked to pay. Commissioner Bildz asked Mr. Taylor about the lawsuit with the City of St. Petersburg. Mr. Taylor explained that the City of St. Petersburg was asked to allow him to continue operating until the case has been decided.

Jessica Taylor commented that this was about more than business and politics. It was also about community. Taylor Rental has provided service for 44 years. Her dad knows this beach very well as he has devoted his whole life to it. She was upset when the Commission wanted to see what else was out there. She discussed tests that were run by the government in the 1950's regarding suspicious activity. Only two reports out of fifty tests were received. One was from her grandfather in Treasure Island. Her father assisted in an investigation at the beach regarding a pedophile. He assisted in getting the man arrested and convicted. She asked them to consider offering her dad the same contract they were considering offering other companies.

Frank Taylor spoke in support of Taylor Rentals. He spoke about the City of Treasure Island and its beach. The beach and Treasure Island is of sentimental value to him and his family. It goes back to the 1950's when his grandfather started the business. They have someone who is an ambassador working for their city now.

Arthur Czynszczon, representing the Page Terrace Motel spoke in support of Taylor Rentals. He feels that the service received by Taylor Rentals is very valuable. He stated that Mr. Taylor cleans up after the drum circles on Sunday nights. He doesn't think the service should be changed.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he wanted to remove Gelatis from the beach pavilion and substitute Taylor Rental for Beach Services West. Taylor Rental has history here.

Commissioner Collins asked if he should be allowed to vote on this as he is a member of the BIG-C, and he knows Mr. Simonds, who owns Beach Services West. Ms. Kiefer stated that he is required to vote unless there is a financial stake in this. Commissioner Collins stated that if Mr. Taylor would match the revenue proposed by the other vendor he would support keeping Taylor Rental.

Commissioner Coward stated that the staff was charged with raising additional revenue for the city. It was not their intent to get rid of Taylor Rental, it was to raise revenue. She would support Taylor Rental if he could match the revenues.

Mr. Silverboard stated that Mr. Taylor was here and could tell them if he would be willing to match the proposal. That would clarify what the direction of the Commission would be.

Ms. Kiefer stated that the Commission could give the City Manager permission to interview the vendors to get information regarding their pricing. Commissioner Collins asked if they should ask for bids that included that information. Commissioner Gayton stated that they should not get involved in the pricing or auction bidding. We have proposals here tonight, and Taylor Rentals has offered to match the proposals. Commissioner Bildz stated that he agreed with the City Attorney that they allow the City Manager to negotiate. Commissioner Coward clarified that the City Manager has done that in the past. Mr. Silverboard explained that it has only been an adjustment based on the rate of inflation. Regarding Mr. Taylor's proposal including the area in front of the St. Petersburg property, he does not want to get into an agreement regarding that area until there is clarification from the court.

Mayor Minning asked Mr. Taylor if he would be willing to match the other proposals. Mr. Taylor stated that he would pay the amount that the city asked. Ms. Kiefer suggested that the Commission choose a vendor and authorize the City Manager to negotiate the price and scope of services with the vendor. Commissioner Gayton stated that he wanted to see the final contract, and wanted the contract to include the area of beach in front of the St. Petersburg property. The remedy, if approached by the City of St. Petersburg, would be to ask the court to make a decision in the event of a dispute. Ms. Kiefer suggested adding the words "as allowed by law" if that area was added.

Mayor Minning asked how the Commission felt about the Gelatis proposal for the beach pavilion area. Commissioner Bildz stated that Sunset Beach was already at the breaking point and can't handle more people. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would not be a draw for more people to have beach concessions there – it would simply provide services to the people that are already going there. Commissioner Bildz stated again that they couldn't handle any more out there. Commissioner Coward asked how much would be put down there. Mr. Coccozza, representing Gelatis, stated that it would not increase traffic; it would enhance the beach experience for the people who were already there. He proposed putting 25 cabanas out there, split between the two parks.

Mayor Minning stated that they would move forward with Taylor Rental as the vendor for the central beach area and asked what the Commission wanted to do out at Sunset Beach. Commissioner Bildz again stated his feelings against adding concessions. Commissioner Gayton stated that he has never heard comments from people asking for concessions down

there. He feels that it is crowded enough out there and doesn't want to risk adding to it. He supports Commissioner Bildz's feelings.

This item will move forward to the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, removing the Gelatis proposal at Sunset Beach, and including Ando-Vend and Taylor Rentals.

## 2. Consideration of Res. 09-10, Street Sweeping Contract

Public Works Director Jim Murphy gave a brief explanation of this item. We are required to keep the streets and storm drains clean of debris. Right now we sweep the streets once per month. We looked for a more cost effective way of sweeping the streets. It was decided to use the bids obtained by Pinellas County. Pinellas County obtained bids from five service providers. The most cost effective bid was from USA Services. We currently contract with that firm and have had some issues with the service that they provide. He has met with them and feels that they have resolved the past issues. He reported on the adjustments that would be made. He is comfortable based on the field demonstrations that this level of operation will get us a high quality street sweep with a minimum of dust. There is no process out there that will produce a dustless street sweep. This formula should provide an optimum level. DEP does not mandate the frequency of street sweeping. His proposal is to sweep every other month, but include in the contract the ability to sweep more frequently as needed. Right now we are disposing of the debris ourselves. The USA proposal includes that service, which is a cost savings of roughly \$2,300 per year. Currently the water that is being used is charged to the City. USA is now proposing that they run the water through their own meters at their cost. That is a \$100 savings to the city in water costs. He is proposing that they award the contract for two years at a not to exceed amount of \$34,123.68. This would be for six sweepings with the option of six additional sweepings included in the contract price.

Commissioner Gayton commended Mr. Murphy on his excellent proposal. He questions reducing the number of sweepings. We currently have 11,000 pounds of debris collected each month. The streets are not clean enough now. Where is the additional debris going to go? We are trying to avoid that. We are installing screens. This is an \$8,000 savings to allow 22,000 pounds of debris to lie on the streets. When the city collects yard waste the streets are a mess. He would like the city to take another look at that policy. He does not want to see that waste going into the Gulf of Mexico. This is the Stormwater Management fund. We will have a fund balance of \$486,000 by the end of the year. \$8,000 doesn't really mean much in the overall scheme of things. We charge our residents a quarter of a million dollars a year, and they deserve clean streets.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he agrees with Commissioner Gayton. This is not paid out of the general fund. We have had increase after increase, and the citizens deserve clean streets. If we don't pick up the debris it will go down the storm drains. Also, with them being able to access county water we should never have a problem with them running out of water again. Commissioner Collins stated that he didn't think the problem was with the availability of water, it was with the operator of the machine.

Commissioner Collins asked if the fee for sweeping was about \$25,000 last year. Mr. Murphy stated that it should be \$17,000. Commissioner Collins asked what the fee would be if we did what was proposed. Mr. Murphy stated that it should be about \$8,500. We would write a contract with a "not to exceed" amount that would allow us to sweep every other month, and additionally as needed. Commissioner Collins asked for clarification of the price of twelve sweeps, and who would decide if additional sweeps were needed. Mr. Murphy stated that the

Public Works Department would decide what was needed, and clarified the charges. There was further discussion regarding the number of sweeps and cost.

Commissioner Coward asked who would be responsible for ensuring that the sweeping was being done properly. Mr. Murphy stated that he, Rick Raus, and James Newton would be responsible. He feels that the employees in the Water Pollution Control Department will do a good job at keeping track of this.

Mr. Silverboard clarified that this fund is being operated at a deficit and is being subsidized by other funds. The fund balance is being depleted further each year.

This item will move forward with the understanding that there will be twelve annual sweepings.

### 3. Consideration of a Temporary Restroom Trailer at Caddy's Restaurant

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. He was contacted by Tony Amico asking for permission to install a temporary restroom trailer on this property. It would be connected to city water and sewer and be air conditioned. He is doing this to accommodate the crowds in the area of his restaurant. This would help address the problems in that area that we hear about.

Commissioner Bildz asked why this was in front of the Commission and not the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is a temporary use and would come before the Commission. Commissioner Bildz stated that he has mixed feelings on this. It would do a lot of good, but is concerned about increased traffic.

Commissioner Collins stated that this is a gracious offer and would be better than having people doing things that are offensive to the residents.

Terri Guth stated that she has lived at Sunset Beach for four years and thinks that they should allow a temporary only facility there. She heard advertisements on MTV for people to come to Sunset Beach because it is the last beach that you can drink on. The only solution to this is to stop drinking on Sunset Beach. People are parking all over, walking with coolers, and passed out all over their streets. Visitors to the beach are behaving disrespectfully to the residents and their property. Our police are overworked and cannot handle it all. There is glass on the beach, which is not allowed. She does not understand how Caddy's can build its own walkway, remove our walkover, and make our swim zone smaller. She invited the Commission to visit on the weekends. Commissioner Gayton stated that he has gone out there the past two weekends and understands how she feels. He asked for Chief Casey to explain the additional enforcement that is being done.

Alan Sansotta stated that Mr. Amico has the right to maximize profit from his business. It is clear that the "natives" are restless at Sunset Beach. The traffic situation is a serious endangerment to the lives of people at Sunset Beach unless something is done about the parking. He was one of the people who opposed a ban on drinking at Sunset Beach many years ago. What this has done is turn many of us against it. This has got to stop. He is concerned about the danger. People may need an emergency vehicle. There is a massive problem, and people are fed up with it.

Tony Amico, owner of Caddy's, stated that he cares a lot about the beach. He cleans the beach every day, and rakes the beach. He not only cleans the area in front of Caddy's, but also north and south of it. He picks up fish when there is red tide. After a busy day he has

employees pick up trash up and down the streets and parking lots. He sympathizes with the residents. Part of the fault is Caddy's because it is busy and popular, but there were 300 people south of Caddy's with coolers and kegs that the city does not provide rest rooms for. It is a big problem. Maybe they should limit what they should have on the beach. The solution isn't for him to close his business. He has spoken with the City Manager regarding parking. He would not object to restrictions for residential parking. The only way to ensure that emergency vehicles can get through they need to do one sided parking. He will not fight them on parking restrictions or permit parking. He is not against the residents, but he has to make money at his business. If there is a way to control coolers and kegs on the beach they should do so. His bartenders ID anyone who appears younger than 35. He eliminated selling buckets of beer because of a report that someone provided it to someone else. He limits beer sales to two at one time. He is paying for a police officer to assist with traffic. The temporary bathroom situation was because they had about 2,000 people on the beach. Many are not Caddy's customers, but they use his restrooms. He is just trying to help. Mr. Amico was asked how he would know if someone was a customer. He stated that he can't know, but he has to let them use the facilities.

Commissioner Bildz asked where he proposed to put the restroom facilities. Mr. Amico explained what he was proposing to do.

Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Amico about the ads regarding drinking on the beach. Mr. Amico stated that the only ads that he runs are with the Beacon and Creative Loafing, and his ads have never advertised drinking on the beach. He has no control over what the radio stations or TV stations report.

Fred Stern, who owns KaTiki, stated that Tony is a good neighbor. They clean up the beach every day. He has had people come into his business to use the facilities that are coming from the beach. He has had to lock his back door, his ice machine, and other areas due to the visitors to the beach. There is a parking problem. He suggested that they make West Gulf Blvd. a one way street. That would eliminate the bottleneck. He stated that if Tony wasn't in the parking business they would have a real problem. Caddy's is not the only reason that people come to Sunset Beach. They come to use the beach. They get off the trolley with picnic containers and just want to go to the beach. Caddy's is a big draw, but no the only draw. The draw is the beach. If there were two lanes of traffic going south that would eliminate some of the problem. Regarding the drinking, do they really think that stopping drinking on Sunset Beach would stop people from coming there? They go to Sunset Beach for the beach. They should consider the two extremes and the affects it will have if they eliminate the drinking. They will affect all the businesses in the area. There is still a problem with indigent people. He was threatened by one while he was being interviewed by Channel 9 News today.

Danielle Amico, Mr. Amico's daughter, stated that she works in marketing for the business. She has never done a radio or TV ad, or advertised drinking on the beach. She feels that the main draw for Sunset Beach is the beach. The water is blue, the sand is white. It is pretty, and clean. Clearwater Beach has dirty water. Their bartenders ask for ID's and watch the customers carefully. They don't condone under aged drinking in any way.

Larry Yost stated that he has been on Sunset Beach since 1942. Sunset Beach has changed tremendously. He disagrees with some of the speakers. It is the drinking. He has tried in the past to eliminate alcohol at the beach and got a lot of opposition. There are three problems there; drinking, parking, and indigents. We should add parking at Sunset Vista Park. They should do something about the indigents.

Heidi Horak thanked everyone for their patience because this is an important discussion. There are a couple of issues. She found a way to take matters into her own hands that worked pretty well. Someone started parking across the street at an empty house and ran over a planter. She showed someone where to park, and the attitude changed. She offered the use of her bathroom and garden hose. She parked three cars. It didn't work so well the weekend before. She also thinks that one of the biggest problems is the type of clientele that is being attracted to the beach. She asks for Mr. Amico's help in advertising in the future.

Kevin Johnson stated that he is not against drinking. If he was an owner of a drinking establishment on the beach he would love to have the community abolish drinking on the beach. It would solve the problem on the beach, and bring business to the bars. He is still finding glass beer bottles on the beach. He still sees people walking on the beach with bottles, and he asks them to use a can the next time. A dry beach would be advantageous to Mr. Amico and KaTiki.

Chief Casey explained that he has spent about 70% of his work week dealing with the problems at Sunset Beach in the past few weeks. He has spoken with many residents. While he was out there today he observed a "failure to use public sewers" and he took care of the problem. He sympathizes with how frustrating and aggravating it must be to get in and out of there. He spent all day there on Sunday observing the swim zone. There are a total of seven officers working that detail on Saturday and Sunday. You will see a marine officer, as well as officers in cars and on the ATV. This week we put an officer on a bike. We have seen the behavior that has been reported. On Sunday we wrote 104 parking tickets. There are two officers to move the traffic that Tony has hired. There are a lot of cars coming into a small area. There is no way you can prevent slow downs. The goal is to try to keep them moving. Saturday was an extraordinarily heavy call day. It was 11 or 11:30 before the marine officer could get out there. There were about 40 boats in the area of Caddy's. It was not feasible for him to issue 40 citations. It is a new zone and people have to learn about it. You usually give them a couple of weeks to learn and then start enforcement. On Sunday there were seven boats. All seven were issued citations. He will enforce whatever the Commission makes for laws. Tony Amico works hard to abide by the laws. There are many intoxicated people on the beach, but they are not all from Caddy's. We work with an establishment on the north end of the beach. Their staff works with them to abide by the laws. Regarding the parking situation, it is greatly improved by the enforcement efforts. The officers watch for the width of the streets to ensure that emergency vehicles can get through. Vehicles are towed if necessary. The tow trucks are very busy on the weekends and there are long waits for them. We only tow if necessary. We are addressing the parking as best we can. There is nothing more we can do with enforcement. Regarding the rest room issue, we need to wait until we get past the mid-April point, and then start talking about the long term solution. We don't want to make wrong decisions based on a short term problem. We will be out there this weekend. This weekend is the annual yard sale out there. That can cause as many parking problems as beach goers.

Tony Amico asked about the comment made about him reducing the swim zone. He clarified that they increased the swim zone by 3,000 feet.

Larry Yost asked why they couldn't make a parking lot at the Sunset Vista Park. Mr. Silverboard explained that the property was purchased with Florida Forever funds, and partially developed using NOAA funds. If we change the use we would have to reimburse those funds. We asked about purchasing several lots for parking and were told that they would not be funded.

Mr. Sansotta asked Chief Casey if they prohibited drinking on the beach, would it improve the situation that they are addressing now. Chief Casey stated that it would, but couldn't say by how much, and questioned whether it would just be Sunset Beach.

It was asked how many bathrooms would be permitted, whether it would be the appropriate number, and if it would be helpful to the community. Chief Casey stated that he didn't know how many would be appropriate, but that it whatever they did would be helpful.

It was stated that it seemed that the crime rate has increased in Treasure Island, and was that true, and if so, why? Was it associated with the people that we were discussing earlier tonight. Chief Casey stated that it has decreased. There have been 5-7 burglaries on Sunset Beach. They have cleared some of them by arrest, and the rest are expected to be cleared soon.

Kevin Johnson asked if the crime rate was decreasing, could they reduce the number of officers. Chief Casey stated that crime rates go up and down. The officers are well trained and serve the community well.

It was asked what action she could take as a homeowner when someone trespasses on her property. Chief Casey stated that if someone was verbally abusing her or making an obscene gesture there was not much she can do, due to freedom of speech, unless it was threatening her. He suggested that she not engage the person in a confrontation, but call the police.

Commissioner Coward stated that we need the restrooms. If this is a temporary fix and they are going to add permanent restrooms then that is a good thing. There are problems that she had not heard before that need to be addressed. She agreed with Chief Casey that they wait until mid-April and see what happens. She doesn't see how they can not agree to the restrooms.

Commissioner Collins stated that the people in Sunset Beach need a reprieve from people relieving themselves on their property. If we have a business owner there offering to do this at his expense we should allow it.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he wants to see it move forward.

Mayor Minning stated that we will move it forward and requested that we put a time limit on it in the agreement. Mr. Silverboard agreed to add it to the agreement with a stipulation that Mr. Amico could ask for an extension if he needs one.

Mayor Minning stated that he empathizes with the residents of Sunset Beach and will work with the City Manager and Chief Casey to see what can be done with the problems there.

Commissioner Gayton asked if we had a prohibition of kegs on the beach. We do not.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the anger and frustration that they have heard tonight is what he has been hearing for a month. We need to do something soon. In order to ban alcohol on the beach we would have to do it by referendum. Can we limit the amount of alcohol that is allowed on the beach? He suggested adding some DUI checkpoints.

Mr. Amico asked if he could put port-a-potties out there for the weekend since this can't be voted for tonight. Mr. Silverboard stated that if it was the consensus of the Commission to allow it he didn't see a problem. Commissioner Bildz suggested that they allow the trailers. Mr. Stern

suggested that the City put the trailers out there. This will be worked out with Mr. Amico tomorrow.

#### 4. Discussion of Gulf Beaches Public Library Agreement

Commissioner Bildz reported on the agreement that came from the committee at the last meeting. The difference is that the 10% discount has been eliminated. Ms. Kiefer stated that she has tried to reinforce the language that releases the city from being obligated to fund.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification as to whether the city can afford to renew the contract. Mr. Silverboard explained the terms of the contract, and how each community's annual obligation is dependent upon there being sufficient funds. We will find out what our contribution is around the beginning of June. The Commission then discusses the budget in July. There is an overall agreement, and a service agreement. We will make sure that there is a clear understanding about this.

Commissioner Coward asked if the amount is based on the annual audit. Mr. Silverboard explained that they develop a budget that is brought to their Board of Directors. The budget cycle doesn't start until March or April for them. There are changes this year regarding when we get our millage. We will be starting very soon to be ready for July budget meetings. Commissioner Coward asked Commissioner Bildz how he was feeling about their information now. Commissioner Bildz stated that right now the City of Madeira Beach was doing the books, and they are hiring a new director soon. The director will develop the budget. Mr. Silverboard gave a brief overview of their budget process. Commissioner Bildz stated that at least four of the cities and possibly the fifth will have a Commissioner on their board.

Commissioner Gayton asked why the 10% reduction was eliminated. Commissioner Bildz explained that the ad hoc committee felt that it was based on population and Treasure Island shouldn't get a reduction. In the past it was based on usage, and we are now getting reports on usage. Commissioner Bildz has the suggested changes that he will bring to the next meeting.

## II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gayton asked about the 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue mast arm project and FDOT rejecting our application. Mr. Silverboard stated that Volkert is trying to get an answer as to why it was denied. We had to do soil testing that was never required before. Commissioner Gayton asked that before we spend engineering money on any other project on Gulf Blvd. we get conditional approval from FDOT. Mr. Silverboard stated that we had done that, and these were things that came up after the final permitting. It had nothing to do with the engineering.

Commissioner Bildz asked that the Commission appointments be on the next agenda.

## III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported that the Cornerstone property sold for \$100. She also reported that on the Schwarz case there was a status conference in February, and she is waiting for a transcript. We are still on track for a November hearing. Some of them will be getting subpoenas. Regarding the St. Petersburg wastewater litigation she would like to have an executive session before the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss expenditures of funds for that litigation. Commissioner Gayton stated that he does not like to hold these meetings before a Commission meeting

because they are rushed. It was agreed to hold the meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. The meeting must convene in an open forum.

Mr. Silverboard gave a reminder of the special workshop to be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Treasure Trails bike route. Notices have gone out.

#### **IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Collins thanked the Commission for their confidence in him in electing him Vice-Mayor and offered to attend civic and condo association meetings.

Commissioner Gayton wished everyone a happy St. Patty's Day. He then made comments regarding Mayor Maloof and how much time and effort she put in over the last twelve years.

Commissioner Coward thanked Mayor Maloof for her service to the city and thanked Mayor Minning for serving. She stated that she would do her best for the next two years.

Commissioner Bildz reported that the Food for Thought event raised about \$7,700. He stated that he will miss Mayor Maloof a lot, and congratulated the new commission.

Mayor Minning stated that the Beach Stewardship committee will be meeting on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the beach layout. He then thanked the Isle of Capri Civic Association for their dinner the night before, and added his statements to Mary being a wonderful Mayor.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The workshop was adjourned by Mayor Minning at 10:25 p.m.