

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING ON PROPOSED FY 2008-09 BUDGET
July 16 2009**

The workshop was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Minning		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Carol Coward	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz – Vice Mayor	District 4	Present

II. OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

III. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTS:

1. General Fund

Brian Coccozza, President of Gelati's Inc., spoke regarding the proposal that he had provided the Commission in the past. He had provided a proposal regarding providing concession services at Sunset Beach. He was told that there was no need or desire for those services at Sunset Beach. He has done a survey and got a very positive response. He is requesting that they approve his proposal for a cabana rental service on Sunset Beach. He gave a list of the services that he would provide. He is proposing to pay the City \$5,000 annually, plus will be paying the business license fee.

Commissioner Bildz asked where the materials would be stored at night. Mr. Coccozza stated that he would stack them neatly at the edge of the beach where they would not interfere with the beach raking.

Mayor Minning asked Mr. Silverboard how they should proceed with this request. Mr. Silverboard explained that Mr. Coccozza was requesting that the City enter into a franchise agreement with him to provide the concession services. We have not shown the revenue in the budget. If the Commission is willing to consider this proposal we can place the revenue in the budget and put the item on an agenda. Commissioner Bildz asked that this be put on the "revisit" list.

Commissioner Collins stated that Taylor Rental was paying \$15,000 per year, and asked if the fee should be higher for this proposal. Mr. Silverboard explained that the area that Mr. Taylor covers is much larger than the small area that Mr. Coccozza is proposing to service. Commissioner Collins asked if we would have to put this out to bid again. Mr. Silverboard stated that he didn't they would have to as the amount was so small, and Mr. Coccozza was the only one that submitted a proposal for that area when they went out to bid earlier this year. Mr. Silverboard suggested that they place this item on the August 4th workshop agenda.

Fire Department:

Mr. Silverboard explained that the significant thing in the Fire Department this year is the change in the funding from the County for EMS services. The County is facing a shortfall, and they are trying to reduce that shortfall by reducing the amount of their

funding to the cities that provide first response services. The County has the authority to go to 1.5 mills on the tax bills, and they are currently at .58 mills. The County's goal is to have a response to a call in 7 ½ minutes 90% of the time; and that is what they will pay for. If cities want to provide a better response then they have to pay for it. In the past there has been no consistent method of payment to cities. They are trying to come up with a consistent methodology that recognizes that each community has a different salary and benefit structure. They will cover the cost of three paramedics plus 25% of the cost of the EMS coordinator. It will also cover a certain percentage of the repair costs for the engine, the fuel costs, and all direct costs for the EMS function. From now on we will submit an EMS budget to the county that shows the costs, and they will review the expenditures at the end of the year. This year's proposed funding is \$414,000, \$32,000 of which is to be used to replace vehicles. Since we are not buying a vehicle this year we can't use that money yet. The available amount of money this year will be in the neighborhood of \$380,000. In the past we have received \$475,000 to be used as we saw fit. In this budget you will see a Fire Division and an EMS Division. The way the salaries are calculated is the way that the County has told us to calculate our personnel expenses.

Chief Fant gave an explanation of the personnel structure of the Fire Department. All personnel are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. The County is only willing to fund one paramedic per shift.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the change in the volunteer fire service line item and why it is being discontinued. Chief Fant stated that because of changing roles and new state laws, and that 80% of our calls are medical in nature, the volunteers have really evolved into more of a support role. Their greatest benefit is their fund raising activity. They are only meeting twice a month now. They do participate in special events. Due to the financial situation that we are in he felt that the \$6,000 could be spent elsewhere.

Commissioner Coward asked if the volunteers would still be supporting the fire department. Chief Fant answered in the affirmative. Some of his volunteers have gone on to become fire fighters.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the \$32,000 for vehicles and if it was for a new engine. Chief Fant explained how the County arrived at that figure. A rescue vehicle costs approximately \$160,000 and has a life span of five years. The replacement cost was spread over the five year period. The County agreed to allow the money to be spent on a fire engine. Those vehicles have a much longer lifespan. Commissioner Gayton then asked about the money for a vehicle for the Fire Chief. Mr. Silverboard explained that there would be no vehicle purchased this year. The money would be put aside for future use.

Commissioner Collins stated that he feels that Chief Fant did an excellent job with his budget and he appreciates the service that they provide. Chief Fant stated that the money that the volunteers raise in the community helps them to purchase a lot of the equipment that they need without having to increase the budget.

Commissioner Gayton asked when the next fund drive would be held. Chief Fant stated that they are typically done annually in March. Commissioner Gayton asked how much was collected this year. Chief Fant stated that it is typically about \$25,000. Commissioner Coward asked if he had noticed a decrease in donations in light of the economy. Chief Fant stated that he did not. There is still very good community support out there.

Mayor Minning stated that they were down approximately \$92,000 in revenue, but his budget was up slightly. He asked where the money came from. Chief Fant stated that

the budget is the minimum that they can get by with. Over 90% of their cost is personnel. They can not get by with less than four people scheduled per shift. He was able to reduce his budget by another \$29,000 due to a staffing change. Mr. Silverboard stated that the money comes out of general fund. Other revenues pick up the lost revenues. Mayor Minning stated that his point in bringing it up was for people to know that there has been some tight budgeting to enable us to provide the same services. Mr. Silverboard explained that the funding from the County could be revised. Chief Fant explained that he has been hearing from other departments that the funding has been changed in some cases.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the \$32,000. It was explained that the \$32,000 was not expendable and must be put in a reserve account as it can only be used for replacement vehicles. It will be appropriated in the year that it will be spent. Commissioner Coward asked if this will be an annual thing. Chief Fant stated that he believes it will be so that at the end of the five years the money will be there for the new vehicle. Mr. Silverboard stated that until the County adopts their budget we won't know if we will get the money for the vehicles.

Chief Fant explained that in the past they had a ten year contract that included increases. That agreement has been cancelled and we will know later what the new agreement will include.

Mr. Silverboard explained that Representative Frishe has asked OPEGA to look into the feasibility of combining fire services in Pinellas County. There will be a meeting next week to discuss their study. He will be attending meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Chief Fant explained that in late May he was asked to submit a proposal to take over the fire services in Madeira Beach, along with several other cities. Before he was able to submit the proposal Madeira Beach decided to retain its own services. That did open up the doors for the communities to work closer together.

Mayor Minning asked if the 1989 court decision was out the window. Chief Fant stated that it was. It had forced the county to fully fund the services for certain communities. At this point everyone has been given the same formula for funding.

Community Improvement:

Mr. Silverboard explained that they have divided Community Improvement into three divisions: Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement. They have tried to identify the cost of each of those functions.

Ms. Rosetti explained that they were decreasing the overall estimated expenditures by \$28,296. She gave an explanation of the staffing structure of the three divisions.

Commissioner Bildz asked that since building has slowed down do they really need all of that staff. Mr. Schwartz explained that inspections are slightly lower, but their permit fees are higher than anticipated. He explained that the permitting tech/licensing person has a lot of responsibility. It is probably one of the busiest positions in City Hall. Our building inspector is being kept very busy. He spends time in the field on quality control and community service. They are also looking into an interlocal agreement with Madeira Beach, which will add revenues and keep the inspector very busy. If he had to make a decision regarding reducing staff he would prefer to let a part time code enforcement officer go and cross train the building inspector to also do code enforcement. Mr. Silverboard explained that when the building slow down started they had a building official and a deputy official. When Mr. Wichman left we appointed Mr. Schwartz as the building official and did not hire a deputy. Mr. Schwartz has also taken over Code Enforcement. Ms. Rosetti stated that on the Planning side, even though they don't have

a lot of cases going on right now this is giving the Associate Planner very good training to eventually take over the Planning and Zoning Board. We won't have to hire as many consultants. We are developing our long range disaster recovery plan which will be required shortly. She has also been involved in the local () organization, There is a lot that goes on besides day to day planning.

Commissioner Bildz asked if she could fill them in on the downtown redevelopment plan. Ms. Rosetti stated that they have been keeping an eye on what has been happening in Madeira Beach. They have been through six re-writes trying to get the Pinellas Planning Council to approve. We are using that model and anticipate coming to the Planning Board and City Commission in a joint workshop probably the first part of October. We will be meeting within the next week with the PPC staff to discuss density and intensity controllers and to ensure that we will not have to go through the same rewrite process that Madeira Beach went through. Commissioner Bildz stated that ideally we would want to schedule the referendum during a regular election to save the \$14,000.

Commissioner Coward asked if there was anything in the pipeline for some of the vacant properties. Ms. Rosetti stated that there is an initiative through HUD and the Community Development Block Grant money. We don't qualify for most of it, but there is another cycle of funding that may be available to us to apply for. The State has just submitted an application to the Feds. On a competitive basis we may be able to apply for some of that money. It would enable us to deal with properties that are in foreclosure, or are vacant. One of the things that the CDBG people look at is per capita income and as a whole Treasure Island is fairly well off, so we just fall out of qualification because of it. Mr. Silverboard explained that in terms of projects the Surf Shop is still out there. Ms. Rosetti explained that SWFMD is looking at this project now, and as soon as they get their approval they will be coming in for a permit. La Quinta has asked for an extension for another year on their project. Mr. Silverboard stated that there are some remodels and other projects out there, but we haven't turned the corner yet.

Commissioner Gayton asked for a summary of all three divisions combined. Mr. Schwartz provided the Commission with a copy of the summary. There is an overall reduction in the department, and building permits will cover approximately 40% of the operating expenses.

Commissioner Coward asked where the money from Code Enforcement goes. Mr. Silverboard stated that it goes in the fund balance. There has been approximately \$16,400 collected this year. Commissioner Coward asked about the liens that are placed on the properties. Liens are filed when the charges are assessed, but we can't log the revenue until the money is paid. Mr. Silverboard explained the lien process. If the property is homesteaded we can't foreclose on it.

Commissioner Collins asked if the city would benefit from having an additional Code Enforcement Officer, if it didn't cost the city any money. Commissioner Collins suggested that they crosstrain someone else in the CID to be a Code Enforcement Officer. That would keep them busy in slower times and increase enforcement. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would cost the city money for training and that at some point we would be revamping that division. He doesn't feel that we need three officers.

Mayor Minning asked about the revenues and expenditures for the current year. It is approximately \$170,000 more in expenses than revenues. Mayor Minning asked if we entered into the agreement with Madeira Beach, would we keep all the revenues. Mr. Schwartz answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Coward asked about the projected expenses for the rest of the year. Ms. Rosetti explained that they have been very frugal and they anticipated coming in under

the estimated expenses. Mr. Silverboard stated that all departments have been ordered to be extremely frugal in their spending.

Library:

Maggie Cinnella, Librarian for Gulf Beaches Public Library, was present to discuss the library budget. On June 22nd the Library Board approved a budget for a total of \$437,683. The budget is approximately 1.9% less than the revised fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. They were able to make some cuts and rearrange funding. The revised budget was revised in December of 2008 from an original amount of \$518,209. During the last eight months they have been cut a number of times. She feels that the budget that was passed is stable. She hopes that Treasure Island will be one of the five towns that funds them. The operational portion comes out to approximately \$157,000. The salary portion comes out to approximately \$168,000. The salary portion is one of the lowest of all of the libraries in Pinellas County. They run a tight ship and have a very good staff. The salaries for five employees will be receiving a merit increase. The majority of them are making barely over minimum wage, so the board felt that the 30 cents per hour was important and only affects the budget by about \$2,000. The rest of the full time employees will not be receiving any type of increase.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the Treasure Island resident usage. Ms. Cinnella provided the Commission with a report on the usage. 15% of Treasure Island residents have cards that were issued by Gulf Beaches Library. Another 28% have cards that were issued by other libraries. 43% of Treasure Island residents can use the library. She is only able to track the number of items that are checked out by Treasure Island patrons. 930 patrons have checked out 7,103 items at Gulf Beaches Library this year so far. Residents have checked out an additional 15,583 items at other libraries. The funding of the Gulf Beaches library is not just funding the physical building, etc. It allows people access to all libraries.

Commissioner Bildz asked her to review some of the operating budget. Ms. Cinnella gave a brief explanation of some of the various line items. One of the most significant decreases is for the Polaris Database. It allows them to make library cards and enter information and gather statistics. A couple of years ago the PPLC became one system. The \$13,000 was an initial cost the previous year, but it was a one time cost. The PPLC will be picking up the cost of the maintenance for this database. They now have an accountant that assists the board and her to allocate the funds where they belong. The biggest cost is the materials. Without them there is no library. She gave a brief explanation of the types of materials that they provide.

Commissioner Bildz asked her to review the projected revenues for the year. Ms. Cinnella reviewed the county and the local contribution, and explained that the local contribution has to match the county contribution in order to remain part of the library cooperative. She then explained the reserves fund and how much they will be taking from it. Commissioner Bildz commented that they've worked hard to keep the local contribution down. He stated that we miss the 10% reduction, but that the agreement has not been finalized yet. The ad hoc committee understands that we need to get this finalized before budget time and is working to get it done.

Commissioner Collins commented on the reduction in the salaries. He then asked about the percentage of Treasure Island residents holding library cards and whether they are all current. Ms. Cinnella stated that the database was cleaned up last year, and the numbers are current. Commissioner Collins stated that if we had this information last year there would have been fewer problems.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the number of transactions and whether they were all different patrons. Ms. Cinnella stated that it was a count of separate transactions, but

she is unable to identify the exact number of different patrons. Commissioner Gayton wants to know how many people actually use the library. Commissioner Coward stated that she appreciates the work that Ms. Cinnella has put in.

Commissioner Bildz commented that the library hours will be increasing beginning in October. Ms. Cinnella stated that people are very pleased about the upcoming increase in hours.

Mayor Minning stated that the allocation is based on population and not on usage. He asked if there has been any consideration on basing it on usage rather than population. He commented that we are providing approximately 7.28% of the transactions, but paying approximately 43% of the cost. Ms. Cinnella stated that the cost of the Gulf Beaches Library is the lowest per capita in the County. Mayor Minning stated that he thinks that she has done a great job, but that we are still subsidizing other communities. Ms. Cinnella compared it to people who do not have children in the school system but still have to pay school taxes. She suggested that they bring that up to the library board.

Commissioner Bildz commented that almost twice as many people are using other libraries, but our membership in Gulf Beaches is what allows them to do so.

Commissioner Gayton asked if she had the statistics for the other cities. She stated that she did not have them with her but could provide them if they want them. She will e-mail it to the City Clerk.

The workshop was recessed at 3:10 by Mayor Minning.

The workshop was reconvened at 3:20 by Mayor Minning.

Beach Improvement:

Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of the Beach Improvement Fund. It includes the maintenance of the buoys and the parking meters. They are not budgeting any of Cliff Truitt's time in this budget. There is a special project included that has to do with the sand sharing/beach renourishment.

Commissioner Gayton asked for an explanation of the beach improvement item on the audited statement. Mr. Keranen explained that the Beach Improvement fund was supposed to be closed last year but wasn't. Funds were budgeted in the General Fund for FY2008-2009. The fund has now been closed and the money moved into the General Fund. Commissioner Gayton asked where it shows in the Fund Balance. Mr. Keranen explained that it is showing as a designated fund in the reserve funds. It is still not showing up on the balance sheet, and he needs to speak with the auditors about changing that.

Mayor Minning asked about the special project, and asked if we showed a corresponding revenue from the County. Mr. Silverboard explained that we can't show it until we get the money and he isn't sure that we will get it. We have not seen an agreement or any paperwork yet. He is hoping that we don't need to budget for this, that the county will pay for it. At this point we don't know how it is going to be set up. Mayor Minning asked how Mr. Truitt had been paid in the past. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is his understanding that we paid for it in the past. Mayor Minning stated that the County has paid for all the expenses of obtaining the sand sharing permit. Mayor Minning will get clarification as to whether it was budgeted in the past. He thinks the expenditures should have been reimbursed.

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This year we have combined two divisions – Grounds/Beautification, and Facilities Maintenance. This new organization eliminates one foreman and one service worker III position. Both employees left the city and we didn't fill the positions. The new organization creates a new position called Senior Crew Chief, which will provide a mentoring and field type organization. The crews can be built up of any number of people depending on what the situation requires. The savings by combining the two organizations was roughly \$120,000.

Commissioner Bildz commented that he did a nice job in saving \$120,000. He then asked why we continue to beautify the causeway that we don't own, and why there is a Welcome to Treasure Island sign on property in another city. He feels that we go above and beyond on property that is not in our city. Mr. Silverboard stated that at this time we are mainly mowing, weeding, and edging. We will not be putting out flowers in that section. We need to keep it presentable. It is a major entrance to our city and we need to keep it looking decent. Commissioner Collins stated that he was under the impression that we got that property in exchange for the tollbooth. Mr. Silverboard stated that we got the roadway, but not the property surrounding it. St. Petersburg has not, does not, and will not maintain it. Mr. Silverboard stated that he has spoken with the First Deputy Mayor about taking over the maintenance, and they suggested that we pay them a 25% surcharge. They will not maintain it. Commissioner Bildz asked how we would make it a public right of way. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would have to deed it to St. Petersburg. Commissioner Gayton stated that the roadway and the grass on both sides of it is ours. We maintain it because it belongs to the City of Treasure Island.

Commissioner Coward stated that she thinks that it is smart what he has done with the cross training. She asked if the title changes also changed their pay status. Mr. Murphy explained that the only position that changed was the Sr. Crew Chief, which will be posted and interviewed for.

Commissioner Coward asked why there is \$2,000 included to upgrade Christmas decorations if we are going to be leasing Christmas lights. Mr. Murphy explained that it was for the maintenance of the Christmas decorations that are on the ground.

Commissioner Coward asked if we could put a sign up near the pirate in the park so that when people take their pictures with the pirate there will be something that advertises the City of Treasure Island. Mr. Murphy stated that it would depend on the size and type of sign. Mr. Silverboard stated that if the Commission wants a sign then we will look into it.

Commissioner Coward asked if we got some kind of a discount on gasoline from the State. Mr. Murphy explained that we get a fleet discount of a penny per gallon for gasoline and a penny and a half for diesel. She then asked if we get a discount from the State. Mr. Murphy explained that we are working on that now as we have determined that we are eligible for a refund on the state taxes.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he thinks that they did a fantastic job on the reorganization. Mr. Murphy explained that the reduction is the equivalent of three full time employees, and gave an explanation of how the employee costs were allocated. Mayor Minning asked for clarification of the number of employees compared to last year.

Commissioner Gayton asked to take a look at the Christmas tree. He is hoping that they can get a couple more years out of it. He then asked about above ground fuel tanks. He has been calling around, and says that there is a possibility of getting a 30% discount on the fuel. Mr. Murphy stated that for the amount of fuel that we use we would need significantly sized tanks that we have no space for. In his judgment it would not be in our best interest to keep that amount of fuel on site, and with the permitting that would be

required it would not be cost effective. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification of the reduction of the number of employees.

Commissioner Collins stated that he thought Mr. Murphy did a great job, and that the cross training was an excellent idea. He then asked if we could get a gas truck to come out and fuel the trucks as needed. Mr. Murphy stated that he looked at it, but part of the problem was getting the fuel delivered at a time that the vehicles were in the yard. It would be difficult to get into the area where the solid waste trucks are kept. The savings were not as significant as they would have hoped. Commissioner Collins asked if we could get the cards from Rally that give us the five cent per gallon discount. That is more than the fleet discount of one cent per gallon that we are now getting. Mr. Murphy stated that he will look into that. Rally does take care of the accounting and reporting, as well as the filing for the federal tax that we need to do. Commissioner Collins suggested having the drivers of the trucks fill out a log when they fill the truck. Mr. Murphy stated that we get very good data support from Rally. We would have to take that clipboard and find a way to incorporate the data. Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Silverboard to look into the five cent discount cards. Mr. Murphy stated that he has spoken with a representative from Rally and is still waiting for the information. He will look into the five cent discount card.

Commissioner Coward asked about the federal credit that we get. Mr. Murphy stated that it is somewhere between thirteen and fifteen cents per gallon. Commissioner Collins asked if the \$3.00 per gallon that we are budgeting includes the credit that we get. Mr. Murphy stated that it is the pump price. He cautioned them on budgeting for fuel at a lower rate and then having the price increase. Mayor Minning asked where that refund got reconciled. Mr. Murphy explained that Rally removes that from what we pay. The bill that comes from Rally already has the tax rebated.

Mayor Minning complimented Mr. Murphy on the reduction in his budget. Mr. Murphy gave credit to his staff.

Causeway:

Mr. Murphy gave an explanation of the budget for this division. One of the significant costs of maintaining the bridge is the electricity. We have also included a little bit more money for repairs. We continue to find things that require our attention. The bridge is almost four years old, and we will continue to see things as the bridge ages that will require us to spend more money.

Commissioner Bildz asked for a clarification on the salary amounts between this year and next. The difference is due to an employee leaving and being replaced with a lower paid employee.

Commissioner Gayton asked the difference between a lead bridge tender and a bridge tender. Mr. Murphy stated that the lead bridge tender is a full time permanent position. His job is to schedule the other bridge tenders, identify and report issues on the bridge, and training the other bridge tenders. Commissioner Gayton stated that we have a \$268,000 cost for the Causeway. He would like to see us take a portion of the LOISS funds to lower some of the costs. Mr. Silverboard stated that \$72,000 of it will be transferred to the General Fund. Commissioner Gayton stated that we have County Gas Tax money that can be used for bridge maintenance. There is \$176,000 that could be used there, plus LOISS, plus a portion, or all, of the proceeds from the sale of the Causeway House. When we bought the house we said we would use those funds to pay for the Causeway. Between what we have in those funds we have over \$476,000, and a bill for the Causeway for \$268,000. He is asking the Commission to consider reducing that \$268,000, which will reduce the need to increase the millage rate. If we can reduce

that \$367,000 we will be saving $\frac{3}{4}$'s of what we are looking for. He believes that it is their responsibility that if we have the money there, then we should use the money for the causeway, strive to keep the millage rate at what it is today, and in his opinion this is the best start. He recommends to the Commission that they keep the millage rate at what it is right now and help the residents out. Mr. Silverboard explained that the LOISS funds are not eligible for operation and maintenance. When LOISS was used before it was paying off construction. We are replacing bridge computers and using \$35,000 in gas tax money for that. You can strip any of the surplus funds of anything that you want to, but he doesn't feel that it is prudent. Regarding the house they can use the funds for a one time use, or you can put the money aside for causeway repairs. He wants to make it clear that staff has done an extraordinary job in trying to save the taxpayers money. We are not increasing taxes. The millage is increasing, but the dollars generated by that millage will not increase. Ultimately the Commission needs to set the use of the money that we got the house. We are going to have to start doing maintenance on the bridges. It is wise to have a fund that we can rely on for more significant repairs. Commissioner Gayton stated that he understands Mr. Silverboard's position, and he is making a recommendation based on his position. Until they vote on a different millage rate then they collect based upon the current millage rate of 2.4999. We have an opportunity to keep our millage rate the same, and we have the funds available. We are in a recession and have a responsibility to our residents. What the Commission wants to do is up to them. It is his recommendation and what they decide to do is fine.

Commissioner Collins stated that he doesn't understand why after four years the computers need to be replaced at a cost of \$35,000. Mr. Murphy explained the type of system that it was, and what the \$35,000 includes. Commissioner Collins stated that he is disappointed in the performance of the computers.

Mr. Murphy stated that he thought the money from the sale of the causeway house should be set aside in case of a serious event. Mayor Minning asked if the computers could be funded out of the causeway house funds. Mr. Silverboard stated that they should set the money aside for when they have to make a major repair of over \$50,000. Hopefully we can get to ten years before we have significant expenditure on it. Part of the reason that we were in such a hole to begin with is that we never set aside money to replace it. We need to try and do it right this time and set aside for the major facilities that we have. Commissioner Collins stated that he understands what Commissioner Gayton is saying, but he understands what Mr. Silverboard is saying as well. It isn't like the money is being lost because we aren't using it immediately. We are not raising the millage rate, and we would have money set aside in case of an emergency on the bridge. Mr. Silverboard stated that the millage rate is increasing, but the tax revenue that it is generating is slightly less than we will be receiving this year. We cannot use LOISS funds for maintenance and repairs. Commissioner Gayton stated that we can get an opinion on what it could be used for. He feels that Mr. Silverboard doesn't want to use LOISS funds for the bridge. Mr. Silverboard stated that we can not use it for operations. Commissioner Bildz stated that we are already allocating it for road resurfacing. Commissioner Gayton wants to make a determination once we get to the LOISS funds. Mayor Minning stated that we will revisit this when we get to the LOISS funds.

Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance:

Mr. Murphy stated that the only significant difference is in the allocation of salaries, and a tire changer that is being requested.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the difference between the salaries compared from last year and this year.

Mayor Minning stated that he doesn't see the charge for electricity. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is included in facility services.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

2. Special Revenue Funds
3. Enterprise Funds:
4. Capital Projects Fund

VI. Setting Special Meeting to Adopt Tentative Millage Rate

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Any person desiring to file an appeal to any action taken by the Commission at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may be required to insure that a verbatim transcript is made. Said transcript shall be made by the appellant at his or her expense. The City maintains a tape recording of all public hearings. In the event that you wish to appeal a decision, the tape may or may not adequately insure a verbatim record of the proceedings. Therefore, you may wish to provide a court reporter at your expense.

Any person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding is entitled to assistance at no cost. Please contact the office of the City Clerk in writing at 120 – 108 Avenue, Treasure Island FL 33706 or by phone at 727 547 4575 at least two working days prior to the meeting to advise what assistance is needed.