

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Minning at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Minning

B. ROLL CALL:

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dominique Reiter announced that the October 9th Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is cancelled and postponed to February, 2010, but the dinner is still on October 12th at the Community Center. It will be a catered Cajun dinner. The Chamber is hosting a trade/business show on October 29 at the Yacht Club.

Mayor Minning asked about the tickets for the Thanksgiving dinner. They are available at the Chamber and at the door.

Commissioner Coward asked what to do if tickets for the prayer breakfast were already purchased. Ms. Reiter said the person needs to go to where they bought the tickets for a refund or to trade the ticket for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Commissioner Bildz asked if they could be used for the February breakfast. Ms. Reiter stated that it may be a brunch and the tickets would be wrong.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting and workshop of September 23, 2009 are available for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the minutes as printed.

Commissioner Coward asked that on page three of the workshop minutes the dates of the Kiwanis functions be added to the minutes. Mr. Silverboard stated that the dates given were wrong and that may be why they were left out. Mayor Minning suggested that it be checked into. Ms. Hayduke stated that February 6th is the 5K run, February 13th is beach activities, and February 14th is beach activities and car show.

Commissioner Bildz stated that on page six of the workshop he said that the senator from the North Dakota brought up the offshore drilling, but it was the senator from Florida that said that he would not allow that to happen.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the minutes as corrected was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bildz asked that Item 2 on the Workshop agenda be moved to the meeting. It is the Gulf Beaches Public Library service contract item. There being no objections, this item will move to Item #5 on the meeting agenda.

1. Consideration of Resolution 09-70, Kiwanis Mardi Gras Event

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Gayton asked Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke to go through the dates again. Ms. Hayduke went through the events as stated above. The poker run will be held on Saturday, February 13th instead of Sunday.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the resolution needs to be changed. Ms. Hayduke explained that the poker run really has no bearing on Treasure Island so it wasn't mentioned in the resolution. It was decided that the resolution doesn't need to be changed.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Gayton thanked the Kiwanis Club for choosing the City of Treasure Island for their event.

2. Consideration of Resolution 09-67, Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Indian Shores regarding Health Insurance

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Collins wanted to ensure that there won't be any work load by the City's staff. Ms. Valdes stated that all claims would be handled by Indian Shores. Commissioner Collins asked if we would have information about their claims. Ms. Valdes stated that when it came time for the rates to be set we would have that information right away.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the City Attorney wanted to get something from PRM and asked if we had that. Ms. Valdes stated that she received a letter at 5 p.m. today and read the letter to the Commission.

Commissioner Bildz thought it should be mentioned that if Indian Shores are not paying their bill on time the City has 60 days to get out of it. Ms. Valdes clarified that they will be paying a month in advance and have agreed to the 3% administrative fee. Commissioner Coward asked for clarification as to whether we would pay their bill before receiving their check. Ms. Valdes stated that we would not pay their premiums.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Consideration of Resolution 09-71, Approval of IAFF Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Ms. Valdes explained that the contract was renewed exactly as is with the exception that there are no raises or merit in this one year contract.

Commissioner Coward wanted to know how the vacation that is allowed goes along with the other employees. Ms. Valdes stated that it is in parity based on the hours it worked. Commissioner Coward stated that the Firemen get a lot of vacations. Ms. Valdes said they work more hours. Ms. Valdes will do an audit at the Mayor's request.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Silverboard thanked the union, Ms. Valdes and Chief Fant for their agreement, and stated that he appreciates their understanding, and when better times return we will be able to show our appreciation to them for their sacrifices.

4. Consideration of Resolution 09-69, Approval of EMS ALS Agreement for FY 2009-10

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz stated that this was tabled waiting for further information and there was no back-up. Fire Chief Fant gave a brief explanation of what he has done. He went through some of the issues. He explained that our funding formula really started in 1989, and has remained consistent since then. In order for us to come up to the levels of St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena we would have to add staff and fund it. Call volume is also taken into consideration, and ours is somewhat lower than South Pasadena and St. Pete Beach. There would be no benefit to adding staff as the money from the county is just a pass through.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the City Attorney spoke to any of the other cities' attorneys. Ms. Kiefer stated that she had spoken with South Pasadena, who provided her with good information. She also spoke with Chief Fant, who told her that we are at the same formula base since 1989. Based on her discussions she agrees with Chief Fant. Commissioner Gayton asked if we were getting more money that we were supposed to get. Ms. Kiefer turned it over to Chief Fant for a better explanation. Chief Fant explained that the County tried to get a better handle on the costs, and set up a

procedure where county EMS was augmenting the compensation for a paramedic upgrade and a cross trained fireman. In order for the City to have a fire department we needed at least three or four people on duty. In 1989 it was put back to 3 people on duty. We have been at the funding level for the last twenty years. The funding doesn't reflect a stand alone rescue unit. It is a complicated issue.

Commissioner Gayton clarified that St. Pete Beach, has a stand alone rescue unit as well as staffing for the fire engine. Chief Fant explained how Treasure Island operates.

None of the fire departments transport. The only difference between us and St. Pete Beach is that they have a stand alone unit to respond to calls.

Commissioner Gayton asked again if we are being paid more than we should be. Chief Fant explained that in the past there was not a specific line item budget required. This year they decided to require us to submit a line item budget. We are receiving \$415,000 for direct costs that have been identified in that budget. Commissioner Gayton asked where the amount came from. Chief Fant stated that he didn't know. The City submitted and argued for a two paramedic budget but had to resubmit a budget for less. Chief Fant explained that he originally submitted a budget for approximately \$700,000 based on what South Pasadena and St. Pete Beach were doing, but he had to resubmit. It is about a \$60,000 reduction in the prior year. Mr. Silverboard pointed out that there is \$32,000 there that can not be spent except for future vehicle purchases. Chief Fant stated that it was an error on the County's part and they have not approved that amount in anyone else's budget. He pointed the error out to them and suggested to them that since it was already approved they leave it as is. He has not gotten a final answer on that.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the length of the agreement. Chief Fant explained that it was originally five years, but now it is a one year agreement. Commissioner Bildz asked if there were plans to do another five year agreement. Chief Fant stated that he doubted it because of the uncertainties regarding revenues.

Mayor Minning asked what happens to the \$32,000. Chief Fant explained that it would be accessed at the time when we need to put it for a replacement vehicle. Mayor Minning stated that it could be there for many years down the road.

Commissioner Collins wanted to know if the \$32,000 is to be put aside for a vehicle for the Fire Department or EMS use only. Chief Fant answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Collins asked why we have an agreement if the County can stop it at will.

Commissioner Coward clarified that the reason that South Pasadena is being treated differently is because they have two pieces of equipment that can respond. Chief Fant explained that they have more personnel per shift and they have a County district that is dependant upon South Pasadena for protection. The County has a hook in them that they don't have with us.

Commissioner Bildz asked if our calls require the city to hire more people is the County going to help out with the cost next year. Chief Fant said the city would need up to 10 EMS calls a day, which would justify a stand alone rescue unit because if the engine is out it cannot respond to fire calls, but the City's call volume will not be in that range.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Res. 09-72, Approval of the GBPL Service Contract for 2009-2010

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz explained that he asked to move this up because it had been workshopped at our budget hearings, and it is due on October 1st. We didn't receive the service contract until September 23rd. As a library board member he will see that this doesn't happen again next year.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Minning.