

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES  
February 3, 2009**

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

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mayor Maloof announced that Gulfport Mayor Yakes was unable to attend tonight's workshop to discuss the two agenda items so they will be discussed at another time.

1. Discussion on a special alcohol tax
2. Consideration of Res. 09-02, Supporting Special Assessments to Fund Law Enforcement Services

Mr. Silverboard discussed Commissioner Minning's position on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Commission. He has been asked to resign because the seat normally rotates between the three cities in this group. It should have rotated to Madeira Beach this year. The Commission has been asked to support the appointment of Mayor Shontz from Madeira Beach to the Commission. The Commission agreed by consensus to support Mayor Shontz.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gayton asked the City Attorney to explain the situation with the Schwarz lien and Cornerstone Bank. Ms. Kiefer gave an explanation of the procedure that was followed. The lien was filed on another property, but it attaches to all property owned in Pinellas County. The property under foreclosure was not the property that the lien was filed on. The City's lien is not superior to the mortgage; therefore the mortgage holder does not have to pay the lien off. If there are additional proceeds left after the sale of the property the City could recoup some of the money owed. The lien on that property will be extinguished, but the lien will remain on the other properties owned in Pinellas County. She has recommended some code changes to the City Code of Ordinances to make City liens "Super Liens" that would take precedence over other liens other than taxes. Commissioner Gayton asked if we were to pass the suggested ordinance, would it be superior to a mortgage. Ms. Kiefer answered in the affirmative. The ordinance will be on the next workshop agenda. It will not apply retroactively if passed.

Commissioner Gayton asked Ms. Kiefer how much the Commission would be allowed to speak with Commissioner Bildz about obtaining documents from the Gulf Beaches Public Library. She stated that they could not speak with him "outside the sunshine". Ms. Kiefer stated that the items that Commissioner Gayton was referring to were public documents and as such she could get them for him. Commissioner Bildz read a letter that he had received at the board meeting regarding Ms. Horah's lawsuit.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he had received an e-mail regarding the public meeting that will be held regarding input on the bike trail. He urged citizens to attend the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 24<sup>th</sup>. He has asked Mr. Silverboard for the drawings for the four routes. Mr. Silverboard explained where the routes were being proposed at this point. There may be other alternatives available by the time of the meeting, and the public may have suggestions as well. This route is one of the missing links connecting the Pinellas Trail and downtown St. Petersburg to the beach. This will provide 90,000 people per month the ability to get to the beaches and businesses in Treasure Island. It will be the only beach access that is planned south of Dunedin. The public is encouraged to attend. Flyers have been posted throughout the community, and there is information on our web page.

Commissioner Gayton asked if HDR would be attending the Planning & Zoning Board meeting this month. Mr. Silverboard stated that he would find out and let him know. Commissioner Gayton wants to get that information out to the public.

Commissioner Minning asked what the format was going to be for comment at the public meeting on the bike trail. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be kind of a charette type of format and the public would be allowed to speak for as long as they wanted. HDR will be there.

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

Mr. Silverboard stated that we have erected poles for the purpose of hanging a banner. He is in the process of writing a policy on the usage of the banner. One of the first opportunities will be the Mardi Gras event.

Mr. Silverboard stated that we are also working on a purchasing ordinance and policy. That will be coming up on a future workshop. It will clarify how we will go out to bid and purchase supplies and other items.

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

Commissioner Collins gave a brief report of the BIG-C meeting. Beach renourishment funding has been affected by the current financial situation. Instead of the \$30 million that is normally spent on beach renourishment only about \$5 million will be spent this year. The BIG-C is looking for a representative to the "Rays' Day Committee". They will have tickets to the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Rays game at a discount price of \$30, or \$35 to include all you can eat food.

Commissioner Collins read a letter regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss the proposal to support keeping the Gulf Beaches Elementary School open as a Charter school. He asked that it be placed on the next workshop agenda. Commissioner Minning stated that the closure of the school is a done deal, but that we could support the Charter school.

Commissioner Collins stated that there is no ordinance in Treasure Island that prohibits people from doing major mechanical repairs in their front yards. Mr. Silverboard has drafted an ordinance addressing this that is scheduled to be on the next workshop.

Commissioner Collins gave a reminder about the upcoming Mardi Gras event. He announced that the Friday night masquerade ball has been cancelled.

Commissioner Collins offered to attend condo association meetings.

Commissioner Gayton announced that there is still an opening on the Planning and Zoning Board for a representative from District 2. He asked for a volunteer to step forward.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the Isle of Palms annual garage sale will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Commissioner Minning discussed the special Beach Stewardship Committee meeting that was held on Friday. The signage that was promised by the County has been removed from the County budget. Ruth Philipon was provided with the book of designs, and she is going to provide us with some designs that we can use to send to the people for the NOAA grant. They also discussed the beach trail that Mr. Fant presented at the last Commission workshop. Each committee member has been asked to come up with a design proposal for the north end of the trail. The next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will go over those renderings at that time. They have received a lot of support and good feedback from Mr. Fant's presentation. Mayor Maloof asked if he had received questions or complaints from anyone. Commissioner Minning stated that he had not. Commissioner Bildz asked how far north this proposed trail would go. It would go to 119<sup>th</sup>. They would take it one section at a time.

Commissioner Minning stated that he had discussed the City budget for December with the City Manager. He asked if they could have the Finance Director provide them with an update on a quarterly basis. He would like to see it discussed openly for the citizens to hear. Mr. Silverboard stated that they would do that at the next workshop. The Commission agreed that it was a good idea.

Commissioner Bildz gave a report on the library meeting that he attended. He explained that a lot of information was provided by them. They are having difficulty getting the information for Treasure Island because Treasure Island wants the information by household. They will be holding their annual "Food for Thought" fund raiser event on March 7<sup>th</sup>. He has tickets available if anyone wants one. Mr. Silverboard stated that he went last year. The food was very good. It was very crowded. Commissioner Gayton asked how much they made on that event last year. Commissioner Bildz will find out and report back. He reported that they will be having their first ad hoc committee meeting this Thursday in Madeira Beach.

Commissioner Bildz commented on the opening on the Planning & Zoning Board, and how we hardly ever have anyone volunteering these days. He suggested that we reduce the size of the board, whether through attrition or some other means. He asked if it could be placed on a workshop for discussion. Commissioner Gayton stated that the Planning & Zoning Board always says that they don't want to reduce the size of the board, but that they could discuss it anyway. This item will be placed on the next workshop agenda.

Mayor Maloof made an announcement about the annual Rotary Tennis & Golf Challenge. Information is available at Treasure Bay. The money from this event is split between the Rotary and the City. The City uses that money for scholarships for children to attend camp.

Mayor Maloof announced that the Ikebana Society will be holding their event in March at the Community Center.

Mayor Maloof stated that she attended a legislative breakfast at the Vincent House last week. They are asking that the legislature continue funding for mental health issues. Florida is 49<sup>th</sup> out

of the 50 states in funding for this issue. She stated that the legislature needs to look at other ways to raise money other than trust funds. Next week she will be going to Tallahassee on the Suncoast League bus to speak with our legislators.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Burke asked about where the 5k run was going to be on the Isle of Capri, and whether the Isle of Capri would be shut down for the entire time. Commissioner Collins stated that it would not be shut down.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The workshop was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.