

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

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:

Mary Daughtry stated that she thinks it is a great idea that they have set up a special workshop to address the issues at Sunset Beach. She requested that the City Manager provide information to the citizens. She read a list of items that she wanted information on. She suggested that if there were issues in the past in the area of Gators they look at how they were solved.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting and workshop of June 16, 2009 are available for approval.

The minutes were inadvertently left out of the packet. They will be available for approval at the August 4, 2009 meeting.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Res. 09-42, Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ending September 20, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Reconsideration of Res. 09-34, Sunset Chateau Swim Zone Modification to Accommodate a Boat Anchorage Area. (Requested by Commissioner Coward)

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

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Coward to amend the resolution to adjust the swim zone to 175 feet from the high tide line.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he spoke with Nicole Elko who told him that the County recommended a minimum of 200 feet. Mayor Minning stated that with erosion and beach renourishment that will likely be a moving line.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the amendment was 4-1 with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

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3. Consideration of Res. 09-45, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event to be held on April 16 and 17, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Consideration of Res. 09-46, Request for Sand Sculpturing Competition and Festival Event to be Held on November 20 through November 22, 2009.

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

Commissioner Collins asked if people would be entering the beach at the St. Pete entrance. Ms. Hayduke stated that while they were bringing equipment out they would likely be using both locations, but that the parking on the beach would be using the entrance near the new city park.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City would be keeping all the parking fees. Ms. Hayduke answered in the affirmative.

Pam MacIntyre asked what the times of operations on the Relay and the Sand Sculpturing event were. Ms. Hayduke stated that the Sand Sculpturing event would start at 8 a.m. and be completed by 10 p.m. The Relay for Life is an all night event. They will be monitoring the noise. It starts at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday and ends at noon on Saturday. Ms. MacIntyre stated that the reason that she asked was that her elderly neighbors were woken up by the fireworks at Bands on the Sand and were frightened. She feels that 9 p.m. is perfect. Ms. Hayduke stated that they may do the fireworks earlier.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Res. 09-44, Referral of Request to the LPA for Consideration of Amending the Definition of Dwelling, Tourist, to Exclude Clients of Gulf Coast Recovery, Inc. and Similar Individuals.

Ms. Kiefer requested that this item be withdrawn from the agenda and placed on a future agenda.

Commissioner Bildz stated that this resolution was just to refer this to the LPA. He doesn't feel that they need input from Mr. Loeb to do so.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he doesn't see a need to send it to the LPA, and he would like to hear from them as to why they feel that it should be sent to the LPA.

Commissioner Bildz stated that it is a recommendation from our City Attorney to send this to the LPA. Mayor Minning commented that some Commissioners want to hear his reasons for the request. Commissioner Bildz stated that we are in litigation with them. He suggested that they send it to the LPA, give him 60 days to appear before them, and if he doesn't do so then forget it. Commissioner Gayton stated that he feels that they should tell us why they feel that it should go to the LPA.

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to remove this from the agenda and reschedule at a time that all parties can meet. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Consideration of Res. 09-36, Setting the Tentative Ad Valorem Millage Rate for FY 2009-2010 and setting the Public Hearings on the Budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution with a millage rate of 2.7576 mils.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the budget was predicated upon this rate. They can always lower it later, but can't go above it. Last year they were successful in lowering the rate after it was tentatively set. He feels comfortable passing this rate and working to lower it.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he wanted people to know that they have been meeting for four days to work on this budget. They are continually working to reduce the expenditures.

Commissioner Coward stated that she has asked for the information to be in dollars and cents because she feels that it is easier for citizens to understand than percentages. Commissioner Bildz stated that we need to set the tentative millage rate now.

Ms. MacIntyre stated that on behalf of her husband they were offering to do a time and motion study on each of the departments. He would do this free to try to save money for the city. Ms. MacIntyre was asked what her husband does for work. He is a consultant who works with computers. Mayor Minning asked if Mr. MacIntyre could write something up and e-mail it to them. Ms. MacIntyre answered in the affirmative and encouraged the Commission to take him up on his offer. He would study the departments to ensure that there was no redundancy in what people were doing.

At this point the Commission moved on to item #7 to give time to set up for a presentation.

After consideration of items 7 and 8 the Commission came back to this item at 6:45. p.m. Mr. Silverboard gave the Commission a handout of the updated budget information. On page 1 of the first revenue sheet they have updated the sheet to show the additional \$290,000 that they got in as a payment for additional ad valorem taxes. He read a list of the changes that were made in the revenues.

On the 2nd page of the revenue sheets they changed the private detail fee to match the expenditure. This item is a wash. He read a list of the other changes that were made. If

they end up adding a second vendor at the beach pavilion they will be able to add about \$5,000.

On the next page, General Fund Revenue, the revenue estimate was changed from \$8,683,025 to \$8,788,374. That is approximately \$105,349 higher. He read the list of the changes that were made.

Mr. Silverboard then explained the changes in the individual department budgets. Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Silverboard to explain what the custodian position at the Police Department was. Mr. Silverboard explained that it was the equivalent of half of a position due to the building being a 24/7 operation.

Mr. Silverboard stated that there were two items that were not on the revisit list but further information was asked for. Ms. Hayduke got a quote of \$11,000 per two clay courts for renovation. Commissioner Coward had asked that we modify the LOISS fund by adding \$22,000 for renovating four of the clay courts. The plan would be to renovate four additional courts in the following year, and two the year after. After that we would be on a course to do two per year. Ms. Hayduke recommended that they do courts 5 & 6 for sure, and monitor the others to see which courts need it the most. Commissioner Bildz clarified that they will do a total of four this year. Mr. Silverboard stated that they would need to add \$22,000 to the LOISS fund for the renovation of four courts.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the second item is the Christmas tree. Mr. Murphy got prices for a decorated and lit 18 foot tree with a three foot star. The cost to purchase the tree was \$4995. The cost to lease it was \$2800 per year, or a total cost of \$16,000 over five years. Mr. Murphy stated that this was not a quote; it was an estimate for budgetary pricing. The lease of the tree would include the labor to install it. Mr. Silverboard stated that two years of lease payments would buy the tree, and it would last at least 10 years with proper maintenance. Commissioner Collins stated that when he suggested leasing the tree he had no idea how expensive it would be. Now he wonders how much it would cost to buy a cut Christmas tree each year. Mr. Silverboard stated that the tree would be outside in the weather for about a month, and it might not last for the length of time that we would want it to. The artificial tree is probably a better choice. Commissioner Collins asked if we planted a tree would it work. Mr. Silverboard stated that if we could find a tree of the right shape, after many years it would be ok. Mayor Minning asked Ms. Hayduke about the cost of decorating the tree. Ms. Hayduke stated that it could take a few days, and she didn't know how much the lights and decorations would cost. Mayor Minning suggested that they get further information and make a decision at the time of the public hearing. Commissioner Collins asked if we had ample storage space for the tree without it getting damaged. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative. Mayor Minning stated that we would leave it in and modify it later if needed.

Mr. Silverboard continued with the list of changes. He then gave a brief explanation of the grants.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he wanted everybody to understand that when Mr. Silverboard says that the Commission approved the police overtime amount it was at the request of the Police Chief and with the approval of the City Manager that it be brought before the Commission. One of the reasons for the request was because of the situation at Sunset Beach.

Commissioner Gayton asked for a comparison of what was increased, what was added, and where we stand for the General Fund. Mr. Silverboard explained that on the Department Summary, the Manager recommended expenditures changed from \$8,487,444 to \$8,544,818. On the revenue side they have added revenues so there is a surplus of \$243,000 at the proposed millage rate of 4.7576. Commissioner Gayton asked if he has computed a new millage rate. Mr. Silverboard stated that he had not because he was not instructed to do so. His recommendation is to keep the tentative millage rate at 2.7576. He agrees with Commissioner Bildz that we cannot increase it, and we can always reduce it. Mayor Minning stated that we did that last year, and did decrease it. Commissioner Bildz stated that he was sure they would go down from there. Commissioner Collins stated that he agrees. Commissioner Gayton asked if we would have a final budget workshop to discuss any changes that we make between now and the budget public hearings. Commissioner Bildz suggested that they workshop it on August 18th.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning asked if they should have a special workshop. It was agreed to meet at 5:00 on August 18th to workshop the budget.

Ms. MacIntyre asked if the handout that was given out would be available to the public. Mr. Silverboard stated that he would put it online.

7. Consideration of Res. 09-43, Acceptance of County Property Located at 10400 Gulf Boulevard.

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

Commissioner Bildz asked if any progress had been made on the contest to name the park. Ms. Hayduke explained that Ms. Kiefer would be drawing up a waiver that would ensure that whoever wins could not make any claims to the name of the park.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Consideration of Res. 09-41, Award of Bid for Purchase of Parking Pay Stations.

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

Commissioner Coward asked about moving some of these in order to meter some spaces. She also asked how much money we would make on these. Mr. Silverboard explained that the parking meter revenue was increased to \$120,000 in next year's budget. Regarding the areas where we might not put meters in, we had planned on putting them at 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 124th, 125th, 127th and West Gulf Blvd. We have reevaluated that and will need to come back to the Commission with a different set up as to how we would do meters in that area. There is on-street parking there that people will use rather than the metered spaces. In one area there is a hotel that has taken over the parking in that area and we would have to work something out there. We don't know if we will put meters there. The other area that we discussed was licensing some of the spaces near Publix to them. We would need some sort of payment to make up for lost revenue, but we need to work that out.

Commissioner Coward asked if the Parking Enforcement Officer was working out well, and asked who collects the money. The Parking Enforcement Officer works mostly weekends. The police officers are also responsible for monitoring meters and issuing tickets. There are Public Works employees that empty the meters into a locked container that is taken to City Hall. Commissioner Coward asked if they are collecting the money as they should, and are they writing tickets as they should. Mr. Silverboard stated that they are collecting the money properly. We could be writing more tickets, but we are doing the best we can with what we have. Mr. Murphy stated that when they put the pay stations in they want to ensure that they are doing everything they can to enforce them. Mr. Silverboard stated that at this time he doesn't want to recommend hiring another person. Commissioner Coward stated that she isn't recommending that; she is recommending that they be sure it is being done properly.

Commissioner Gayton asked if Mr. Murphy has spoken with the owners of the hotel at 102nd. Mr. Murphy stated that he has not. The pay stations will probably not be installed until October. We have not made a commitment to install these until some of the issues like that one have been resolved.

Commissioner Gayton asked how many pay stations they are proposing. Mr. Murphy stated that they are proposing to put three stations in at the Community Center equally spaced along the length of the parking lot.

Commissioner Collins asked about the question that the Chamber of Commerce has about the parking for the Open Air Market. He has spoken with Arlene at the Chamber who suggested that they cover the meters on the mornings of the market. That wouldn't preclude people from going to the market. He suggested that the Chamber be responsible for covering and uncovering the meters. Commissioner Bildz stated that there won't be meters there. It will be pay stations. Mr. Silverboard stated that the Commission has already stated that they don't want to enforce the parking meters for the Open Air Market, so that will be handled by staff.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that the hotels that are using city property for parking get an agreement with the city to continue to use the property. Mr. Silverboard stated that the City Attorney has already drafted a letter that she has sent to him for his review, and it will be going out this week.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

9. Consideration of Res. 09-48, Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contract for Consulting Services for NOAA Fund Beach Access Improvements.

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that he didn't like the turtle friendly lights or enhanced access to the beach. These are more things that the City is going to have to maintain, and if we don't like them we will not be able to remove them.

Mayor Minning stated that this was a resolution to authorize the development of a layout. We will have the opportunity to review the layout before it is approved. We should get to that point before we disapprove of the design.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was 4-1 with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

10. Consideration of Res. 09-47, Planning and Zoning Board Appointment

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

It was moved by Commissioner Collins to amend the motion to make the appointment effective upon Mr. Lorenz's resignation from the Code Enforcement Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gayton, who also commented that Mr. Lorenz will be a good addition to the board.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the amendment to the resolution was unanimous. The vote to approve the amended resolution was unanimous

11. Consideration of Res. 09-52, Code Enforcement Board Appointment

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as amended to read effective upon the resignation of Mr. Lorenz. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Minning.