

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**July 7, 2009**

The workshop was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Consideration of Res. 09-42, Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2008.

Jim Keranen introduced the auditing firm. Ms. Janine Bittenger said they enjoyed working with Mr. Keranen. Ms. Bittenger thinks this a good report. For many years the City has been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the national award for certificate of excellence in financial reporting, and believes this report is worthy and has been submitted. In the beginning of the report is the Independent Auditors Report Letter which is an unqualified opinion which is the highest opinion that can be rendered. In tough economic times it shows that the Commission passed a good and fair budget and the City Manager and staff did their best to adhere to the budget.

Commissioner Coward wanted to know Ms. Bittenger's valued opinion about the General Fund. Commissioner Coward pointed out that the City hopefully has the best percentages. She pointed out 14.25% and 20% which included the restricted and non-restricted fund balances. Commissioner Coward asked Ms. Bittenger, in comparison to other communities, what the unrestricted fund balance should be. Ms. Bittenger said they would like to see at least three months worth of budget in the unrestricted fund balance. Commissioner Coward asked what that would be for the City of Treasure Island, and Ms. Bittenger said \$2 million. Commissioner Coward then asked if the City was a little short. Ms. Bittenger answered in the affirmative, especially considering the City of Treasure Island is on the beach, so the idea is to have some money set aside for emergency situations. Mayor Minning said it was a good report and thanked Ms. Bittenger for her efforts.

Mr. Silverboard asked the auditors to explain the 114 Letter. Mr. Cristini said about 15 years ago when the last financial disaster occurred regarding publicly traded companies, the public expected more of than what the auditors were delivering. "The Expectation Gap Audit Standards" was then passed. One of the requirements was to provide written communication to the Board of Directors, but the problem was that it was only directed toward companies whose stock was publicly traded. The standards were updated and changed their approach and adopted the 114 Letter. It is the required communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. There were issues with respect to accounting estimates; investments, and depreciation. There were no difficulties encountered in performing the audit. There were no material uncorrected misstatements or disagreements with management over accounting principles. Management has made representation relative to the financial statements. Management consultation with other independent accountants means should the City require a change in the audit report (which is a violation of general accepted accounting principles) and if the City wants to engage another firm, then that firm is required to contact the initial accountants, before they respond to the City's questions. Basically the letter says that what was supposed to happen has happened and it is the report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Coward brought up the many adjustments that happened in last year's audit where the City had to spend another \$10,000, and then asked Mr. Cristini if that was going to happen again. Mr. Cristini said no, that the City was on budget, and there were three immaterial budget entries this year. The City Manager and Mr. Keranen pulled the information together. Commissioner Bildz pointed out the competence of the Jim Keranen, Finance Director.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the nine months it took to complete was longer than normal. Mr. Cristini said yes because there was a lot of work that needed to be done when Mr. Keranen took over, but based on what has been structured he believes there will be reasonable time for the delivery of the report. Commissioner Gayton said there was a lot of extra work that needed to be done because of the time frame when Mr. Keranen came in, and he also complimented Mr. Keranen on his efforts.

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

Commissioner Coward requested this be put back on the agenda again. She said after the last meeting she started to think about how the Commission encouraged citizen participation in government topics and it seemed unfair that the Commission didn't make a motion to allow the Sunset Chateau people to speak on their issue. She said that one of the citizens, Noel Johnson, pointed out that people are reluctant to speak before the Commission, and do not think the Commission values the citizens' opinions. She believes the public should be allowed to say what they want to say.

Ron Barcena from the Sunset Chateau said that he spoke to the off duty Marine Officer. The Marine Officer was not invited to speak at the meeting. Mr. Barcena said he wasn't going to quote the Marine Officer but rather paraphrase what he said about the 300 ft. anchorage, which is that it is unreasonable and unsafe. Mr. Barcena asked the Commission to talk to him or do a study of the waters at high tide. The Marine Officer also told Mr. Barcena that one straight line across the beach is easier to enforce, rather than the corral. According to Mr. Barcena, another problem the Marine Officer had was that Caddy's was always a 300 ft. swim zone. So people that wanted to go to Caddy's would anchor their boats to the north and south of the swim zone, which in turn upset the neighbors. If it was 150-175 ft. across the beach, the people that want to go to Caddy's are going to anchor in front of the establishment. Not on top of each other in a corral, but in a straight line. Mr. Barcena said not to take his word for it, but rather ask the Marine Patrol Officer to speak for he has over 10 years of experience in his field.

Kathy DeLong said the City discussed this a year ago and she doesn't think it needs to be revisited again. She believes it should be kept the way it is.

Dave Hazzard suggested getting some experts in on this. He thinks 300 ft. is too far and requested the Commission get statistics and speak to professionals before making a decision.

Commissioner Collins said no one is going to be happy with any decision the Commission comes up with. He believes a compromise would be the answer. He spoke with the City Manager and they looked at the aerial map. Commissioner Collins' suggestion was to have the swim zone set at 200 ft. from the Sunset Chateau down south to the Beach Pavilion. Commissioner Bildz asked what about north of the Sunset Chateau, and Commission Collins said to keep it at 300 ft.

Commissioner Bildz asked Nicole Elko why the County wants the swim zone to be 300 ft., and Ms. Elko said it should be a minimum of 200 ft. so that the anchor doesn't hit the second sandbar. Commissioner Bildz likes 300 ft. because the extra 100 ft. acts as a buffer to protect the swimmers from boaters who may be drinking. Commissioner Collins said the City cannot be responsible for a delinquent boater any more than it can be for a delinquent driver. There are people who live there who want to use the beach in front of their house for boats, and that is why he believes 200 ft. is a good compromise.

Commissioner Gayton said 200 ft. wouldn't satisfy anyone. Commissioner Bildz pointed out that the boaters wanted less than 200 ft. and the swimmers wanted more than that. Commissioner Collins said it is a compromise and it is workable, but if someone cannot swim 200 ft. going to shore, then they may have no business being in the water, and everyone has a life jacket. Commissioner Bildz said that his point was that everyone does have a life jacket and if they feel it is too far to swim, put it on and float in. The City never mandated that people should anchor at 300 ft. and swim in. He mentioned all the public boat ramps throughout the City to drop people off. If someone wants to drop people off near the beach they can go to the idle zone at south 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and there are no restrictions north of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A person can bring the boat right up to the beach.

Commissioner Coward said the people from the Sunset Chateau feel some of their rights are taken away because of what is going on around Caddy's. She asked to give the residents of the Sunset Chateau the same opportunity to see if 200 ft. works and if it doesn't work, they can revisit it. Commissioner Collins said that the area is 300 ft. out for those who want it, but the Sunset Chateau would get the 200 ft., and if it doesn't work we could always change it again. Mayor Minning stated that if it is changed there are numerous buoys to move from the north end of Sunset Chateau to the pavilion. Mr. Silverboard suggested not going all the way to 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but rather stopping at the parking lot, and leave it at 300 ft. at where the City Beach Park starts. It would take a day or so to move the buoys. A lot of families go because of the parking there. He then mentioned that the idle speed zone starts at 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is south of the Beach Pavilion Park. Commissioner Collins pointed out that if the 200 ft. zone starts just to the north of the Sunset Chateau it would be out of the way of those who originally had a problem with the swim zone. Mr. Silverboard said the people who requested the 300 ft. live much closer to Weckesser Park, and the 200 ft. zone would be approximately 1,000 feet away from them if it starts just north of the Sunset Chateau which may be far enough to discourage people from parking there and running down the beach to Caddy's. It would accommodate the property owners who were not complaining prior to moving the line out. Commissioner Gayton asked how many feet it would be from the Sunset Chateau to the parking lot. Mr. Silverboard said he didn't have an exact measurement, but believes it is a couple thousand feet.

Mayor Minning asked for opinions from the Commission to which Commissioner Bildz responded he still likes the 300 ft. swim zone. Commissioner Coward said she would like to see how it works. Commissioner Collins said he is for moving this forward to a meeting for the 200 ft. from the Sunset Chateau to the Beach Pavilion. Commissioner Gayton said he would like to see it only in front of the Sunset Chateau to see how it works out and see if there are complaints from the Sunset Chateau about too many boats, and too much noise. Commissioner Collins said that would be the foregoing conclusion of too many boats funneling there which is why he suggested going to the Beach Pavilion.

Mayor Minning said he'd move it forward, but there is no consensus and suggested moving it as a 200 ft. zone, but leave the length blank. Commissioner Gayton suggested just in front of the Sunset Chateau at 175 ft. Commissioner Coward asked for clarification from Commissioner

Gayton and she pointed out the trapezoid diagram in the packet. Commissioner Gayton doesn't think it is the way to go. He asked for the dimensions of the Sunset Chateau. Mr. Silverboard said it was 400 ft. wide. Commission Gayton said the 400 ft. length at 175 ft. off shore would be easier to move if it became a problem. Commissioner Collins said he would like a straight line as opposed to the trapezoid because it is confusing. Mr. Silverboard said he discussed it with the Marine Patrol Officer and he said putting the buoys at right angles is a problem and the buoys are more visible in the diagram. Commissioner Collins said it would be confusing to a person unfamiliar with the area. Mr. Silverboard said the extra buoys along the outside would clearly outline it, and suggested seven buoys to complete it.

Commissioner Gayton said that if the City doesn't stick with the Sunset Chateau and go an additional 1600 ft. there might be other property owners who complain they don't want it on their beach. The City knows the Sunset Chateau wants it and he suggested doing the same thing that the City did with Caddy's; put the buoys in. If it works they can expand, if it doesn't it can be moved back. Commissioner Coward and Collins agreed to Commissioner Gayton's suggestion. Mayor Minning reiterated the dimensions of 175 ft. from shore, 400 ft. wide, and suggested it is revisited in 6 months. Ms. Silverboard said they will design it the way the Marine Patrol Officer feels it is the best with depth of 175 ft. in the center portion. He will get a price of what the buoys will cost. Commissioner Collins asked for clarification on the dimensions. Mr. Silverboard explained that it starts at 300 ft. off shore and angle in and the center 200 ft. will go to 175 ft. He went on to explain that the people of the Sunset Chateau believe those using the area will be the buildings residents. Mr. Barcena is content with this.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

### 3. 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 said she included some attachments and said she was bringing this back because on the night the Commission made their final decision to accept the LPA's recommendation and amend the definition of tourist dwellings to include multi families, the City was delivered a letter from Ethan Loeb on behalf of his client, Matthew Schwarz, to consider excluding that definition "recovering addicts" and his clients. They had not participated in any workshops or public hearings. The City has been in litigation with them for four years and doing this exacerbated the relationships. Ms. Kiefer said she disagrees with Mr. Loeb's statements because she believes there has been a lot of research on the issues of stability of neighborhoods and short term rentals. Mr. Loeb did deliver the request for reasonable accommodation and there was no time to consider it. Ms. Kiefer is recommending the Commission give Mr. Loeb and his client an opportunity to give a presentation as to why it would be necessary for his client to be excluded. The City doesn't have anything on the record that speaks to it, and she would like to extend him an invitation as to why this should be considered. Ms. Kiefer is recommending the issue go back to the LPA for them to hold one or more public hearing on the issue. She will then invite Mr. Loeb to attend to explain why he feels the definition should be further amended. Ms. Kiefer said she did send Mr. Loeb a letter and he has not responded. There have been many accusations that the City never took their concern seriously. She doesn't want anymore accusations.

Commissioner Gayton said he feels very uncomfortable because the City has been in litigation for four years, and it is in the courts hands right now, and anything the Commission says can be held against them. Ms. Kiefer said it could work both ways, but Mr. Loeb is the one making the request so he should explain to the City why it is necessary. Commissioner Gayton says the

Commission cannot just recommend the issue go back to the LPA without first hearing why Mr. Loeb thinks it should go back to the LPA.

Ms. Kiefer said his comment was well taken. The item was only on the Workshop. Ms. Kiefer will send Mr. Loeb the agenda packet item with a letter saying the Commission would like him to come to a regular Commission Meeting to make his presentation as to why it should go back to the LPA. She said she hopes Mr. Schwarz shows up to help the Commission understand his concerns so the issue can move on appropriately. Commissioner Bildz asked that when Ms. Kiefer gets a hold of Mr. Loeb that the issue goes on as a regular agenda item and he must confirm.

Commissioner Collins agrees with all of Commissioner Gayton's concerns. Ms. Kiefer stated that it is the nature of litigation.

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

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, said the American Cancer Society (ACS) held the Gulf Beaches Relay for Life on April 17 and 18, 2009. The event went very well minus some minor complaints regarding the noise between the hours of 12 -6 a.m. There were nine teams participating and it was the City's first real event on the beach. The event raised \$16,000 for the ACS. Ms. Hayduke said Ms. Cristine Hartman from the ACS was at the meeting to request that the City hold the Gulf Beaches Relay for Life on April 16 and 17, 2010. Taking into consideration and adhering to the noise ordinance, the staff is recommending the Commission approve the event.

Ms. Cristine Hartman from the ACS introduced herself to the Commission. She invited the Commission to the Leadership Lunch at Sloppy Joe's on Thursday, July 9, 2009 where she will speak about the programs and services the ACS provides, and ask that the participants get the information out to the community. She said the Relay for Life not only raises money for the American Cancer Society, but is an event that honors the survivors and their caregivers, and remember those who have lost their battle with cancer. She would also like to invite business owners and residents to come to the luncheon to help her identify individuals in the community who could help promote the event.

Commissioner Bildz wanted to change the wording on the Resolution so it says permission must be granted from the Environmental Protection Agency rather than a specific person, just in case the specified person no longer works there or is on vacation when the event takes place, and Mr. Silverboard said it would be fixed.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

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

Cathy Hayduke said that last spring the Commission approved a similar event in April, 2009, but the event was canceled because of lack of funding. She said that a few weeks ago she received a call from Great Bay Distributors/Anheuser Busch. They want to donate money and in kind donations to hold an event on the beach. Meredith Corson from Sanding Ovations and Ms. Hayduke met with Great Bay Distributors and they are willing to give approximately \$10,000, bands, and beverages. Ms. Hayduke met with the Chamber and they are willing to assist with

the event. It would be a three-way split of profits after all the expenditures are paid between the City, the Chamber of Commerce, and Sanding Ovations. The sand would come in on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The event would start being set up on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The eight sculptures would start being built on November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be music, food and beverages, and children's activities on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> would be similar to Friday, with the addition of the awards ceremony, and Sunday would be a "Family Day". It is not turtle season. The sand will be compatible, and it is at the end of hurricane season so there shouldn't be problems with weather interfering with the event.

Commissioner Bildz wanted to know if the City still has a backhoe to use. Ms. Hayduke said she believes there is a backhoe. Commissioner Bildz pointed out that on Item 7 on the Workshop Agenda talks about renting a backhoe. Jim Murphy, Public Works Director said the City does have a backhoe and the one they discuss renting is one that was to be in the budget, but it was determined that it would be economical to rent on a need-to-use basis as opposed to buying a second one.

Commissioner Collins wanted to know who gets the parking revenues. Ms. Hayduke said the City does after paying the staff and what ever other cost they have. Commission Collins asked if the same sponsor that backed out of the last event is involved in this event and Ms. Hayduke said no. The main corporate sponsor is Anheuser Bush. She also said Harry Black and Dominique Reiter from the Chamber decided to move the New Year's Eve fireworks from New Year's Eve to the Sand Sculpting event. Dominique Reiter came to the podium and stated that Treasure Island used to be the Sand Sculpting Capital of the World and she would like the City to keep that moniker. Ms. Reiter said the Chamber decided not to have the New Year's Eve fireworks because of the issue they had on Memorial Day where they were let off at 11 p.m. They decided if they had complaints at 11 p.m. there would definitely be complaints at midnight. She believes this event will bring in a lot of good business.

Mayor Minning asked if the City would be providing the liability insurance for the event. Ms. Hayduke said yes and that the City has been providing the insurance for the last two events the City has done with the Chamber. Mayor Minning wanted to know if there was a cost for the insurance. Ms. Hayduke said no because the event is not taking place during inclement weather. Mayor Minning asked about Item 11 which says the City will allow the Chamber, Civic Associations and Treasure Islettes the use of the chairs and tables at no cost. Ms. Hayduke explained that the Commission decided that at the Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> events. They will be allowed to use the tables at no cost, but all other vendors that choose to use the tables will pay the fees. Mayor Minning wanted a clarification because the City has been asked by other organizations for the use of the chairs and tables at no cost and they have denied those organizations. Ms. Hayduke said that was a decision the Commission made when they came forward for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day events. Mayor Minning stated that they needed to be consistent, and since it is a money making event, he thinks some consideration needs to be made to take it out of the proceeds. Ms. Hayduke said the City can do that. Commissioner Bildz said the Civic Associations and Islettes donate a lot of money to the City and also the City is already delivering the tables and chairs to groups that donate a lot of money.

Commissioner Coward thought people who wanted to use the tables and chairs needed to pick them up. Ms. Hayduke clarified that for events such as the Sand Sculpting Event the tables are delivered, but for private events they must take them and bring them back.

Commissioner Bildz asked about Item 16, and wanted to know why the City needed to be responsible for getting in kind donations. He felt the Chamber and Sanding Ovations should

have the responsibility and the City can help. Ms. Hayduke said the City can do that and that is normally the case but for this event Budweiser came to the City. With all other events the Chamber has secured all other donations. Commissioner Coward asked if that is the case even when the City is going to share the fund. Ms. Hayduke said the Chamber supplies many of the volunteers, vending, as well as the monetary donations. Ms. Reiter came back to the podium to clarify that the Chamber was not asking the City to go out to solicit funds.

Mayor Minning wanted to know if it was going to be a nation-wide competition. Ms. Corson said it was an event exclusive to Treasure Island and they are still looking into the series for 2010. Ms. Hayduke said Budweiser is looking for different venues to hold events, and if all goes well they would like to make it an annual event.

This item will be moved forward to the next meeting agenda.

6. Consideration of Res. 09-43, Acceptance of County Property located at 10400 Gulf Boulevard.

Cathy Hayduke said that the City is now the owner of the property located 10400 Gulf Blvd. It was deeded to the City at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 16, 2009. The property stays with the City as long as it is kept a public beach access. Should the City decide that it is no longer public it will go back to Pinellas County. In September 1989 the City leased a portion of the property to the County to develop the beach access and now the City is taking it back. The City officially took over the property on July 1, 2009. The utilities and the locks have been changed and the Recreation staff has been cleaning the area. She is asking that the City formally accept the ownership of the property. The City needs to change the name from "County Lot" to something more appropriate. She also wanted the Commission to know that it is going to be one of the lots under consideration for metering.

Commissioner Collins suggested a contest for the public to come up with a name for the lot, and perhaps during the Christmas celebration have a formal announcement the name. Ms. Hayduke thought that was a great idea, but she suggested awarding the name sooner than Christmas for the County will be taking their sign down soon. Commissioner Collins suggested putting up a temporary sign and celebrating it at Christmas and perhaps awarding the winner a gift certificate.

Commissioner Bildz said it was good idea, but also believed Christmas was too far away. Commissioner Collins said by the time it is advertised and the community gets involved it may be a long enough. Mayor Minning liked the idea as well and asked Ms. Hayduke when she would like the park to be named by. Ms. Hayduke said within the next few months, especially if the County is going to be removing their sign, which they will be putting at their Madeira Beach location. She said at least by October. Mr. Silverboard said a temporary sign would be put there until the name is picked. Mr. Silverboard also said it would take at least 90 days. Commissioner Gayton suggested the City wait until the parking meters are put up. Commissioner Collins asked Ms. Hayduke to come up with a contest. The City did the same in naming Treasure Bay.

Mayor Minning asked if there is funding within the NOAA grant to utilize for a sign for the new beach park. Mr. Silverboard said he would see if that is an eligible expense. Mayor Minning said it was compatible with what was approved so far and it would be wonderful if the sign could be approved in the funding and asked Mr. Silverboard to pursue that.

Commissioner Bildz wanted to know about the operations and maintenance and asked if a drivable beach access would be put there. Mr. Silverboard said nothing has been designed yet,

but he would let the Commission know before anything was done. Commissioner Bildz said he got a call from a citizen who requested that the oleanders be trimmed. Ms. Hayduke said that would be no problem.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

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

Jim Murphy, Public Works Director said the Department of Public Works sponsored a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to install additional parking meters within the City. The plan was to install 192 additional meters at varying areas, most notably was the area around the Community Center, as well as from the north side of the beach all the way down in Sunset Beach. The most cost effective way to do this project was to install parking pay stations at the larger lots, such as the Community Center, Lot 2 which is the extreme south lot on Sunset Beach, and Lot 3 which is next to the Beach Pavilion. The benefit is that it would free up 93 parking meters that are currently being used at these locations, providing a stock of meters to be used at other locations throughout the City.

The City went out and received bids from three parking station vendors: McKay Meters, VenTech, International, and Duncan Parking Technologies, Inc. Duncan Parking is who the City currently uses for the meters throughout the City. The current meters are of an older technology and the parts are getting harder to find. The City originally went out to bid on 8 parking pay stations: three (3) going in at the Community Center, three (3) going in at Lot 2 and two (2) going in at Lot 3. Since the bid went out, the City has obtained the County Lot at 10400 Gulf Blvd.

Public Works looked at what would be the most efficient way to use the parking pay stations to meter all the locations and have since reallocated the number of parking pay stations. The City would like to buy an additional parking pay station, bringing the total up to nine, take one from Lot 3 and use that pay station at the new County Parking Lot. Duncan Parking Technologies would charge the City \$84,195. The total cost included project set up, training, spare parts and reprogramming of validators and tokens, and would cost \$90,920. The other bidders were not as competitive and a lot of the extras were not included.

The plan would be to use the parking pay stations to meter the lots at the Community Center, Lot 3 and Lot 2. Duncan has parking pay stations throughout the country. Mr. Murphy wanted to make sure the stations would work in a beach community climate. Tybee Island in Georgia has an environment very similar to Treasure Island, and that community uses the parking pay stations to cover approximately 1700 parking spots. Mr. Murphy said the stations the City is looking at will accept coins and special reprogrammable tokens which will be used for special events. The stations will not print a receipt, but will recognize the car that pays for the space, and the enforcement is done by going to the pay station to see which space is in violation.

Another benefit of the pay station is the ability to use credit cards. It has been pointed out that the use of credit cards increases the revenue over the use of coins and bills. The stations also enhance the ability to collect revenue in that there would only be two to three places to pick up the pay. Malfunctions are recorded right away to an on-call phone number via the internet and cell phones.

Mr. Murphy said they opted not to use bills at the pay stations because in a beach environment the bill readers have problems with reading and it is difficult to clean the plates inside the device.

The total cost of \$93,920 is for both the pay stations and the installation of the stations. The City budgeted \$94,000 to do all the parking meters in the Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. Murphy is proposing the City install parking meters at some of the other parking lots that the City had envisioned at the beginning of the CIP program. The City had originally planned on putting parking meters in the Sunshine Beach area at 127<sup>th</sup>, 125<sup>th</sup> and 123<sup>rd</sup> Street ends, but a petition was received from the residents to reconsider and for now it has been taken off the table. However, the City would like to meter the parking lots at 124<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup>, as well as the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Street ends. Mr. Murphy pointed out an error in the staff report stating that the 101<sup>st</sup> Street end would actually have five (5) metered locations as opposed to ten (10) and the last parking lot has six (6) spots is the small parking area (7925 W. Gulf Blvd.) on Sunset Beach across from the Pavilion.

The plan is to take the meters from Lots 2 and 3 and use those to meter the mentioned locations. It would cost \$14,700 to install 45 meters, bringing the total price of the meter and parking pay station installations up to \$108,620. The additional funding is available from the LOISS fund (account 56420) which is a vehicle account where they had budgeted \$66,500 for a backhoe they are no longer planning to purchase, because renting the backhoe would be more cost effective than purchasing it. Mr. Murphy asked to appropriate the money from the vehicle account to make up for the difference in price in the meter/pay station installation.

The remaining 48 meters would be kept for spare parts and would be used for any new parking lots if studies warrant they are available. Mr. Murphy suggested an hourly rate of \$1.50/hour per space at the Community Center, 104<sup>th</sup> Lot, Lots 2 and 3, and West Gulf Blvd. Lot, and the remaining new spaces at a \$1/hour. The 303 metered spaces should return an annual gross of \$125,000 annually. The pay stations increase the revenue an average of 10% with the addition of the credit/debit card usage.

Commissioner Gayton wanted to know if the meters on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue would be on the Gulf side of the street. Mr. Murphy confirmed this. Commissioner Gayton said on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue there is a hotel there called the Beachside Palms, and for several years they have been using 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for the parking for their motel because they have no room on Gulf Blvd. Commissioner Gayton asked Mr. Murphy if he has contacted the motel owners. He stated if the City puts in the meters on 102<sup>nd</sup> it will take away the parking for the motel, and possibly put them out of business. Mr. Murphy said he has not contacted them.

Mr. Silverboard said that during the Commission's bus tour of the City two years ago they went to 102<sup>nd</sup>, and it was pointed out the motel is using the road as their parking lot. The motel has put up tow away signs on the public right of way and on the side of the street they have put "No Parking" signs. They have also put in a patio on the right of way. It was the Commission's intention at that time to reclaim the right of way for public use. Mr. Silverboard had a survey that was done for that street end, as well as some aerials of the area. All of the parking for the motel takes place in the public right away. The motel has not been contacted yet, because Mr. Silverboard wanted to find out if the Commission wanted to meter that area or if they wanted to try and work out a license agreement where they would pay the City a certain amount to park in a certain number of the spaces, and then meter the rest. Mr. Silverboard said he doesn't believe the tow away sign is legal and the City needs to notify the motel to remove the sign. Commissioner Gayton said he recalls going there and discussing it, but now there is an unintended consequence, and feels that before they approve 10 meters for that area they should contact the owners. He feels the motel will be put out of business if the meters are put there. Mr. Silverboard realizes that is an issue they were prepared to discuss. Perhaps there will be

the same complaint across from the Beach Pavilion Park where there are six spaces that have been used by the motel, but they have other parking available. Commissioner Gayton stated that motel has other parking, but the motel on 102<sup>nd</sup> does not, and before the Commission approves the meters some other arrangements must be made to avoid litigation. Mr. Silverboard said they will get in contact with them to try and arrange a licensing agreement.

Commissioner Collins wanted to know if the motel on 102<sup>nd</sup> was built before there were any issues with regard to parking. Commissioner Gayton said it was platted in 1914 and it is one of the first motels in Treasure Island. Commissioner Bildz said a lot of the problem was when the sidewalk was put in, but the point is they still have a tow away sign on City property. Commissioner Gayton said the motel should take the sign down, but to put the parking meters in would cause a serious problem. Commissioner Gayton asked Mr. Murphy about the price of the meters. Mr. Meter said at the lesser locations the meters would be \$1/hour. Commissioner Gayton asked if the pay stations are going to be \$1.50/hour, and Mr. Murphy said that would be his recommendation. Commissioner Gayton said the city parking lot for St. Petersburg has pay stations that charge \$5 for 12 hours and asked Mr. Murphy if he was planning something like that. Mr. Murphy said he has only considered the flat \$1.50/hour rate. Commissioner Gayton asked how many spots will be at the Community Center. Mr. Murphy said there will 101 metered parking locations. Commissioner Gayton then asked if it extends the entire distance of 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Murphy said yes. Commissioner Bildz asked if the parallel parking on 106<sup>th</sup> would be included. Mr. Murphy said it wasn't considered in the parking plan. Commissioner Gayton asked Mr. Murphy to clarify the number of stations at the Community Center and wanted to know how many parking spaces each pay will station control. Mr. Murphy said there would be three parking stations at the Community Center, each being able to control approximately 30-40 spaces. Commissioner Gayton said in St. Petersburg's Park they have one meter per every six spaces. He believes with three (3) pay stations being in charge of that many spaces the user would have to walk a great distance to the use them. He wanted to know where Mr. Murphy proposed to put the pay stations. Mr. Murphy said they were proposing to scatter them along the length on the Community Center side of the parking area, and attempt to space the stations evenly. Commissioner Gayton wanted to know what was going to be done for the people who use the Community Center on a regular basis. Mr. Silverboard said the attendees would be given a token or another method so they would not be charged for the use of the meters. Commissioner Gayton then asked about those who attend the Friday morning market. Mr. Silverboard said they were planning on charging for that.

Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Murphy for some clarification in pricing and what it included. Mr. Murphy said the amount being paid will be for each unit, and the Department of Public Works would be installing the parking stations. Commissioner Collins wanted to know if each pay station had its own wireless communication to report errors. Mr. Murphy said yes it has the ability to transmit information about problems as well as its revenue. Commissioner Collins asked if the LOISS Fund was going to pay for it all, and Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Collins was wondering if all the spots should be the same price for it may cause confusion. Mr. Silverboard said there are certain spaces used more consistently. The spaces on the beach ends are not used as readily and it was felt a more modest fee would be appropriate. Mr. Murphy said he proposed the revenue that is generated be used to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the machines. Commissioner Collins asked if that was the way it was always done. Mr. Silverboard said the money would go into the General Fund and it will offset the costs for maintaining the beach, parking lots, meters and pay stations.

Commissioner Coward wanted to know if the City had done any research on \$1.50 amount to see what other communities are charging for she feels the price is a little too high. Mr. Murphy

said it seems to be consistent. He believes there is a community that is about twenty-five cents less than what we are proposing to charge. Commissioner Coward said she would like that information. Mr. Silverboard said he has the information and will have it for the next Commission Meeting. Mr. Murphy said he knows St. Petersburg is charging \$1.50/hour on the lot on Treasure Island and he believes St. Pete Beach does as well. Commissioner Coward wanted to know if the City kept a record as to which of the lots are used more and how much money is collected from each. Mr. Silverboard said the City does know which lots are more heavily used and it is typically the beach lots. The only lots that are currently metered are the ones in Sunset Beach and the one near the Ramada Inn. Mr. Murphy pointed out that the revenue that is projected is only as good as the enforcement of the meters. The revenue will be collected if the public knows the new meters will be enforced. Commissioner Gayton said that is what Commissioner Coward was talking about. He said Lot 6, the old Ramada Inn, has twenty (20) meters. Commissioner Gayton asked if the City knew how much revenue was made off of that area. Mr. Murphy said he didn't know off hand. Commissioner Gayton believes knowing how much is important because the City would know if people are paying to park there. Mr. Silverboard said he would send a memo out to the Commission about the issue. Commissioner Collins asked if the City had only one parking enforcement officer. Mr. Silverboard said that is correct, and Commissioner Collins asked if the City was planning on hiring a new person. Mr. Silverboard again said he would send a memo out to the Commission. Commissioner Bildz said all police officers can write parking tickets, and Mr. Silverboard agreed. Commissioner Coward said the police force is busy doing other things and thought maybe the Commission shouldn't ask them to write parking tickets as well.

Commissioner Gayton asked if Mr. Murphy let Publix know about the proposed meters at the Community Center. He said many of the Publix employees use the Community Center because they don't want to take up spots underneath the store. Mr. Murphy said he has not spoken to them yet as he looked at the situation as a City owned parking lot and the City has the right to collect revenue. However, if the Commission would like to do that Mr. Murphy suggested they take a similar approach to what they will be doing with the motel on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Commissioner Gayton requested Mr. Murphy talk to Publix. Mr. Silverboard said Publix has the parking in the back of the store. Commissioner Coward asked Mr. Silverboard if he knew how crowded that gets. Commissioner Gayton said they may be open to suggestions of a licensing agreement, and Mr. Silverboard said it should be for an equivalent amount. Mr. Murphy suggested determining the average revenue from each of the meters and using that in the license agreement. Commissioner Coward asked if Publix would be told this before or after the City asks them to pay for the light at 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Silverboard said the City is planning to put the stations in and at the same time Publix will be contacted and offered an arrangement. Commissioner Coward said she is struggling with the concept. There is a small motel that has historically been using the street as a parking lot, now the City is asking them to pay a license agreement, but at the same time they are paying real estate taxes. Mr. Silverboard said he is not asking the Commission to buy the meters as the City has them already, but rather asking them to approve the purchase of the pay stations and for the additional funds for the poles, lights and shells to make improvements in that area. The installation of the meters would affect 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The City can hold off on that until they talk to the motel owners. Publix is supposed to supply parking onsite and the City needs the money. Commissioner Coward said it is a small community and needs to be more user-friendly. Mr. Silverboard agrees that Treasure Island needs to be more home town conscience. With regards to the light at 104<sup>th</sup> Publix will pay \$125,000, but the residents will have to pay the other \$125,000, unless Publix agrees to pay the entire amount. Commissioner Coward said it is important to be friendly to the members of the community no matter who they are. Mr. Silverboard said the City also needs to be conscience that the City doesn't take the money out of someone else's pocket.

Commissioner Collins said he had a compromise and wanted to know if the City still provides the parking passes for people to buy. Mr. Silverboard said the Commission would discuss that at the Budget Workshop. He said the City has been put on notice that the passes have implications on beach renourishment. Mayor Minning said the situation on 102<sup>nd</sup> is a grandfathered situation. On the other hand, Publix had to have approved parking and site plans. Commissioner Coward said she agreed with that, but she would like the City to be more user-friendly.

Commissioner Gayton asked the City Attorney if she had any input about the motel on 102<sup>nd</sup> being grandfathered in. Ms. Kiefer said no because no one can make a claim for prescriptive easement or adverse possession against a municipality, but a license agreement can be done. Commissioner Gayton asked that Mr. Murphy have that information available when he goes to speak to the property owner just in case they claim they've been using it for so long. Mr. Murphy pointed out that there are physical encroachments in the right of way. Commissioner Bildz said in an effort to be more user friendly he doesn't believe the people who go to the Friday Market should be charged for the spaces. Publix gets business from the beach goes on the weekend, but the pay stations would deter the visitors to the Friday Market, and it would go out of business.

Commissioner Bildz said he didn't like the fact that the pay stations didn't supply a receipt, and asked how the people using the stations know which space number to put in and avoid a ticket. He wanted to know if Mr. Murphy spoke to the Tybee Island people and if so did they have a problem with putting the right space number in. Mr. Murphy said he did ask them about that. Mr. Murphy went on to say that the reasons they decided not to put the print out devices in the machines is because it was an extra cost and the device in this environment is problematic. If the spaces are set up well and numbered clearly it shouldn't be difficult. The user needs to remember the parking space number, go to pay, enter the space number at the pay station and it will tell the person how long they are allowed to stay there. Commissioner Bildz asked how many spaces per pay station. Mr. Murphy said 30-40. Commissioner Bildz asked if he thought it was feasible to have a pay station at the 14 spots at 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Murphy said the best way to make use of that is to use the salvaged meters from Lots 2 and 3. Commissioner Bildz asked if he knew how many meters were in Lot 1. Mr. Murphy said he did not, but he believes it is around twenty (20). Mr. Silverboard said the pay stations would not be cost effective for the smaller lots or where the lots are not used as much. Commissioner Bildz said on the weekends the lots are always full and Mr. Silverboard said that was only 16-20 hours for the entire week. Mr. Murphy stated that enforcement is very important.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street end had been looked at. Mr. Murphy said not to his knowledge. Mr. Silverboard said the Commission asked that the Beach Stewardship weigh in on that and believed that all the recommended spots are what were presented this evening, but if the meters are needed they could be put there.

Ms. Dominique Reiter stated she is a citizen, a member of the Isle of Capri Civic Association and the President of the Chamber of Commerce. She is glad the members of the Civic Associations will not have to pay for the parking during special events. She would like to discuss Publix because they are a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the employees did have to park in the garage or in the parking lot in the back, and Ms. Reiter heard from several of the residents that because of the lack of parking they did not shop at Publix that weekend. She agrees with Commissioner Coward in that the City needs to be more user-friendly. She believes the City should meet with the business people involved with the

motel and Publix before a decision is made. The Chamber has done a lot for the City. The former flags around the City were in bad shape and the Chamber paid \$2,400 to get new flags. They collected \$30,000 for fireworks for the remainder of the year. The Chamber puts on the Christmas Parade. The Chamber is here to help the residents and the business and it really doesn't want to be treated any less. She appreciates Commissioner Bildz's comment about the Friday Market. The market is opened for 14 weeks throughout the year. The average person that goes to the market is looking for a bargain and may only be there for a half hour. Should they pay the \$1.50 only to lose half their money? The Chamber is getting a card that will be stamped for return shoppers and provide discounts to local business. She is trying to get more people to stay and shop within Treasure Island. She asked the Commission to be user-friendly and allow the Friday Market shoppers free parking for the fourteen weeks the market is open. She gave the hours and asked the Commission if they had any questions.

Commissioner Gayton asked Mr. Murphy to clarify the revenue for all the metered spaces. Mr. Murphy said the 303 meters would bring in \$125,500 in revenue, assuming they are metered at that rate and are enforced appropriately. Commissioner Gayton said the revenue right now is \$100,000 a year, and if the rate was rising up to \$1.50/hour it should be more money. Mr. Silverboard said he doesn't believe the City collects \$100,000 in revenue. Mr. Keranen said that so far this year the City has collected \$70,000. Commissioner Gayton said we should get approximately \$100,000 by the end of the year, and the increase in rate along with an increase in the number of metered spots. Mr. Silverboard said the reason the money we are making is what it is is because of what is currently metered, and the collection in the other places is very low. Commissioner Bildz said the former County Lot and 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be metered and they are highly used. Mr. Murphy said the figure is if the meters get 330 hours of use a year. Commissioner Gayton said that was eight (8) hours a week. Mr. Murphy said it is a very conservative number and it is based on what the City thought all of them were doing. Commissioner Gayton said when the Commission goes into the budget process a good number needs to be there. Mr. Murphy wants to guard against an over zealous number.

Commissioner Collins asked if the pay stations would provide a discount for those who want to buy more hours. Mr. Murphy said it could be done but they did not explore it. Commissioner Collins said that might be a good answer to Commissioner Coward's issue, and thought it was something the City should look into. Commissioner Gayton said the St. Petersburg lot gives a person 12 hours for \$5 and \$1.50/hour. Mr. Murphy said he would look into it, but it will affect the revenue calculations. Mayor Minning asked him to report back to the Commission with what the neighboring communities are charging. Mr. Silverboard said they will get back to the Commission with that information as well as what budgetary changes they have for the upcoming year.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

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

Jim Murphy explained that the NOAA grant money has been around for quite sometime and was supposed to originally be used to build the Treasure Island Beach Walkway Extension. The concept was shelved. Amendment 2008-1, March 14, 2008 codified some changes to the concept. The concept was to provide for the installation of some improvements to the beach trail. The enhancements include icon and access signage, educational signage, turtle friendly lighting, access points, bike racks, trash receptacles, and enhanced walkways near the icon locations on Gulf Blvd. to the beach trail access. Recently the City received a letter from the

Trustee Council from the Tampa Bay Oil Spill requesting the City to please move forward with the plan. A work plan and schedule was created for the improvements which was sent to Leslie Craig and taken to the Trustee Council and was approved in concept. The plan includes the use of a consultant. The consultant provides certain services to get the work done; primarily the engineering, design, permitting, development of icon signage, prototypes, obtaining the approval of the trustee council, getting input from the Beach Stewardship Committee and approval from the Commission. The proposed consultant is Volkert and Associates. They have put together a concept that Mr. Murphy thinks is fair and appropriate for the project to complete their scope of work, and it was to be completed in the amount of \$37,290. The concept was forwarded to the Trustee Council who looked at it and determined it was a fair proposal and concept for their consultant services. Mr. Murphy is looking for approval to create a work authorization under the continuing engineering services contract with Volkert to commence and execute the work.

Commissioner Bildz said he believes most of the seven concepts are great, but doesn't like the turtle friendly lighting concept. He believes turtle friendly lighting means no lights. Commissioner Bildz also doesn't like the concrete access ways because it will take more money to maintain later. Once the projects go up, they cannot come down and the City may be forced to spend the NOAA money on them. He would like to remove those two items; other than that the plan is good. Mr. Silverboard said in the spring of 2007 the City submitted a proposed work plan which included all the elements, which was part of the Phil Graham beach plan. These elements were reviewed by the committee and accepted and written into the Memorandum of Understanding. Without having to go through an amendment the City has to provide the turtle friendly lighting. He said the beach access points are not talking about providing additional dune walkovers, but rather where the City would need a sidewalk between Gulf Blvd. and a beach access point if the trustees agree to the location. It would also pay for an existing sidewalk that needs repair. The turtle friendly lighting provides a measure of safety for pedestrians walking at dusk and at night to have a lit path that would not interfere with the turtles. To change these items would mean amending the Memorandum of Understanding and he doesn't think they will do that.

Commissioner Gayton asked how many beach access points there were. Mr. Silverboard said twenty-two between the John's Pass Bridge and Sunset Vista Park. Commissioner Gayton reiterated what Volkert was planning to do for the \$37,000 and wanted to know if the City was going to spend the \$342,000 on the signs, bicycle racks, and trash cans. Mr. Silverboard said he didn't know it would cost until the City goes out for bid. The icons that were proposed were the Phil Graham signs that were 5 by 5 and ten foot tall and a miniature clock-tower that would have required easements and tearing up the sidewalk. What the trustees agreed to were architectural signs that the Beach Stewardship Committee secured the assistance of Ruth Phillipon in the design. These signs are similar to the road side signs on highways and are made of cast aluminum. It is a design that is suitable for beach locations, and beach access points. It is not a ten dollar sign, but rather a cast sign.

Commissioner Collins wanted to know why the City is paying \$37,000 to have someone pick out signage, trash cans, etc. It seems to him there is talent in the City to do these things. Mr. Silverboard stated that the consultant is doing the bid specs to the satisfaction of the committee, working out the arrangements with DOT where the signage is going to be placed, and ensuring that the signs meet DOT's standards, including the way it is secured to the ground. Mr. Murphy said Volkert would also be developing the prototypes and getting their approvals of the prototypes, getting approval and permits from DOT to put them in the right of way. Mr. Silverboard then said they need to get the approval of the committee to review the bid

specs and bid award. Commissioner Collins asked if there were publications that show the different types of signage and trash can designs that are approved by the DOT. Mr. Silverboard said yes. These things can be purchased out of a catalog, but what is expensive is developing the bid specs to the satisfaction of the Trustee Council to the Tampa Bay Oil Spill, and to DOT. The City has been fighting with DOT just to try and get mast arms on 107<sup>th</sup> even after they said it was OK. Commissioner Collins wanted to make sure it is not the City's choice to spend the money with Volkert and Mr. Silverboard clarified it is what is needed to get permission to spend the balance of the \$380,000 after Volkert's fees are taken off the top.

Mr. Murphy said in his professional opinion if the City doesn't follow this process the likelihood of the project succeeding would be relatively low. The Trustee Council is looking for a professional approach. Mr. Murphy pointed that out of the \$37,000, about 60% is design. The rest is doing everything else for approval and to insure the project is installed in accordance to the specifications of the consultant so the City can give the trustees a high degree of certainty that the money spent meets their satisfaction.

Commissioner Gayton said if Volkert is dealing with the DOT it is worth the \$37,000. He stated the Marriott is still unable to get their driveway. Mr. Silverboard said the Causeway/107<sup>th</sup> project just got completed a few weeks ago, and they are somewhat optimistic that the rest of the projects will be done hopefully soon. Mr. Murphy stated it boils down to a simple detail on a weld design on a mast arm. Mr. Murphy added that the mast arm project on Paradise has a few more touches including the green ball sign that needs to go up which will be installed before MPG walks away from that intersection. The Mayor asked about the crosswalks. Mr. Murphy said and the crosswalks need to be imprinted with thermal plastic. Commissioner Bildz asked Mr. Murphy if he noticed the paint chipping on the mast arms on 112<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Murphy said it was brought to the attention of the MPG contractors and they said they would take care of 112<sup>th</sup> and West Gulf as well. Commissioner Bildz wanted to know if the turtle friendly lights and the bicycle lights could be solar. Mr. Murphy said he doesn't believe there is anything that says the lights need to be powered by Progress Energy, as long as it fits within the budget and is acceptable to the Trustee Council. Commissioner Bildz wanted to know why the City needed power by the bicycle racks. Mr. Murphy said the "utility locates" Commissioner Bildz was speaking of is standard procedure. It is the law to call before digging.

Mayor Minning asked if they are going to add handicapped access to the signage. Mr. Murphy said yes and the new park at 104<sup>th</sup> will be added to the design concept. Mayor Minning told the Commission Ruth Phillipon designed the sign, but it must be developed from a prototype model and brought forward. Mayor Minning said he hopes the signs are not made of pot cast aluminum. Mr. Silverboard said it will be appropriate material for a beach location.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

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

Jim Keranen said the TRIM Calendar has begun, and in 35 days from July 1<sup>st</sup> the City needs to set a tentative millage rate for advertising. This agenda item will bring forth the setting of the millage rate and the first Public Hearing.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the Budget has been predicated on 2.7576 mills, which is about 2.1% below the rollback rate. The Budget has a collection rate of 95%. It used to be 97%, and last year it was 96%. Based on the collections so far this year, Mr. Silverboard said he thought it

was prudent to lower it even more to 95% which will bring in about \$80,000 less than the City was expecting to see this year in revenue. He said the Commission will want to go through its budget workshops before they decide on what millage it will set. The City will set a special meeting for the millage for later in the month if the Commission is not able to settle the budget by the second regular meeting by July.

Mr. Silverboard said the City is looking to hold the Budget Public Hearings on Thursday, September 3, 2009. The regular meeting is September 1st, but because of the TRIM timelines the September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the earliest date. He proposed rather than holding the regular meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> add it in with the Budget Public Hearing. The second regular meeting in September would've been September 15<sup>th</sup>, but it conflicts with the School Board Meeting and the City is prohibited from holding a budget public hearing the same night as the School Board or the County Commission Budget Public Hearing. He also stated that Commissioner Bildz and Mayor Minning are planning on attending the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation (FSBP) conference that same week. Initially the City was looking to hold the regular meeting and the Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, but an alternate would Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Minning checked the agenda at the FSBP Conference and it really doesn't start until Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., and he believes he could make Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Coward said she will be out of town from September 12-20. She wanted to know if it was mandatory that the meeting were two weeks apart. Mr. Keranen said there is an ending date in the TRIM table. Commissioner Bildz pointed out that September has five (5) Tuesdays and asked if the meetings could be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Silverboard said the 8<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Budget Hearings for the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Collins asked if there was a TRIM meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Silverboard said no, and the Budget Hearing and regular meeting could be held on that day.

Commissioner Gayton wanted to know what day the Commission was going to get the proposed budget. Mr. Silverboard said he would try to get it to the Commission by Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Gayton then asked what the increase of the millage rate was on the proposed budget. Mr. Silverboard said the current millage rate is 2.4999 and the millage rate would be 2.7576 which is below the rollback rate, which generates less tax revenue than the current millage rate by about \$80,000. Commissioner Gayton said there is still an increase in the millage of 9%. Mr. Silverboard said the amount of taxes is not being increased and that is important for the public to understand. The City is not proposing a tax increase but rather a decrease in the amount of property taxes collected next year by about \$80,000. Commissioner Gayton said if the City didn't increase the millage rate by 9% they'd be lower. Mr. Silverboard confirmed they'd be even lower. Commissioner Gayton asked if the library would be included in the proposed budget. Mr. Silverboard said yes and it is budgeted at \$77,420. He also included the Beach Trolley at \$200,000 which is a \$40,000 decrease from last year.

Commissioner Gayton asked when the Budget Workshop Hearings would begin, and Commissioner Coward asked if the dates on the original schedule were still what they were to use. Mr. Silverboard said yes, and the dates were confirmed as July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Mr. Silverboard said there isn't much to go through in it. The General Fund Budget has decreased. The overall Budget has decreased. Personnel was reduced again and there are no salary increases. It was proposed that the City does not sweep the streets as often. There was a significant reduction in fire through the EMS. The only increase is for wastewater and storm water utility fees. Commissioner Coward said there is a lot to be talked about once they get the budget.

Mayor Minning reiterated the dates for the Budget Workshop Hearings. It was decided that the regular Commission Meetings and the Budget Public Hearings would be at 6 p.m. on September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Silverboard said the tentative millage rate must be given to the County by August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Minning said as the Commission goes through the workshops they can address the issues and if they will schedule a special meeting if they need to.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Collins said the causeway house has been sold. He wanted to address the concerns of some of the earlier evening's audience and asked if the City did in fact have an ordinance against private fireworks. Mr. Silverboard said the City did have an ordinance against fireworks except the legal type of fireworks. Commissioner Collins said with the exception of sparklers. Commissioner Collins said the City does not have the police coverage to enforce this. Mr. Silverboard said the City adopted the provisions of a County ordinance, and it allows fountains as well as things sold in Publix. Mr. Silverboard addressed Ms. Noel Johnson in the audience about the firework shells she brought in to the meeting, and told her they were legal. Ms. Johnson said people were in fact using illegal ones as well, and Commissioner Collins said, again, the police force is small and can only do so much. Ms. Johnson suggested the City put a sign at the entrance of the City that says "fireworks are not allowed in the city". Commissioner Collins announced the Beach Clean-Up on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> at Ricky-T's at 7:30 a.m. He wanted to know if it was possible for the City to put out more trash cans on special occasions. Mr. Silverboard said the City purchased a certain amount of trash cans and the Parks Department cleaned up the central beach area and did a special clean up on Sunday morning to clean up the Sunset Vista Park area. Commissioner Collins said the trash cans were full, and would like more trash cans.

Commissioner Coward said she saw lots of garbage in the sea oats, and wanted to know if the beach clean-up crew went into the sea oats. Mayor Minning and Commissioner Collins said they did. Mr. Silverboard said the beach crew does do their best to clean it up. Commissioner Coward asked if there was any staff that went into the former County bathroom to do the clean-up on the weekend. Mr. Silverboard said yes. Commissioner Coward said she would really like to have someone go out to the beach on the weekends to clean up when there is no special event. Mr. Silverboard said all it takes is money. Commissioner Bildz clarified she wanted to trash cans emptied. Mr. Silverboard said he cut another sanitation worker. Commissioner Coward said they would need to look at the Budget.

Commissioner Bildz said he would wait until the special workshop regarding Sunset Beach to talk about his district. He did note a hand out he received concerning the bed tax for the last three years. It seems the County has received over \$4 million from Treasure Island alone and that money goes into the beach renourishment fund. Mayor Minning wanted to see what the City pays and see what they get back from the County. The County wants to cut back on the Gulf Blvd. funding and he wanted the facts to back that up. Mr. Silverboard pointed out that the City sends in over a million dollars for the fire millage rate, and the County is proposing to send back \$414,000. The Beach Communities are subsidizing other areas of the County. Commissioner Bildz pointed out that the Tourist Development Tax is for the beach. Mayor Minning said 9% of the tax is set aside for beach renourishment, which is 5% on each hotel bill.

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

City Attorney Kiefer said the mediation for the Brown Construction roof collapse case was postponed. She sent the Commission a memo on the public accommodation issue which was brought up by Ms. Noel Johnson concerning rental regulations in the RFH50 district, and wanted to know if the Commission had any questions about it. Ms. Kiefer said she has concluded that the State Division of Hotels and Restaurants has the exclusive authority to regulate the laws of hotels/motels and public lodging establishments. She said if an owner's home or condo meets the criteria of Chapter 509, they must obtain a license from the State to rent out their property for less than 30 days. The City is not allowed to extend a business receipts tax (formerly known as an "occupational license") unless the owner has received a license from the State to rent its property. She will provide Ms. Johnson the memo. Commissioner Bildz asked if someone has a single family house in the RFH50 zone and they want to rent it out daily did they need a license. Ms. Kiefer said yes according to Chapter 509 for a single family house. Commissioner Bildz asked what the next step was. Should it go to the LPA or Code Enforcement? Ms. Kiefer said she is giving the Commission the laws surrounding the licensing and regulations. Commissioner Bildz said it sounds like a violation of State law. Ms. Kiefer said she doesn't know if they are violating anything. Ms. Kiefer said she doesn't know specifically who they are talking about. Commissioner Bildz said hypothetically if a house doesn't have a license and they are renting out daily who do they report to. Ms. Kiefer said the State has the authority on Chapter 509 and the City has the authority on occupational licenses. However, the City is not allowed to give out licenses unless they have the proper State License. Commissioner Bildz asked if a neighbor has a complaint about someone next door renting it out daily, who should they call to complain. Ms. Kiefer said the State's Department of Business and Professional Regulations. Commissioner Bildz said it shouldn't go to the LPA, and Ms. Kiefer said they need to call the State. Commissioner Coward asked if the person could go online and see if the person has a license. Ms. Kiefer said she doesn't know for she has never done that. Commissioner Coward said she believes they can. Ms. Kiefer said that is true for professional licenses, but wasn't not sure with regard to the license they were speaking of today. Commissioner Gayton asked if they do in fact need to have an occupational license. Ms. Kiefer said yes, this issue has come up before of people who are renting out their homes. The same applies in the Schwarz case. It is in our code. Commissioner Gayton said if someone feels their next door neighbor in an RFH50 zone is renting their house out, they can call the City to see if they have an occupational license and also call the State to see if they have a State License. Ms. Kiefer said that is correct, the City has Code 46-103 of the business receipts tax that has a section for rental fees.

Ms. Kiefer went on to say that the closing of the Causeway House went fine. The sewer complaint was served on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and is due on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kiefer will post that. Ms. Kiefer recommended that the City appoint a Deputy City Clerk. There may be an emergency type situation when someone needs to sign when the City Clerk is not available, as was the case during the closing. It is in the Charter that the City Clerk attests to all actions, and having a Deputy City Clerk would act as a stand-by procedure. It used to be that the former City Manager, Ralph Stone was the City Clerk ex officio, and Ms. Jennifer Nye was the Deputy City Clerk. If the Commission wants, Ms. Kiefer can meet with the City Manager and draft up an Ordinance appointing a Deputy City Clerk. She recommended Pam Middleton as the Deputy City Clerk. Commissioner Coward asked for some more details about the closing. Ms. Kiefer drafted a document that reserved the City's easement. The City Clerk still needs to attest the signatures of the document. Commissioner Coward asked about the closing costs. Ms. Kiefer said the total was \$12,000. The City netted almost \$30,000 more than what it was listed as. She also went on to say that Attorney Heath was excellent and she thanked him for all his help.

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

Commissioner Collins said the BIG-C Meeting was on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a legislative update regarding the oil drilling. The House is supporting the drilling in the Gulf, but it has yet to pass the Senate. There will be an oil drilling panel discussion on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lobster Pot in Redington Shore that is open to the public. Reservations must be made to attend. Please call Matt at 360-6957. Progress Energy was also at the BIG-C Meeting. Melissa Seixas encouraged the audience to get a free energy audit. The \$35 million budgeted for Gulf Blvd. beautification may be cut by 25%, but the answer will not be known until October 2009. Commissioner Collins asked that if anyone has any input he suggested calling Commissioner Brickfield. The next BIG-C Meeting will be July 24<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater.

Mr. Silverboard said several city managers met with Mr. LaSala about the funding for under grounding. Mr. LaSala said it is going to be reduced by 25%, and suggested the cities come together to decide what to do with the balance of the money. The city managers suggested that each city had a different set of priorities. The City of Treasure Island's share of the \$35 million would have been approximately \$3.8 million. With the reduction it will be brought down to \$2.9 million. A final decision hasn't been made yet. Mr. Silverboard said the cities asked if they agree to accept the lower amount would the County agree that that is what they will give them, even if it took a longer time to get the funds. They've moved the time period from 2010 to 2013. Mr. LaSala indicated that each year the County is going to be looking at the potential proceeds from the LOISS/Penny for Pinellas, and that the 25% this year could be more next year. The County was not in a position to guarantee that there would be no decreases in the money. Mr. LaSala suggested that it is an issue that is going to be resolved by the elected officials and getting together with the counter parts on the County Commission. Mr. Silverboard believes that Mayor Minning and Commissioner Collins need to get with the other BIG-C members to form a united front on how to approach it. Commissioner Collins said it looks like each city may be on slightly different pages. Ms. Silverboard said there is such little money to do under grounding and restoration, easements or the costs for bringing the under grounding line to the meter box. He suggested projects that would increase tourism along Gulf Blvd. Mr. Silverboard suggested using the money to restore the beach trail, which is directly related to tourism and if not directly, then indirectly related to a different mode of transportation. He believes those types of things need to be discussed with the County Commissioners. Mayor Minning agreed with Commissioner Collins in saying there will be differences in how the money should be split, but the Beach Communities need a united front. The County Commission would love to see splits among the beach communities. Mayor Minning pointed out that is why he got the information on the bed tax. He said the City is a donor community when it comes to taxes. Mayor Minning said he spoke to the City Manager and they must be wary of the Sunshine Laws. He asked the City Attorney if a meeting could be set to discuss the City's approach to BIG-C, and Ms. Kiefer said yes.

Commissioner Gayton spoke about the holiday trash pick up. He said north of the Causeway they pick up on Monday and Thursday, and south of the Causeway and on Sunshine Lane they pick up on Tuesday and Friday. Everyday there is a holiday, Thursday is moved to Wednesday, and Friday is moved to Thursday. It seems people never get it out right and the garbage doesn't get picked up until the next week. Commissioner Gayton asked the Public Works Director to look into the matter. If your pick up is Monday and Thursday, leave it alone and worry only about the people on Friday. Commissioner Coward said it was on her list of things to talk about because

she received several calls. Commissioner Collins asked if a sticker could be put on the garbage cans when they are picked up. Commissioner Gayton said he would just rather Thursday's schedule be left alone and put Friday pick-up on another day. It is a continuing problem, and he would like a better solution. Mr. Silverboard said he would look into it. Commissioner Gayton said he would send some suggestions.

Commissioner Coward said she received a few complaints about the trash pick-up, and she spoke to staff about it. The staff said it was on the website, but Commissioner Coward said a lot of people do not look at that. Another suggestion may be that the Civic Associations could put out a billboard out on holidays when the pick up is going to change. She said the City's staff was inundated with calls. Commissioner Gayton said his Civic Association puts out the billboards, and it is still a problem. He said just don't change the day.

Commissioner Bildz said they held the library meeting and the City of Treasure Island's contribution is \$77,413. He asked Mr. Silverboard to invite the Library Director to the budget meetings. Commissioner Bildz asked that he give her a choice for she may already be booked, and what ever day she shows up will be the day they discuss the library. Commissioner Gayton asked if the City knows the number of residents that use the library. Commissioner Bildz said they are always looking at their statistics. They just changed their computer system and should have better statistics next year. Commissioner Gayton asked if at the Library Board meeting there was any discussion on the 10% reduction, and Commissioner Bildz said they decided to do away with that. The Board decided that the agreement was population based and everyone should pay their fair share or else not be a part of the Library. Mayor Minning wants Commissioner Bildz to find out if he could find out about the number of members from Treasure Island that use the library.

Mayor Minning mentioned that Publix now has a boat dock with four slips and it is very nicely done. He thanked all those who helped with the planting of the sea oats. There was some consideration given by some of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party goers. The Lion's Club put rope around some of the sea oats and there was very little trash. He also thanked the staff for picking up all the trash after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The workshop was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. by Mayor Minning.