

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2009
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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:

Bob Thompson requested that the Commission reconsider the matter of metered parking within the city, and parking passes. He thanked them for their responses. He stated that he first e-mailed them in 2008. He is opposed to it because of the unintended consequences of metering the Community Center. He feels that it will drive patrons of this area to places where free parking exists. The businesses need their overflow parking spots for their businesses. On the matter of beach parking he believes that they should keep parking passes, and should offer them to off-island people on the same terms that residents have. They could charge extra for them and use the money where needed. He stated that he uses the beach about three times per week. His cost to park would be about \$468 per year. He urged them to consider his suggestions.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meetings and workshops of June 16, July 7, and July 21, 2009 are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the minutes as printed. Commissioner Coward pointed out an error in the July 7th meeting minutes, which has been corrected. Upon roll call the vote to approve the minutes as corrected was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Res. 09-49, Agreement for Yard Waste Disposal

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

Commissioner Bildz commented that this company specializes in yard waste disposal and will be saving the city roughly \$11,000.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Consideration of Res. 09-50, Road Resurfacing Bid

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

Commissioner Gayton stated that he appreciates the work that Mr. Murphy did to prioritize the street list.

Mayor Minning asked for clarification of the price. It is \$497,500.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he has looked at the streets on the list. He feels that some of the streets on the extended scope are in worse condition than some of the streets in the original scope. He is glad there is a list in order of preference and that they will be getting to work on the causeway.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Consideration of Res. 09-51, Agreement for Consulting Services for the TIGER Grant

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

Mayor Minning asked if they should insert "to Volkert and Associates" and the amount in the resolution. It was agreed that it was a Scribner's error and it would be corrected.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Consideration of Res. 09-54, Offshore Oil Drilling

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that at the Florida Beaches and Shores Conference Senator Nelson will be speaking on this subject. He has always supported our beaches.

Commissioner Collins stated that the letter is nice, but doesn't have the strength of the resolution. He feels that "Whereas" 4 & 5 are repetitious but could be included.

Mayor Minning explained that this issue is being discussed at two levels. The first is the federal level; the second is the state level. This came up out of the blue in the state. The state bill was encouraging it because the state would get revenue when it is in state waters. This will come up again, and we must work to defeat it. These rigs will be visible from our beaches if this passes.

Commissioner Collins commented that he had read that oil rigs are visible for 45 miles. There are many available leases in the Gulf out 300 miles, and they are choosing not to take them.

Commissioner Coward stated that she went to a debate on this subject recently. She found it interesting that some of the people that spoke in favor of it were young people. She was surprised by that because most young people seem to be strong environmentalists. If you have spillage it would be devastating to our beaches.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he doesn't mind seeing the rigs; he doesn't want to see the oil on the beach. There was an oil spill in Louisiana waters a week or two ago, and 56,000 gallons of oil spilled in the Gulf.

Mayor Minning gave the information on how to read the bill online. Commissioner Bildz stated that our representatives voted against it.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Res. 09-58, Library Interlocal Agreement

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

Mr. Silverboard explained that we have received the corrected copy of the agreement with the correct names, and that will become the attachment to the resolution.

Commissioner Bildz pointed out some of the changes in this agreement. One of the changes is that we are allowed until June 30th to decide if we are going to fund the library. Nobody will be sued for not supporting the library. If a city chooses not to fund the library they will forfeit their interest in the books and materials. He can support the agreement as written, but if the Commission does not like it he will report to the ad hoc committee. The committee will definitely not consider the 10% reduction that we received in the past.

Mr. Silverboard commented on the provision for dropping out of the library. He feels that it is still unclear. He read an excerpt from that section. It conflicts with the section that states that it is based on the city's ability to fund the library. He feels that there should be clarification. The budget is not finalized until after the public hearings in September. In 2007 when the agreement was changed it was understood that nothing could be decided until after the budgets were finalized. He thinks it should be clarified, even if the Commission decides to sign the agreement tonight. Mayor Minning read the excerpt regarding the city's ability to fund, and said that the June 30th date is not in that section. Mr. Silverboard stated that section was in there because we would not know by June 30th that we have the funds.

Commissioner Coward asked if he was suggesting that we can't tell them until September if we would be funding the library. Mr. Silverboard stated that last year we went back and forth through September to decide if we were going to be a member.

Commissioner Collins asked how they could function if they have to wait until September to know if a community will be participating. Mr. Silverboard stated that we should have a good idea after workshops in July if we will be funding, but you never know what will happen after the public hearings. We also don't have our ad valorem figures by June 30th. Commissioner Collins stated that he agrees, but looking at it from their standpoint that could be a stumbling block. Mr. Silverboard stated that section four was in the previous agreement.

Commissioner Coward asked that if we can't tell them by June 30th on this, then how can we contract for Christmas lights at \$16,000 per year for five years. In her opinion it is the same thing. Mr. Silverboard stated that he is telling them that there is an inconsistency

between the two sections of the agreement. Mayor Minning stated that the difference was that they passed the lights by resolution.

Ms. Kiefer explained that we have a standard contract that she has drafted that has a termination clause in it. We reserve the right to terminate the Christmas light contract if the Commission chooses not to fund them in the future. In her opinion this is no different. She could suggest language to change it if they do not want to pass this agreement as written. Commissioner Coward asked Ms. Kiefer how she would change the language. Ms. Kiefer read some suggested language. She stated that she is trying to eliminate any discomfort, since they had such a hard time with this last year.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the last day for fiscal appropriations received is in there for our protection. We would get the full benefit of what we are paid up to. Ms. Kiefer discussed the last sentence, which says the same thing.

Mayor Minning asked which date was the drop dead date – is it June 30th, or the date that we agree that we don't have funds?

Mr. Silverboard stated that this agreement says that the city gives up all its assets if it drops out of the library. This says it clearly, where in the past it was silent on this issue. There is also a provision in there that says that if we drop out for a year we will not be allowed back in unless we pay back all the payments that we missed when we dropped out. That is also a new provision.

Commissioner Collins stated that if we drop out we are no longer bound by this contract, so it wouldn't be applicable. Ms. Kiefer stated that the contract clearly stated that they would be responsible. Commissioner Collins suggested that Ms. Kiefer reword this and bring it back to the next workshop.

Commissioner Coward said we shouldn't make this so complicated. Talking about assets, is this a 501C3? Commissioner Bildz stated that it is not. Commissioner Coward asked what assets we own. Commissioner Bildz stated that the City Manager explained that we have no claim to any of the assets. Mr. Silverboard stated that there isn't a change; it is just that the new agreement clearly states that now. Commissioner Bildz stated that he agrees regarding the back pay. He feels that if a community drops out and then wants to get back in, then a new agreement should be drawn up. Commissioner Collins suggested again that Ms. Kiefer reword the agreement and bring it back to the next workshop. Commissioner Bildz suggested that the Commission vote on an agreement and then present it to the library board.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Gayton asked for clarification that we were not postponing a decision to fund the library. Commissioner Collins stated that it was just the agreement that we are considering, not the funding of the library. Upon roll call the vote to table was unanimous.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by Mayor Minning.