

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting and workshop of August 18, 2009 are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to accept the minutes as printed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration of Res. 09-63 Setting the Tentative Millage Rate For FY 2009-10 (Public Hearing)

Mayor Minning opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

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

Commissioner Gayton made comments regarding money that they had added to the budget. He stated that the result of the increase in the millage rate was the increase in the fund balance. That increase brings us to 17.25%. He does not believe that this is a time to increase millage rates or the fund balance. We had plenty of time during 06 and 07 to increase the fund balance. He can't support the increase in the millage rate and will not be voting for it.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he feels that it is a little unfair. While it is true that the millage rate is increasing, we are collecting almost \$270,000 less than last year. To say that we are increasing the millage rate just to put it into fund balance is not quite true. What is going into the fund balance are the cuts that the City Manager and city staff have made. As much as he would like to keep the millage rate the same that would leave us with a fund balance of \$1.5 million. We should have a

fund balance of over \$2 million. We are having a tax cut. He thinks that this is a good compromise.

Commissioner Collins stated that he sympathizes with what Commissioner Gayton is saying, but two things come to mind. The real estate taxes are going to decrease due to the decrease in property values, and the costs on the bridge are going to increase, and he wants us to have a cushion. He is in favor of supporting the tax millage rate.

Commissioner Coward stated that she has done some analysis work. If we raise the rate to what they are suggesting, the difference on her house is only \$49. People who are not homesteaded will see a reduction. We have no control over the other rates. There are people whose taxes will go down, even though we are raising the millage rate. She doesn't think it would be wise to be penny-wise and pound foolish right now. At the time that we were losing the revenue from the bridge she pleaded with the Commission not to reduce the millage. She supports the millage.

Mayor Minning stated that this is not a tax increase. It is a tax decrease. It is \$269,018 fewer dollars than our current tax revenue. It is a millage increase, but not a tax dollar increase. We, along with the staff, have been very diligent. The budget is sound, and is a decrease overall. He will support this.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was 4-1 with Commissioner Gayton being the dissenting vote. Mayor Minning then read the required statement regarding the proposed millage rate.

2. Consideration of Ord. 09-07 Budget and Appropriations (First Reading & Public Hearing)

Mayor Minning read the required statement and opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

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

Commissioner Gayton asked the Commission to look in the proposed budget on page twelve, line item 34210, Public Detail Fees. He also asked them to look at the expenses of this item on page forty. These two items are a wash as we will only be spending what we will be collecting on it. He then passed out information regarding overtime. He stated that he did not see the revenues for the special details.

Armand Boudreau gave an explanation of this line item. There have been other special details that have come up throughout the year other than Caddy's and Gator's, which were reimbursed by the companies. These hours were unanticipated. Commissioner Gayton asked where the reimbursement showed up, and why it was showing as an expenditure. Mr. Silverboard explained that it still had to show up as an expenditure. Any money that goes out has to be shown. He will ask Chief Casey why the private details are shown in the overtime line. Commissioner Gayton stated that there is an additional \$42,000 showing.

Commissioner Coward asked about account special detail revenue account. Commissioner Bildz explained it to her. Commissioner Coward asked how they came up with the revenue of \$225,000. Mr. Silverboard explained that the special detail had revenue of \$106,000 at one time, and an expense at \$177,000. Commissioner Coward had said that those two should be the same, and they agreed to change them. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was a number that the Commission decided on based on historical numbers. He will ask Chief Casey for an explanation on that.

Commissioner Gayton asked about the encumbrance to HDR. Mr. Silverboard explained that it is money owed to them.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he hopes that they get a fresh cover letter every year.

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

Mayor Minning read the required statement regarding the budget and next public hearing to be held on September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

F. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

3. Consideration of Ord. 09-06, Banning Kegs on the Public Beach and Parks (First Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read upon first reading.

Mr. Silverboard stated that the requested change to four gallons was made.

Commissioner Bildz stated that this was a good start.

Commissioner Collins clarified that they are not banning alcohol, but the containers. Mr. Silverboard explained that special permits can be obtained for special events.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

The second reading and public hearing will be held on September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

4. Consideration of Res. 09-59, Approval of the Purchase of a Grapple Truck

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

Commissioner Collins asked about the savings discussed in the staff report. Mr. Silverboard explained that it was in this fund, and it enabled them to purchase the vehicle outright rather than finance it.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

Robert Minning, Mayor

Phil Collins – District 1

Ed Gayton – District 2

Carol Coward – District 3

Alan Bildz – District 4

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Foss, City Clerk