

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
January 19, 2010  
6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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	Absent

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Burke of the Isle of Capri came up for public comments. “Some Enchanted Sunday” will be presented by the Treasure Island Historical Society on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club. Lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m. with a show following at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any Historical Society board member or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Ellis of Isle of Capri came up to the podium to speak. Ms. Ellis wanted to address the reporter from the Neighborhood Times. She was misquoted. The statement upset some of the people in her neighborhood. She wanted to reiterated what she wanted to say so not to be misquoted again. She stated Treasure Island has a beautiful wide beach, with so much potential. The view is breathtaking, but the sand dunes need maintenance. They contain overgrown vegetation which collects lots of debris and trash. She and her husband have gone into the dunes to clean up the garbage. They got covered with sand spurs. The Beach Clean-up volunteers do clean up the garbage. She loves Treasure Island. She then spoke about Roseilli Park. She said the path is lovely, but the grass is overgrown with weeds. She realizes the city mows the grass and add pesticides, but the weeds are overrunning the grassy area. She also spoke about some dog owners that are not adhering to the “Clean Up After Your Dog” and “Keep the Dogs on a Leash” signs. Several people let their dogs run in the tennis courts and on the baseball fields. She said the signs are old and bent, and perhaps that is why people are not adhering to the ordinances. She has called the police. She believes it should be enforced.

Commissioner Collins clarified that the reporter in the room was with the Beach Beacon not with the Neighborhood times.

Pam McIntyre of the Isle of Palms spoke about the kite flying event. She said it was a wonderful family oriented event and wished more events like that would take place in the City.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting, and January 5, 2010 meeting and workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the minutes as printed. Mayor Minning asked if there were any comments

or corrections. Commissioner Coward said she would like parentheses put around the words "No Raking Policy" on page one, third paragraph of the January 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Consideration of Res. 10-03, Rescinding Resolutions Relating to Beach Maintenance**

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution. There was no discussion and upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### **2. Consideration of Res. 10-02, Code Enforcement Lien Abatement Request for Property Located at 12005 4<sup>th</sup> Street E.**

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution. Mayor Minning asked if there was any discussion, and then said there was a small type-O on the Resolution. There was an extra "0" at the end of the \$75.00 amount.

Upon roll call, Commissioner Gayton, Commissioner Coward and Mayor Minning approved the resolution, while Commissioner Collins voted against it.

Mayor Minning pointed out that the Commission needed to fill in an amount on the Resolution. City Attorney Maura Kiefer said that whoever made the motion must amend the motion, and likewise with the person who seconded it. City Manager Reid Silverboard said it was to accept half of \$15,300. Commissioner Gayton moved to amend the motion for Resolution 10-02 to include the figure of \$7,650 as a full settlement for the outstanding code enforcement lien to execute the release of the lien. It was seconded by Commissioner Coward.

Upon second roll call of amended Resolution 10-02, Commissioner Gayton, Commissioner Coward and Mayor Minning voted to approve, while Commissioner Collins voted against.

##### **3. Consideration of Res 10-05, Kiwanis 5K Race**

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution. Mayor Minning asked if there was any discussion and Commissioner Collins said everything is to remain the same as last year. The event time will be about 30 to 45 minutes. It will begin and end at Roselli Park. Mr. Silverboard stated the 5k run begins at 8 a.m. and the one mile at 8:30 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### **4. Consideration of Res. 10-01, Interlocal Agreement with St. Pete Beach for Wastewater Force Main Cleaning and Inspection**

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

Mayor Minning asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Collins said he brought up at the last meeting the idea of the City of Treasure Island staff doing most of the leg work it and he wanted to know if there has been any resolution to that. Public Works Director, Jim Murphy stated he spoke to St. Pete Beach and they are agreeable to sharing the costs. Most of the work would have to be done by the City of Treasure Island's staff whether or not the City of St. Pete Beach was participating in the effort or not. Commissioner Collins wanted to clarify that

the full burden was not going to be on the City of Treasure Island's staff, and Mr. Murphy said it would not. Mr. Murphy said that a lot of the effort involved in prepping the pipe and making it available for inspection will involve the staff of both cities.

Commissioner Coward said it was discussed at the last Budget Session. Mr. Murphy said he would get a better idea of the price once they started pulling the costs together and bringing the contracts to the Commission. Commissioner Coward asked about the time element involved. Mr. Murphy said St. Pete Beach is working to modify their pumping station sometime in April. He said they anticipate doing the subaqueous inspection first for it is independent of that activity. They City may have to pay for some modifications at the pump station for it may require special taps, and subsequent to that they will do the cleaning and internal inspection of the line. He would anticipate they will be done some time in the summer. Commissioner Coward wondered if it would be completed within the fiscal year. Mr. Murphy said it should be done some time in August.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### 5. Consideration of Res. 09-94, Interlocal Agreement with Madeira Beach to Provide Building Inspection Services

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

Mayor Minning asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Gayton said he appreciates what Building Official Neal Schwartz is trying to do by bringing revenue to the City. There were 458 permits the County Department did for Madeira Beach in Fiscal Year 08-09. He asked how many required planning review. He said he didn't believe he gave Mr. Schwartz enough time to get the information. Mr. Schwartz said he did not get the information. Commissioner Gayton said the City of Treasure Island's reports over the past several years do not show how many plan reviews the Building Department has had to do on top of all the permits. He thinks it is important that the city gathers more information before they proceed.

Commissioner Gayton said when the City was busy in 2004-05 they had interlocal agreements with the County and several other cities. They still subbed out a lot of work. The City is slow right now and can take on additional work. However, the City cannot complete that work in the time frame of our working schedule right now, and are going to have to use overtime. What happens when the City of Treasure Island gets busy? What plans does the City sub out? Is the City going to take some services away from the residents to give the Madeira Beach? He doesn't think they can guarantee the residents they will be getting the service they deserve.

Commissioner Gayton said as more work comes in he feels it will complicate the services residents will get from the City Planner. The City Planner is co-director of the Code Enforcement Board. Right now Mr. Schwartz is very busy and when he goes out on the road it will take away from the City Planner's duties as a city planner. Later on in the Workshop the Commission will be discussing the fact that the City Planner is very busy and the possibility of hiring additional people. He doesn't feel it is fiscally responsible to take the City Planner away from her main job. He reiterated that he worries that it will complicate the duties of the City Planner and it is going to take away from what she should be doing as well as the possibility of the citizens losing their services. He wanted to know how many plan reviews the City was going to have to do. Over the past three years, how many plan reviews did the County do for Madeira Beach? He said he doesn't have enough information and he would like to see it before he votes on the item.

Mr. Silverboard said the information he is requesting is probably impossible to provide. He feels the fees from the building permits would cover any needed extra full time or part time person. The personnel on the building side are paid for entirely by the building permits that are received. The people that are not funded by that department are the planners. There doesn't need to be any concern about whether or not the City needs to call on any other city. When the City was in the busy period there was a Building Official, a Deputy Building Official, and a Building Inspector who were doing the jobs. Mr. Silverboard said to his knowledge they were not calling in help from any other city. The \$10,000 figure that was given for overtime is over the course of a full year of providing the service, if needed, and it will be fully funded by the additional revenue received from Madeira Beach.

Mr. Silverboard said building plan review can only be done by the Building Inspector or the Building Official. The City Planning Department provides zoning approval. In terms of the City Planner being diverted from her principal duties, he doesn't foresee that happening. The Building Official is responsible for code enforcement. It isn't the responsibility of the planner. If a zoning comes up, the City Planner will weigh in on a zoning aspect of a coding violation. Since the City of Treasure Island will not be taking on code violations or zoning reviews for Madeira Beach there should not be any impact on the City Planner in terms of taking over. He said either the City does this and believes they have the staff time to do it, and anticipate approaching the Commission with hiring additional help, if needed, or they do not. Staff would not recommend it if they thought that the services to their own citizens would suffer. If the City chooses to delay the deal, Madeira Beach will drop it. If the Commission thinks there is a problem a year from now they can come back. There is an "out" in the contract. The City can give 90 day notice and Madeira Beach can go back to the County or contract with another city.

Commissioner Collins mentioned it could be terminated with or without cause within 90 days so if city staff gets overwhelmed it can be cancelled. Commissioner Coward said that in order for the small communities to survive, they must cooperate with neighboring cities, without infringing on the rights of the community.

Commissioner Gayton said he agreed with Commissioners Coward and Collins. He just wanted to voice his concerns and wanted to protect the citizens and allow them to enjoy the same services they enjoy now. He was concerned with complicating the duties of the City Planner because it is mentioned in the Workshop. If the City Manager says it will not increase her responsibility within Code Enforcement then his concerns are satisfied. Mayor Minning asked Mr. Schwartz how he was doing with regard to time. Mr. Schwartz said they are extremely busy, but they do have the time. The purpose of the agreement was to help out a neighboring city, and also maintain the employees through the money gained from the venture. He said he doesn't believe he will come before the Commission asking for another employee for at least a year.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36