

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2010

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	District 1	Present
Commissioner Gail Caldwell	District 2	Present
Commissioner Carol Coward	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz – Vice Mayor	District 4	Present

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sylvia Stratus, owner of the Twins Apartments, expressed disappointment in the City for the way they are handling work on the boardwalk at 126th Avenue and 1st Street West. She feels that they should not have waited this long, and has suggested that they put the steps back in. She doesn't feel that they should have to wait eight to nine months for the repair to be done. She feels that the city should ask the Corps of Engineers to include in their report how the Sunshine Beach jetty could help prevent damage to their beach.

Jim McGee stated that he is a neighbor of Ms. Stratus. Mr. Stratus has studied the issue of the jetty and Mr. & Mrs. Stratus are asking that the Corps of Engineers review the jetty to make it more effective in the control and prevention of erosion.

Sue Perkins stated that she is a 63 year resident. The removal of the sandbar is destroying their beach. The dunes and sea oats are being crushed by people.

Marlene Jones stated that she has been coming to Treasure Island for about fifteen years. She is shocked by the erosion on the beach in the area of the Twins Apartments. She has arthritis and having to walk two blocks to go to the beach is hard. She asked if there was something that they could do temporarily to open it up.

Hilda Egglenton stated that this will be her last visit to Treasure Island because there is no way to get down to the beach. That section isn't cleaned as often as the rest of the beach.

John Burke stated that he is aware of the condition in that area, and he is glad that the city has blocked off that area because the drop off is very severe and someone could be hurt. He suggested that people use the access at 125th.

Mayor Minning explained that the Beach Stewardship Committee and the city have made the request regarding the jetty many times. A study was approved by the former Coastal Coordinator, Nicole Elko. The latest word they have gotten on the study is that there is no money available. Sunshine Beach will be the first to be renourished when the project starts in August. There was a glitch in the contract documents for the renourishment. The Corps of Engineers was notified and has inspected the beach. They agreed that more was needed and have agreed to fully renourish the beach.

Mr. Silverboard stated that Mr. Murphy will be speaking with Mr. McGee regarding this outside of the meeting. Mr. Murphy explained that he didn't feel it would be wise to try to temporarily open that walkover. If there is more erosion it could cause the walkover to be even more unsafe. He recommends that the beach is renourished before they do anything with it.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting and workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the minutes as corrected. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning asked for approval of the agenda, per their rules of procedure. Commissioner Bildz stated that he didn't feel that item 4 on the supplemental agenda could go on a meeting agenda without being workshopped. He read an excerpt from the Rules of Procedure. Mr. Silverboard stated that their rules allow it if the Commission deems it appropriate. The majority of the Commission agreed that it was appropriate.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Ord. 10-04 Amendments to Chapter 30, Personnel, Code of Ordinances (First Reading)

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

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Consideration of Res. 10-41, Vesting in 401a Pension Program

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to approve the Resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked if all employees would be included in the near future. Mr. Silverboard stated that this was for department heads only at this time. Commissioner Bildz stated that he would like to see this for all of the employees in the near future.

Commissioner Coward stated that she agrees with Commissioner Bildz. She asked what this would cost the City. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is hard to do that because if someone quits before five years the city gets their money back. There has been only one department head quit before the five years was up. Commissioner Coward suggested that they do an analysis of what it would cost.

Mayor Minning suggested that they do that based on the current department heads and their dates of hire.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Consideration of Res. 10-42, Award of Contract for an Insurance Consultant (Liability, Hazard, Casualty and Ancillary Insurances)

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

Commissioner Coward asked why we would be hiring the same consultant that didn't do a good job for us. Ms. Valdes stated that she was not here when that consultant did their work. She feels that it is important to have a consultant assist them in going over the policies. She is very familiar with insurance, but she feels that it is important to have an expert assist them. Commissioner Coward asked why she would want to use the same consultant. Ms. Valdes stated that they were chosen based on price.

Commissioner Bildz asked when she would recommend that they hire a different consultant. Ms. Valdes stated that it was typically done every three years.

Commissioner Collins commented that Interisk was not the least expensive consultant. Ms. Valdes explained that it was an hourly fee with a not to exceed amount. Since they did this before she is hopeful that it would save hours. The other company is not local.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Removal of Planning and Zoning Board Member (Requested by Commissioner Coward)

Commissioner Coward explained that several weeks ago there was a Planning and Zoning meeting where there were three people there to speak, and there wasn't a quorum. She asked for a record of the member's attendance. He had attended only five out of the last twelve meetings. She tried to contact him, but he has not responded. This would assist the Planning and Zoning Board to operate as they need to.

Commissioner Bildz stated that if you are going to volunteer you need to show up.

Ms. Kiefer stated that there have been discussions about reducing the size of the Planning and Zoning Board, and separating the Planning and Zoning Board from the Local Planning Agency. There is some interest in this from the Planning and Zoning Board because of the quorum issue. Mayor Minning stated that the P & Z was asked to come in with their opinion. There was some interest, but their recommendation was to leave it alone. Commissioner Collins stated that it comes up occasionally but never seems to go anywhere.

Commissioner Bildz asked what the quorum would be for a fourteen member board right now. Ms. Kiefer stated that they could reduce the quorum if they chose to. She will need to research it and report back.

Mayor Minning asked if Commissioner Coward wanted to appoint someone. She stated that she would like to but there are no applications on file.

It was moved by Commissioner Coward and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to remove Mr. McAlduff from the Planning and Zoning Board. Upon roll call the motion was unanimously approved.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Minning.