

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES
August 3, 2010

The workshop was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Resolution 10-61 approving the renewal of the health care plan for FY 2010-11; authorization to cover 28.77% of dependent care coverage; and providing one year's notice of withdraw from the pool.

Ms. Valdes gave an explanation of this item. This is the second year of the two year contract. Because the pool is using \$1.5 million in surplus the increase will be 11.2%. Because we are still in the second year of the contract we get the pool average. We budgeted for a 10% increase. The city is proposing to cover half of the increase for those employees with dependent coverage for one year only. Staff is suggesting that they give the one year notice to enable them to go out to bid next year if they choose to, per the contract.

Mr. Silverboard explained that the increase is approximately \$87,660. Part of that increase is the one time increase for dependent coverage. The additional cost over the budgeted amount is \$6,625.

Mayor Minning asked where the \$1.5 million in surplus came from. Ms. Valdes explained that it is from the collection of premiums. The pool is self-insured, and contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield to administer the claims. The increase was the largest in about seven years, so the administrators felt that it was a good year to use surplus.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City of Indian Shores claims have affected our rates. Ms. Valdes stated that they can affect them, but she doesn't know what they have for claims. She does know that they don't have a catastrophic claim.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

2. Consideration of a recommendation from the Planning Board sitting as the Local Planning Agency to amend Section 780-221 of the Land Development Regulations relating to responsibility for review of Variance requests for accessory structures.

Ms. Rosetti gave an explanation of this item. It was felt that it was an oversight and Scribner's error to leave the responsibility for granting variances for accessory structures with the Commission. She read an excerpt from her report and the code. The board has also recommended a slight change to the code regarding accessory structures in order to provide further clarification. She suggests that they set first reading and public hearing on August 17th, and second reading and public hearing on September 8th.

Commissioner Collins asked about the setback regulations. Ms. Rosetti explained that there are times when a variance could and should be granted for a piece of equipment or an accessory structure, and this would enable the Planning and Zoning Board to look at it on a case by case basis.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda for first reading and public hearing.

3. Discussion of “*Get Ready Tampa Bay*”; a regional collaboration between the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, local governments, electric utility companies, business partners, and other interested groups to prepare Tampa Bay for the roll-out of electric vehicles.

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. We have received correspondence from the Regional Planning Council which asks us to adopt a proposed policy statement in support of the “Get Ready Tampa Bay” program. He gave them the website to look at for further information.

Commissioner Collins asked who would fund the installation of the charging stations. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be businesses in the private sector. We would be making a commitment to review our regulations in order to permit this type of activity.

Mayor Minning stated that we could do this if we chose to. He thought that the Building Official would be the most qualified to participate in this project. He suggested that we support the program.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Minning asked how the undergrounding is coming along. Mr. Silverboard gave an update on the progress. They have started getting costs for some parts of the project. We should be receiving the other estimates by the end of August. We have asked for estimates for three segments so that if need be we can choose which segments we want to do. We have also asked for estimates for undergrounding the lines that go across the roads. Bob Brotherton has been sent a copy of the estimate to be incorporated into his estimate, and for him to contact the Public Service Commission on our behalf regarding the easements and the cost of obtaining them. Mr. Silverboard will send the Commission a copy of what he has received, and will forward any new information that he gets as he gets it.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer stated that she has met with Mr. Murphy regarding the method of calculations being used by the City of St. Petersburg to assess the surcharge for strong waste. She feels that their calculations are incorrect. She asked to do a presentation at the next workshop to show them what she and Mr. Murphy have found. She thinks that the overcharge is around \$300,000. The data shows that we have never had the strong waste levels that we have been charged for. She feels that there is a legitimate basis for a lawsuit. This is a separate issue from the current lawsuit with St. Petersburg. Depositions for that case will be done in her office on August 31st. She invited the Commissioners to attend.

Ms. Kiefer reported that her office made a billing error of \$15 per hour. She owes the city a credit of around \$4,500. She apologized and stated that it has already been taken care of.

Ms. Kiefer stated that she attended the FMAA seminar last week. There were informative sessions.

Ms. Kiefer stated that the trial on the Schwarz case is set for November. She will be doing a confidential memo to them as a follow up on the executive session. She will be providing information for them to read which will be kept in Mr. Silverboard's office.

Ms. Kiefer commented on the county extending the bar closing hours until 3:00 a.m. Since we currently have an ordinance requiring a 2:00 a.m. closing if they want to extend it they will have to pass a new ordinance.

Ms. Kiefer stated that she didn't feel that the entire second volume of the Code of Ordinances should be considered LDRs. She feels that only Chapter 68 should be considered LDRs, and suggested that they clarify that. Ordinances that are not LDRs do not require two public hearings and would not have to be referred to the LPA. Mr. Silverboard stated that he has asked the City Attorney to draft that. It needs to be fixed, and the Code of Ordinances needs to be simplified as much as possible. He has drafted a proposed amendment to allow establishments to stay open until 3:00 and to allow them to open at 10:00 on Sundays. He asked if it had to follow the process of referring it to the LPA. The police need guidance on this. The Commission's consensus was that they didn't have a problem with businesses staying open until 3:00 and were in favor of the 10:00 opening on Sundays. Ms. Kiefer reiterated that the County's ordinance does not trump the local ordinance.

Commissioner Collins asked if the 10:00 opening will be on Sunday mornings, or every morning. Mr. Silverboard explained that the current regulations allow for closing between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Monday through Saturday, and 2:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The new regulations would allow for closing between 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Monday through Saturday, and 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Silverboard stated that they will be bringing both of these items back so that the new closing hours can be referred to the Planning Board, and they can clarify which ordinances are truly LDRs.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Coward thanked the members of the Charter Review Committee for their work. They did a good job. When they finished today they all said they were happy that they had served and had learned a lot. Ms. Kiefer stated that they did a good job and it ended up on a nice note. They are finished and she will bring it back to the Commission in September. Mayor Minning expressed their appreciation to the committee.

Mayor Minning gave a reminder about the Visioning "All That Jazz" event coming up. He also reminded citizens to fill out their visioning surveys.

Mayor Minning stated that it looks like the Gulf Boulevard Beautification funding will be coming through. The county is working on the interlocal agreements. Treasure Island is slated to receive \$3.7 million.

Mayor Minning stated that the beach renourishment has started. They will be at Sunshine Beach for 40 days, then at Sunset Beach for 30 days.

Mayor Minning commented that we have not had any affects from the oil spill, and likely will not.

Mayor Minning stated that in the library data that they received, Treasure Island residents make good usage of the library, but mostly libraries other than the Gulf Beaches Library.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Foss, City Clerk