

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, CERTICATES OF APPRECIATION** None

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mary Maloof, Chair of the Visioning Committee, thanked the Mayor and Commission for what they do for the community. She gave the web address of the Visioning survey and urged citizens to complete it online. They want 25% of the residents to fill out the survey. The timeline to complete the survey is the end of October. In November they will be holding their community meeting. She encouraged people to fill out the survey as that will be what will give them direction to make a recommendation to the Commission, City Manager, and staff. Mayor Minning stated that it is very important to get that information and encouraged people to go online and fill out the survey.

Charles O'Dell read a prepared statement regarding a car parked half on his lawn and half on the street. He commented that the people in Sunset Beach think the one sided parking is a waste of time and money.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 17, 2010 meeting and workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to approve the minutes as printed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**F. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AND WORKSHOP AGENDAS**

**G. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Consideration of Res. 10-73, Setting the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (Public Hearing)

The public hearing was opened at 6:12 p.m. There being no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning read a statement regarding the proposed millage rate of 2.6868. The public hearing on the final millage rate will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Consideration of Ord. 10-09, Budget and Appropriations (First Reading and Public Hearing)

The public hearing was opened at 6:14 p.m.

Ed Gayton asked the Commission to look at the balance sheet in their budget. He stated that he doesn't see the \$500,000 for emergency sand sharing in the fund balance. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is the undesignated, unreserved fund balance that is shown on the balance sheet. The money for the emergency beach renourishment is reserved. There is also approximately \$179,000 that is reserved for bridge repairs. Mr. Gayton stated that it has to show in the fund balance as part of the budget. Every year we have shown the \$500,000 and the \$179,000. They are fund balances. It is part of the money of the residents of the City of Treasure Island. He doesn't see how they cannot report reserves. That money can be removed from reserves and used for something else. Mr. Silverboard stated that the city has never budgeted that money. It cannot be spent and is not appropriated. That money is shown in the CAFR as part of fund balance. The new fund balance is calculated after the expenses are paid for the year. The CAFR is the document that shows all of the city's finances, not the budget. Mr. Gayton stated that the numbers in the budget are actual numbers and the reserve accounts should be shown as a fund balance. Mr. Silverboard stated that the unreserved undesignated amount is an estimate. Everything is shown in the CAFR. Mr. Gayton asked the Commission to include the additional \$700,000 in the budget. Mayor Minning stated that they would look into that.

Mr. Gayton stated that the Commission is looking for \$9,114,000 in the general fund. They will be taking \$474,000 out of fund balance. In 08-09 the expenditures were \$8.375 million. That is a difference of \$739,000. They are adding two positions. One is a planner for a project that they have been trying to get done for a year. They are also hiring a police information technology position. He asked the Commission to take another look at that.

Kevin Johnson stated that he agrees with Mr. Gayton. The whole country is trying to hold the line and we can't afford it at this time.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that he had asked for all of the fund balances to be shown on one page. He stated that it would answer Mr. Gayton's comments. Mr. Silverboard stated that he will provide them with that for the next meeting.

Commissioner Bildz clarified that the police IT specialist was not a new position. They will be removing one police officer position and replacing it with an IT position.

Commissioner Bildz then asked how long the Planner position would be for. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be for 18 months to two years.

Commissioner Coward stated that she had asked for a reduction in the gas and oil accounts. Mr. Silverboard stated that he will reduce it by \$7,100 when he does the new printing. Commissioner Coward stated that she still feels that it is too high and wants it reduced more. She then asked for the actual usage of every department. Mr. Silverboard provided the commission with that information.

Commissioner Coward commented on the planner position. Her recollection was that it would be for 18 months. Mr. Silverboard stated that it will be for how long it would take to get these projects finished.

Mayor Minning asked for what the Commission wanted changed. Mr. Silverboard read the recommendation for reductions in the gas and oil line in the solid waste fund. It would reduce the budget for the solid waste fund by \$7,665. Commissioner Bildz stated that he would be for it if they can reduce the garbage increase.

Mayor Minning asked for the Commission's recommendation and stated that he is in favor of reducing the budget by the \$7,665 amount. Commissioner Collins stated that with the way gas prices are going we should have enough. Commissioner Coward stated that we get a discount and she thinks that it should be more of a reduction. Mayor Minning asked that it be looked at again.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous. Mayor Minning read a statement regarding the final hearing on the budget which will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **H. CONSENT AGENDA (None)**

#### **I. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- 3.** Consideration of Ord. 10-07 Amending the Land Development Regulations, Chapter 68, Section 460 (3) Relating to Minimum Yard Regulations for Accessory Structures; and Amending Chapter 70, Section 221 Relating to Variance. (Second reading and public hearing)

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

The public hearing was opened at 6:41 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

- 4.** Consideration of Res. 10-70, Approving the Renewal of an Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas Planning Council for Planning and Mapping Services

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

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Res. 10-68, Approving the Dental, Life, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Plans for FY 2010-11

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

Commissioner Collins asked about the most highly used dental office that was not currently in the network. Ms. Valdes explained that there was a provider that many employees use that is not currently in the network; however, he has agreed to become part of the network.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Consideration of Res. 10-69, Approving the Property, Casualty, Workers Compensation and Miscellaneous Insurance Plans for FY 2010-11

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

Andrew Cooper from World Risk Management discussed some of the Commission's concerns with the coverage. He stated that they can split up some of the coverages if necessary. They would be pleased to have the property portion of the insurance. On the liability side the PRM program was much cheaper than PGIT, but the Worker's Comp coverage was much cheaper with PGIT than with PRM. If they place each piece with the company that is cheaper it would be a considerable savings. Commissioner Collins asked for clarification of the \$81,000 savings. Mr. Cooper stated that it would be a savings if they put the property and liability with PRM and the Worker's Comp with PGIT.

Ms. Valdes explained the difference between the two programs. There is a savings if the city bought everything except worker's comp from PRM, but we would lose the majority of the non-monetary damages. That has been important coverage in the past. Commissioner Collins asked what we have had paid out in the past year and if it would exceed the difference. Ms. Valdes stated that this year there is a claim that would exceed the difference, but there is no way to know what will come up in the future. PRM has stated that they will honor their prices if we break it out in pieces. PGIT has not given her that same answer in writing. Commissioner Collins asked if they should hold off on this and get an answer from PGIT.

Mr. Webber stated that they should consider maintaining the continuity of coverage as the people handling the claims are familiar with Treasure Island. There will be a learning curve in getting used to how Treasure Island would want their claims handled. Commissioner Collins stated that a learning curve is no excuse not to do a good job. He stated that \$81,000 is a serious amount of money. He suggested that they hold this off until the next meeting.

Michelle Martin from Public Risk Insurance Agency stated that PGIT and PRIA have represented the city for the past two years. Since that time PGIT has incurred almost \$700,000 in losses. PGIT wants to work with the members of the group, but this is a

public entity that was formed for public entities to pool together to provide insurance. The premiums that we have quoted have been very competitive. In this case, due to the loss history and the very competitive prices, they are not willing to split out anything other than the property coverage. The insurance carrier is not willing to split the liability coverage from the Worker's Comp coverage. In the past six months they have put a lot of resources into putting a program to reduce costs into place. Mr. Silverboard clarified that there would not be an \$81,000 savings if they went with her firm for Worker's Comp and with PRM for the other coverage. They changed their recommendation to achieve a savings of around \$5,000. Ms. Martin clarified that the plan that Mr. Cooper suggested was not available.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the \$700,000 in losses was just the City of Treasure Island. Ms. Martin answered in the affirmative and stated that PGIT and PRIA have been very committed to helping the city reduce the losses. She urged them to consider leaving all of their coverage with PGIT as they would be fully covered in the event of a storm. Storm surge and water driven by wind is included. In the event of a claim they would have a consistent broker and insurance company adjusting the loss. It would allow her as the broker to identify risks. The difference is less than 1% to keep everything with PRIA. Mayor Minning clarified that there is coverage for water damage but it isn't included in the flood coverage. Ms. Martin answered in the affirmative. The main exposure here is storm surge.

Commissioner Collins asked where the coverage would come from in the event of a storm. Ms. Martin explained the different types of perils that could apply. Storm surge would be covered in the definition of a named storm. Commissioner Collins clarified that there is a difference between flood coverage and storm surge coverage. Ms. Martin answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Webber stated that he cannot support Ms. Martin on her position regarding the flood versus storm surge. He recommends that they get a letter from the Director of the PGIT program stating that storm surge would not be considered flood damage. He cannot draw the parallel between storm surge and flood damage. Commissioner Collins asked Ms. Martin if she could provide that letter. Ms. Martin stated that she has verified that with the Executive Director of PGIT and the insurers of the pool. Commissioner Collins asked that it be provided to Ms. Valdes and the City Manager. Mayor Minning asked that it also be provided to Mr. Webber. Mr. Webber asked that it also include the distinction between storm surge and flood.

Commissioner Coward asked if there is any extension as we are getting close on the end of the policy. Mr. Webber stated that PGIT would be agreeable to increasing the flood limits to \$12 million at no additional cost. That would make the policy comparable to PRM's coverage.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to table this item to the next meeting. Upon roll call the vote to table was unanimous.

#### 7. Consideration of Res. 10-75, Approving the Police Contract

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

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of the terms of the contract. Mayor Minning asked Chief Casey to express their appreciation to the officers for their cooperation.

**8. Consideration of Res. 10-77, Approving the Fire Contract**

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

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of the terms of the contract. He stated that they appreciate the police and fire employees' cooperation in negotiating these contracts.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**9. Consideration of Res. 10-66, Approving a Supplemental Budget Appropriation and Authorizing the Purchase of a Used Vehicle for Police CID**

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Coward to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**10. Consideration of Res. 10-64, Awarding a Bid for the Sand Sharing Project**

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

Commissioner Coward asked for clarification regarding the bond. Mr. Silverboard stated that we will require a bond when a notice to proceed is issued. That would not be issued until there is a storm event that we would need them for. We will not be spending money on this in advance.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**11. Consideration of Res. 10-65, Approving an Amendment to a Work Authorization with Cardno TBE for Force Main Inspection and Cleaning**

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that he had asked about the pressure inside the line. He doesn't see how a gas pocket could remain inside a pipe with that kind of pressure in the line. He is in favor of the cleaning, but doesn't think they need to inspect for gas pockets or leaks. Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of the reasons to inspect the lines. The technology will tell them if they have gas pockets, leaks, or problems with the joints in the pipes. Commissioner Bildz asked if there have been instances of gas pockets in these types of lines. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Collins asked how often they had to monitor the lines to ensure that they don't fall below the three foot mark. Mr. Murphy explained that they don't have areas that are significantly compromised, but feels that they should take another look in FY2011-2012.

Mayor Minning stated that when he adds up the numbers he doesn't come up to the not to exceed amount in the resolution. Mr. Murphy stated that the total includes the amount that they added for the work that was done for the modification at the lift station at Pasadena. The total should be \$445,000. The City of Treasure Island's share should be \$293,437, and the City of St. Pete Beach's share should be \$152,505. The correct number should be \$293,437. The erroneous number included the work that was done at the Pasadena lift station.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**12. Consideration of Res. 10-74, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement for Crosswalks and Related Signage**

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

Mr. Silverboard explained that this was not workshopped because this has been discussed previously. This relates to the NOAA improvements.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of this item. It allows for the addition of some additional permitted items such as crosswalks and items needed for the beach accesses. We need approval in order to get the permits.

Commissioner Coward asked what the decorative crosswalks would look like. Mr. Murphy explained that they would not have brick pavers. It would be a ladder type painted surface. It will be a high visibility crosswalk. They will have refuges in the middle of the road to allow pedestrians to stand. There will be beacons similar to those that we already have, as well as flags. Commissioner Coward stated that she prefers the stamped concrete as she thinks it is more attractive. Mr. Murphy explained that they were more expensive and would have to be maintained as the DOT will not maintain that type of surface.

Commissioner Caldwell asked how committed we were to the locations in the memorandum, and whether there was still some flexibility. Mr. Silverboard stated that we are committed to the locations in this memorandum, but we have included an additional one in the budget for next year. Commissioner Caldwell stated that she has had requests for a crosswalk in the Sunshine Beach area near the convenience store on one side of the street and the ice cream stand on the other. Mr. Murphy stated that they will look into it for next year, but the DOT will have to weigh in. Commissioner Coward clarified that we have to get their permission whenever we want to put a crosswalk in. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Mr. Murphy explained that the DOT would concur with the crosswalks but that they had reservations with the use of beacons crosswalks.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**13. Consideration of Res. 10-67 Approving an Increase in the City Attorney's Hourly Rate**

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

Ms. Kiefer explained that she is not requesting an increase in her legal budget. She doesn't anticipate that this increase will go over her budget. She feels that it will be cost effective in the long run to utilize her office. Her goal is to eradicate all litigation in the city once the four cases that are in litigation are closed. She is not requesting an increase in her retainer. She has only received one increase in six and a half years. Her monthly retainer is \$3,247. Her current legal budget is \$86,050. That also includes outside attorneys as well. Her current hourly rate is \$110, and she is proposing \$150 for litigation matters, and \$125 for non-litigation matters.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was 3-2, with Commissioners Collins and Coward being the dissenting votes.

**14. Consideration of Ord. 10-10, Amending the Performance Bond Requirements (First reading)**

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that this was exactly what they needed. It would require the bond to be provided within two business days of the notice to proceed.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**15. Report on CRS Activity 510 (Requested by Reid Silverboard)**

Mr. Silverboard explained that the CRS Activity 510 requires that this information be provided annually. He read a statement regarding the Mitigation Committee meeting that was held. They do these activities in order for their residents to get a discount on their flood insurance policies. The rating of 7 allows the residents to get a 15% discount.

Commissioner Bildz asked if there was any hope of moving forward. Mr. Silverboard explained that it would require more public outreach and more financial resources invested in the program to significantly lower the rating. Mr. Schwartz explained that the biggest cost would be for an outreach program. In the past they have done a mailing at significant cost. Mr. Silverboard explained the rating system. It isn't just spending a couple of thousand dollars, it is more intensive. Mayor Manning asked what the reduction would be. Mr. Schwartz explained that to go from a 7 to a 6 it would require approximately 300-500 additional points, as well as ordinance changes, and policy changes. A 7 is a good number for Pinellas County. A 6 would bring us to a 20% discount. He advises builders of new construction to go an additional two feet above what is currently required in order to get a discount from the federal government. Commissioner Bildz asked if they would still have to meet the height requirement. Mr. Schwartz answered in the affirmative.

**16. Consideration of Res. 10-83, Appointing a Member to the Vision Committee**

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that this was a difficult decision to make. He would like to appoint Patricia Velasco as the appointee. He would like Eric Corson to follow up on this with the civic association.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning stated that he was sure the Vision Steering Committee would welcome Mr. Corson's input and urged him to attend the meetings.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by Mayor Minning.