

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

The workshop was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Res. 10-72, Request to Conduct Skim Board Instruction Camp at the Ringed Gull Lot Public Beach

Frank Papa from Reno Beach Skim Camp gave a brief explanation of their request. He gave some information about their camp. They teach safety, beach etiquette, and conservation as well as skim boarding. They would like to continue the camp indefinitely. He stated that they are taking a loss on the camp and asked if they could pay a flat fee rather than a percentage of camp charges.

Commissioner Bildz asked why they are holding the camp at Sunset Beach rather than behind the Sand Pebble Resort, which was named in the article. Mr. Papa explained that it was heavily populated with skim boarders behind the Sand Pebble, and the skill level of their students was not adequate for them to be integrated with the older and more experienced skim boarders. Commissioner Bildz asked how long they ran the camps before they were stopped. Mr. Papa stated that it was three weeks and apologized for not getting permission first. They were unaware that they needed to do so. Commissioner Bildz stated that he received no complaints, and was glad that they were teaching courtesy.

Commissioner Bildz asked Mr. Silverboard if he would be drawing up a license agreement. Mr. Silverboard explained that they would be drawing up the same agreement that is currently being used for the other classes that are held in city facilities. Mr. Papas explained that his class would not be using city resources and requested that they charge an amount less than the 25%. Commissioner Bildz stated that he would prefer to have a license agreement that could be revoked immediately if they get complaints. He stated that he thinks they should be charged something.

Commissioner Coward stated that she doesn't feel that they can charge for usage of the public beach. Ms. Kiefer stated that they could do a license agreement. There is a history of payment for usage of the beach. Ms. Hayduke explained how all of the vendors doing business on the beach are paying the city.

Commissioner Collins stated that there is a lot of bookkeeping involved. He suggested that they charge a one time flat annual fee. There are a lot of kids here now and he supports this with a one time fee. Commissioner Caldwell agreed with Commissioner Collins. Commissioner Bildz stated that he likes that they are teaching respect on the beach.

Ms. Hayduke clarified that they were talking about a one time annual fee. She stated that they should still require the certificate of insurance and a business license with Community Improvement. She would also want specific beginning and end dates and times. Mr. Silverboard suggested that they set an annual amount that he can pay quarterly. Mr. Papa explained that they have a very strict liability waiver, and they don't allow more than five

campers per instructor. He usually caps the camp at 20 children. He appreciates Mr. Silverboard's comments as they may not run the camp year round due to weather.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

2. Transmittal of Recommendation from the Beach Stewardship Committee for Renovation of the Central Beach Trail

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. It is the recommendation from the Beach Stewardship Committee for a conceptual project for renovating the central beach trail. He has spoken with Mr. Velasco, and he feels that this should have its own workshop session for the Commission to consider it. He would have Mr. Graham there to answer questions. He suggested that the workshop be held in October. It was agreed to do so.

3. Consideration of Res. 10-76, Award of Bid for Repairs to the Capri and Palms Bridges

Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of the item. It was budgeted in the current year's budget to repair these two bridges. These bridges have been targeted for replacement and repair. They have asked our Engineer of Record, EC Driver, to assist with this project. They were provided with a report of the voids in the area, and used that report to suggest a repair plan.

They went out to bid twice on the project. They used a bid list provided by EC Driver. They received bids from three contractors. Pneumatic Concrete Company, Inc. was the low bidder. They had EC Driver review the bids and they reported that the bid was complete and recommended that the bid be awarded to Pneumatic Concrete Company.

Commissioner Coward asked how long this could extend the life of the bridges. Mr. Murphy explained that this would stabilize the embankments. This will last long enough to replace the bridges. This will not extend the life of the bridge itself. It will stabilize the bridges to keep them in operation until they can be replaced. Commissioner Coward asked what would happen if we do not do this. Mr. Murphy stated that we could continue to see voids that could be large enough to make the bridges unstable.

Commissioner Bildz clarified that we were just talking about the bridge approachments. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative. He explained what was done to show the condition of the bridges. Commissioner Bildz asked if they would be repairing the deck of the Capri bridge. Mr. Murphy explained that they could spend money to repair, but it was a significant amount of money and it was agreed to replace them rather than repair them. Commissioner Bildz asked if any of the work on the approachments would interfere with the bridge replacements. Mr. Murphy stated that the approachments need to be stable. We don't know when those bridges will be replaced. The data shows that we have significant issues with void formation in and around the edges of those embankments, and some are starting to manifest under the road beds. His recommendation is to move forward with this whether they replace the bridges in two years or in five years.

Commissioner Collins asked if the embankments would be destroyed when they replace the bridge, or would they be retained. Mr. Murphy explained that they would get a brand new approach at the time of replacement. Commissioner Collins asked how long the stabilization would last. Mr. Murphy stated that the problem is that they are filling voids, and

the infrastructure is starting to show its age. Because the structure and sea wall are having issues there may be other areas where voids will appear. We are repairing what has shown up. We will repair what has manifested itself now. Commissioner Collins asked if the repair would have a positive effect on the sea wall. Mr. Murphy stated that it may. Commissioner Collins asked if we are having problems like chunks of concrete falling and rebar showing on these bridges. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Collins asked if qualified bridge engineers had been consulted regarding the load factor. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative. It was done prior to this report being written.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

4. Consideration of Res. 10-79, Brotherton Work Order #2 for Gulf Boulevard Utilities Undergrounding Project

Mr. Silverboard gave the Commission a handout of the recent estimate from Brighthouse and a modified spreadsheet. The estimates for easements and roadwork are based on the experience in Indian Shores. Progress Energy does not want to put their improvements within the public right of way. If easements are required then it is unlikely that the project can move forward.

Commissioner Coward stated that Indian Shores didn't have to buy easements. Mr. Silverboard stated that they can ask Mr. Brotherton to challenge that decision by Progress Energy. It will require coordination with DOT as it is their right of way. If we can't prevail on that, and the abutting property owners want to be paid for the easements it will be difficult to move forward.

Commissioner Collins stated that Progress Energy has stated that once the easements are acquired it will no longer be under the control of the city, but under the control of Progress Energy. Mr. Silverboard stated that Brighthouse and Verizon have been very cooperative, and his initial conversations with Progress Energy were very positive. It is their engineers that are requiring the easements.

Mayor Minning asked what the cost would be to get an answer regarding the right of ways. Mr. Silverboard stated that he didn't know. This request was asking for money to get started, and that would be the first step. If that can't be resolved they would not spend the rest of the money. They would come back asking for the money for additional work as the project comes together.

Commissioner Bildz asked where the difference in the amount of the estimate and the amount that the city would be receiving for the project will come from. Mr. Silverboard stated that that was part of the task that the financial analyst would be charged with. Prior to the financial analyst coming on board we will present to the commission a list of projects for the Commission to consider for financing.

Commissioner Collins stated that he wants to see Gulf Boulevard undergrounded, but he feels that it will not happen. It will be costly to get the easements. There are many projects that need to be done before the undergrounding. Mr. Silverboard stated that there are some alternatives. The way they did the estimates was in phases. It could be that they only do one section at a time. Mayor Minning stated that there is \$3.7 million set aside for the beautification of Gulf Blvd. To not use it would be a detriment. Commissioner Collins stated that the problem will be obtaining the easements. Mr. Silverboard suggested that they get

the answer on that and go on from there. There are a variety of different approaches that they can take.

Commissioner Coward stated that she recalled them agreeing to use whatever money they were going to get for the project. Commissioner Collins stated that the \$3.7 million would cover two sections.

Commissioner Caldwell asked if some of the money in this item could be taken out of the \$3.7 million. Mr. Silverboard stated that we don't have a signed agreement yet, but we would try to recoup our engineering and consulting fees. He suggested that they might be able to be reimbursed for an earlier undergrounding project.

Commissioner Coward stated that we should not try to go back, but should use the money to do whatever we can do now.

Commissioner Collins asked about the easements for equipment other than wires. Mr. Silverboard stated that there would be easements for boxes. Indian Shores was able to get the property owners to donate their property for those.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

5. Consideration of Res. 10-78, Supplemental Budget Appropriation for FY 2009-10

Mr. Silverboard gave an explanation of this item. He listed some of the projects that were not previously budgeted, such as the Sanding Ovations event, and grant funds that were received and expended.

Mayor Minning asked what the event revenue was for Sanding Ovations. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was in the neighborhood of \$22,000. Commissioner Coward asked if that included parking revenues. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

6. Consideration of Res. 10-80, Increase in Stormwater Fees

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. The budget is predicated on this increase in the stormwater fees. The increase will be roughly 79 cents per month per residence. The stormwater fund is significantly out of balance and expenditures outweigh the revenue. We are trying to bring the fees up so that it will be self sufficient so that it will not be subsidized by either the general fund or the sewer fund. This year we are taking \$162,000 out of fund balance to cover the expenditures. This includes the additional revenues.

Commissioner Coward asked where the savings that we are receiving for checking the sewers are. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is in the wastewater fund. Commissioner Coward asked if there is any way to save in this area. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is not. We are applying for grants, but they will not cover everything. We are doing spot repairs as needed. Mr. Murphy further explained that they are spending money to alleviate ponding of water in some places. They have permission from SWFMWD to do some spot repairs. Mr. Silverboard stated that they don't have much choice in repairs to the storm sewers. The city participates in the NPDS program, which requires us to do a certain amount of ongoing

maintenance. We are hoping that we will be able to avoid some of the more stringent penalties that are coming later down the road.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

7. Consideration of Res. 10-81, Increase in Solid Waste Fees

Mr. Silverboard explained that they were proposing a 2.5% increase in the collection fees, and a 5% increase in the recycling fees. The contract for recycling increases 5% each year, and we did not increase the rates last year. The 2.5% is what is needed in order to balance the budget. We are projecting that we will add \$700 to fund balance with these rate increases. It will generate a total of \$41,250 for garbage and \$8,100 for recycling.

Commissioner Collins stated that the average single family home will increase 37 cents per month for garbage, and 25 cents per month for recycling.

Mr. Silverboard stated that he has been getting requests from citizens for recycling for condos and apartments. Mr. Murphy stated that the contract with Waste Management expires in April of next year. They are preparing to go out to bid. Mr. Silverboard stated that they will come to the Commission to discuss whether they want to extend recycling to multi-family properties and businesses. We have not received any word from the County on their recycling project.

Commissioner Collins asked if it was the general consensus from multi-family residences that they want it. Mr. Silverboard stated that residents are commenting that they are paying for recycling but not receiving it. Commissioner Collins stated that there were several places not interested in having it because it would take up too much space. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was his understanding that there wasn't support from the majority of people in the condos.

Commissioner Bildz stated that in the budget they were going to decrease the gas amount in the solid waste fund. He asked if they could bring the rate increase down by that amount. Mr. Silverboard stated that he would calculate it for them.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked about the progress on the parking stations and the receipts. Mr. Silverboard stated that our machines do not give receipts, and it is a costly modification to do so. He received an e-mail from someone suggesting receipts. They checked the print outs for her information. Commissioner Collins stated that once someone puts the money in the machine they don't know if they have paid for what they got. Mr. Silverboard stated that the latest complaint that they received was from someone in St. Petersburg that didn't know that she had to pay because the signage was inadequate. They went out and checked for her complaint, and checked to see if there were other similar complaints. There have not been a lot of complaints. Commissioner Collins stated that he didn't think it could be that costly to modify them to give people a receipt. Mr. Silverboard stated that the machine tells them what they have paid for, and in the beach environment it creates high maintenance due to the humidity creating paper jams and the like. Mr. Murphy stated that the type of pay stations that we have cannot be converted to issue receipts. They currently have to clean the card swiper and coin slots on a regular basis.

The problem with the ticket system is they need to be regularly cleaned, and they jam, and once that happens the machine is unusable.

Commissioner Coward asked what happened to the performance review information that they were supposed to receive. They were supposed to get something from the City Attorney and she hasn't seen it. Mayor Minning stated that they had decided to address this in October after they got through the budget.

Commissioner Coward asked if she missed getting a financial statement for July. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was his understanding that Pam distributed them. The City Clerk will check with her and it will be redistributed.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer stated that she was in court today on the Becker case. Judge Demers has agreed to hear the city's request to get the case dismissed on September 16th. If the judge grants the motion it will not move forward. If he denies the motion it will be heard on the 23rd. They will not hear witnesses; it will be based solely on affidavits.

Ms. Kiefer reported that discovery cutoff for the Schwarz case is next week. The attorneys have been working very hard on the depositions. Mr. Silverboard's deposition will be next Tuesday. We do not have a definite date for the trial in November yet.

Ms. Kiefer stated that she has been working with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silverboard, and Mayor Minning on the chloride flow issue. Average eighteen month readings have been well below the 50% levels. Mayor Minning has written a letter to Mayor Foster. Mayor Minning commented that it was interesting that the limit was 500 ppm, and in the Bahamas the limit for drinking water is 600 ppm.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins gave a reminder that this Saturday was beach clean up. Meet at 7:45 at Ricky T's.

Commissioner Coward stated that she attended the Beach Stewardship Committee today. They asked if the size of the committee could be increased. At this time each district appoints one member and there is one member appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Minning suggested that they might be able to each add one more appointment, and suggested that they workshop it.

Commissioner Bildz reported that the Suncoast League of Cities was holding a meeting in Seminole on September 18th. There will be a tour of their new emergency operation center and public works building.

Commissioner Bildz reported that Sunset Beach will be having a beach clean up on Saturday.

Commissioner Bildz asked that Chief Casey investigate the complaint made by Chuck O'Dell. Mr. Silverboard stated that Chief Casey has already done so, and has confirmed the law with Mr. O'Dell. There may need to be an ordinance change to solve his problem. Commissioner Bildz requested that they discuss this at a workshop.

Mayor Minning stated that he would like to discuss the role of alternate members to committees. Ms. Kiefer explained that it was her understanding that the function of an alternate is to meet a

quorum. She always encourages alternates to attend and participate so that they are involved, and if something is carried over they would be able to vote in the event that they are needed. An alternate would not vote unless it was to meet a quorum. She suggested that if they want to change that then they should codify that in their ordinances. It was agreed to continue with Ms. Kiefer's recommendation to leave it as is.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. by Mayor Minning.