

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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, CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION None

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

F. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AND WORKSHOP AGENDAS

G. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consideration of Res. 10-85, Setting the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2010- 2011 (Public Hearing)

Mayor Minning read a statement regarding the millage rate. This rate is 11.5% lower than the rollback rate.

The public hearing was opened at 6:07 by Mayor Minning. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

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

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning read a statement setting the final millage rate at 2.6868.

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

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Minning at 6:08 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Coward and seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to approve the ordinance as read.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.

Mayor Minning read a statement regarding the budget and millage rate.

H. CONSENT AGENDA (None)

I. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

3. Consideration of Res. 10-69, Approving the Property, Casualty, Workers Compensation and Miscellaneous Insurance Plans for FY 2010-11 (Tabled from September 8, 2010)

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.

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

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

Commissioner Bildz asked about the hours of operation and why he would be required to operate every other Saturday and wouldn't be allowed to operate every Saturday. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was because he asked to operate every other Saturday. They have received another request to conduct skim board and paddle board classes on the opposite weeks. That request will be coming before the Commission in October.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the fee being required to be paid at the beginning of the month and how fees could be waived if classes are not held if the fee was paid in advance. Mr. Silverboard stated that we would be provided with a schedule in advance for billing purposes. Ms. Hayduke explained that the payment terms were addressed in the agreement.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the section regarding proper attire. Mr. Silverboard stated that since the camp is geared for children there would be things that would not be appropriate. If there is a question Ms. Hayduke will make the decision.

Mr. Pappa addressed some of the questions asked by Commissioner Bildz. They asked for only two weeks per month, and understand that if they were to operate more often they would pay more. They are trying to keep it affordable, so will not likely operate more than two times per month.

Commissioner Coward asked about the section on attorney's fees. Ms. Kiefer stated that it is a standard clause in all of our agreements to protect the city in the event that something occurs when the agreement is drafted. They have not had to invoke the clause in the past.

Commissioner Bildz asked if Mr. Pappa's requests will be added to the agreement. Mr. Silverboard explained how they had come to agreements on the items in question. They can pass the resolution based on the Commission's comments.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Collins asked where the funds above what was budgeted in the LOISS fund were coming from. Mr. Silverboard explained that there would be excess funds in the account. Mr. Murphy explained that it also included the engineering costs. Mr. Silverboard explained that they had budgeted a total of \$100,000. The remaining balance will be returned to the LOISS fund upon completion of the project.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Caldwell stated that she had a concern with spending \$7,000 with the lack of information that they have when they may not be able to proceed. If an agreement cannot be reached then they will not be able to move forward. Mr. Silverboard stated that the \$7,000 was necessary in order to get that information. If we find that the utilities cannot be placed in the right-of-way then we will not spend any additional money. Commissioner Caldwell made comments regarding the timeline in the guideline. Mr. Silverboard stated that they will re-order the tasks so that is the first thing addressed.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Minning commented that the \$7,000 would be reimbursable from the County.

7. Consideration of Ord. 10-10, Amending the Performance Bond Requirements. (Second reading and public hearing)

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

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Minning. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

Upon roll call the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.

8. Consideration of Res. 10-86, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement for Traffic Control Signals and Devices

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

Commissioner Coward asked that this be explained for the people listening. Mr. Murphy explained that for the past five years Pinellas County has maintained all of the traffic lights within the city. This is an amendment to extend the contract to continue the service. Commissioner Coward asked for clarification as to what "maintaining" them means. Mr. Murphy explained that they do preventative maintenance as well as coming out when there is a problem. Mr. Silverboard stated that they have also installed the cameras on the mast arms in order to control the traffic flow better.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Bildz stated that this resolution is not for the purpose of spending additional money – it is to address money that has already been spent.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Collins stated that this was about 79 cents per household every two months.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Collins stated that this was a 30 cent increase.

Commissioner Coward stated that we are over budgeted in the gas and oil account in this fund. We are asking for an increase that will give us \$33,000, but we are over budgeted by \$37,000. She stated that she is opposed to this and feels that they do not have sufficient information to support this. She has asked for information on how much gas and diesel they are using and they were provided with 13 months and not 12. Commissioner Bildz stated that the resolution is for a recycling increase as well as a solid waste increase. Commissioner Coward stated that she cannot support this.

Commissioner Collins asked Mr. Silverboard to address this. Mr. Silverboard stated that they are trying to predict the prices of gas and diesel 18 months in the future. Some years they are more than others. They did reduce the amount of fuel they are budgeting for, so there is a small savings. In the end, when we budget we could have an equipment breakdown where there is a large repair that we didn't budget for. Based on current prices there may be a cushion there, but all we need is one hurricane to go through the Gulf and we are back up to \$4.00 per gallon fuel prices. Commissioner Collins asked for clarification as to what we were budgeting for prices on diesel. Mr. Silverboard stated that we are budgeting \$3.25 for diesel. Commissioner Collins stated that he appreciates what Commissioner Coward is saying, but for the small amount of the increase he is more comfortable with the cushion in case of emergency. Commissioner Coward stated that there is a cushion there, and we have contingency funds. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is only \$25,000 in this fund for contingency. Commissioner Coward stated that we have had that discussion for three years, and we have to be fiscally responsible. She cannot vote for this. Mr. Silverboard stated that in the past two years we have purchased a claw truck for \$125,000 that we did not have to finance, and we bought a garbage truck this year that we did not have to finance. We brought our fund balance down when we purchased those two pieces of equipment. He feels that our fee structure is fair. We are not adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to our fund balance. Commissioner Coward stated that it has been three years, and she feels that if they can't be given good numbers then she can't give them what they are asking for. Mr. Silverboard stated that they are given the best numbers that are available.

Mayor Minning asked how much the fund balance would be. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be approximately four months of operating expenses. Mayor Minning stated that he felt that was reasonable. Commissioner Coward stated that she disagrees. Mr. Silverboard stated that what everyone should understand is the audit number, which is estimated until the audit is completed in March. Budgeting is not a science. There is an art to it in trying to guess what will be spent. There are a number of factors that affect the art of budgeting. Commissioner Coward stated that she understands that and feels that at some point in time they have to stop. Commissioner Bildz stated that he agrees with Commissioner Coward and would be in favor of deleting the increase in solid waste but leaving in the increase in recycling.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

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