

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

The workshop was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Minning.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion, Alcohol Regulations on Sunset Beach (Requested by Commissioner Bildz)

Commissioner Bildz stated that he requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. The regulation has worked beautifully, and the residents have been very pleased. If they want to continue with the regulation it could go to first reading at the next meeting, and second reading at the first meeting in October, resulting in no lapse. If they go to referendum it could take some of the power out of the Commission's hands. He would be in favor of putting in another temporary ban. He suggested a one year extension of the temporary ordinance.

Commissioner Collins stated that he thinks the ordinance has worked very well, and people on both sides of the issue agree. If it goes to referendum it could go either way. He would not be opposed to extending it.

Commissioner Caldwell stated that she would like to extend it and keep it the way it is as it is flexible.

Commissioner Coward stated that she is not opposed to this, but didn't know they would be discussing it tonight.

Terri Guth stated that it was wonderful that Sunset Beach did such a transformation. They saved money and everybody is happy again. She hopes that they will extend this and make it law. It is only two days a week and holidays.

Barry Cousins thanked the Commission for considering this extension. It has made a huge difference. Over the summer he checked into potential liabilities to the city and it was enormous. We don't have enough insurance to cover ourselves in the event that some catastrophic incident happened. He appreciates their consideration in extending this regulation.

Bob Webber stated that he thinks that everyone is correct. There was no doubt that if you ban alcohol it would take care of that problem. The big thing that a lot of the residents on Sunset Beach were against was having their civil liberties taken away. The Chamber of Commerce was against doing it for the entire beach. A large majority of people voiced concerns against the ban. One of the reasons that the ordinance had a sunset clause was to placate some of those concerns. The crowds are down, those beaches don't have the problem and it hasn't moved. The beaches are deserted now. Somewhere there has to be a happy medium between what we had and what we did to fix the problem. Before this sunsets they should think about what contributed to the problem. They should look at parking, and the zoning changes that opened up valet parking. He is against a mass of crowds clogging the streets and beaches, and bad behavior, but he is against any extension. They should maintain the thinking of letting it sunset and anticipate the issues that caused the problem to increase. He feels that this

is the way the majority of the Sunset Beach residents feel. In 1986 they voted on this and they should abide by the way the people feel. He feels it should go to referendum. There isn't a big problem in the fall and winter. It builds up from spring break. He and many of the people of Sunset Beach are against extending the ordinance.

Fred Stern stated that he is confused by this. He asked if there was going to be a general election in January. He asked if there was going to be a general election where the voters would decide on this. Mr. Silverboard stated that when the Commission was discussing this issue they were talking about having a regulation that encompassed the whole beach. As they worked on this they came up with a solution that was for just the area between the Island Inn and the Sunset Chateau. Since it was not going to be city-wide they did not have to put it on for referendum. As it was decided it would sunset on October 1st and then review how successful it was. There was no decision to go to referendum. Mr. Stern asked if as the law stands right now, can you drink alcohol on the beaches of Treasure Island. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative and explained the current regulation for the area of Sunset Beach. It sunsets on October 2nd unless the Commission renews the ordinance. Mr. Stern asked if the Commission voted to extend the regulation it would be for one year in just the current area of regulation. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Mr. Stern asked if the Commission has talked to the businesses that have been affected by the regulations. Mayor Minning stated that he spoke with one business. Mr. Stern asked if it affected them negatively or positively. Mayor Minning stated that it was negatively. Mr. Stern stated that he had talked to three of them whose businesses were negatively affected by 40%. He stated that they should be careful doing something that would affect businesses even more. He asked them to consider how this would impact the businesses in that area. The crowds are moving south to St. Pete Beach. The parking lots are empty and businesses are closing early.

Tony Amico stated that he didn't think there was a need to extend this through the winter. If they are going to extend it he didn't think there was a need to extend it past 4:00. He feels that they should look at it again next year and see what the needs are then. It did everything that they wanted it to do. It got rid of the crowds, the kids, the under aged drinking, the problems, and the liability to the city. It came at the expense of some of the businesses. His business increased upwards of 30%. He doesn't think it needs to stay in affect all year round. The crowds are gone. If the problem comes up again they can address it again.

Commissioner Collins clarified that it would not be for year round, but would be for the same months as the current ordinance. Commissioner Bildz stated that it would start in October and run for a year. There are several options, but he is proposing that it be extended for a year. Commissioner Collins stated that he misunderstood, and thought it would start in March and continue to October, 2012. That is what he would be in favor of. He would not be in favor of twelve months out of the year, but thinks it would be a good idea from spring break to October.

Commissioner Coward stated that she was concerned that it was not noticed properly. We said we would let it expire on October 2nd. It seems to have taken care of the problem. She doesn't feel that it was noticed. Commissioner Bildz stated that it would have two more readings and be advertised in the newspaper. Commissioner Coward stated that if we gave people more notice she would be in favor of it. Things seem to have quieted down down there. Commissioner Bildz stated that it has, and the residents like it that way and want to keep it that way.

Commissioner Collins stated that he has spoken to a number of people about regulation on Sunset Beach, and they are all in favor of it beginning at spring break and ending in October. He is in favor of doing it the way they did it this year, and not doing it twelve months out of the year.

Mayor Minning stated that this ordinance was a stop gap measure. If we are going to talk about this we need to talk about what dates we want for next year. Commissioner Bildz suggested that they start it the first weekend in February and end it the last weekend in September. A brief discussion regarding when spring break occurs ensued. Mayor Minning stated that he agrees with the first weekend in February. It has been very effective and he would like to see it continue.

There was a brief discussion regarding the time. It was passed in May this year. If earlier it could impact the residents being able to watch the sunset. Mr. Silverboard stated that he will try to incorporate that into the proposed ordinance.

This item will move forward for first reading within the next few meetings.

2. Discussion, Redistricting Commission Districts

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. We have received the census information. There is a provision in the charter that says that the Commission can, if it wants to, appoint a committee to consider redistricting, or they can assign it to staff to bring them the information. He recommended that if they find that there is a need to redistrict they assign it to staff and ask them to report back within 120 days.

Commissioner Coward asked which part of the staff would work on this. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would be the Planning staff. If they appointed a districting committee they would still need staff. The other option would be for the Commission to contract with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Collins stated that they should have staff get on this right away. Commissioner Bildz stated that our population dropped significantly, so there is a need to do this. We need to make sure that our districts are equal.

Commissioner Caldwell stated that when she looked at the information it was difficult to go through. She would like staff to work on this.

The consensus was to have staff work on this. Mr. Silverboard stated that the goal was 120 days.

3. Consideration of Res. 11-88, approving the Kites for Kids fundraiser event

Julie Anderson and Steve Visnitch were present to ask permission to hold a fund raiser for All Children's on the beach. They want to introduce children to the sports of kite boarding and stand up boarding. They are looking to raise \$25,000 to \$35,000 for All Children's. There are many people in the kite boarding community that support this. Commissioner Bildz asked what kite boarding was. Mr. Visnitch explained that it was the people that you see in the water with the large kites. There are also people who kite buggy along the beach. These would be people standing on the beach. The water portion would be the stand up boarding. The kites used would be smaller and less powerful. They want to introduce people who have never flown a kite like this to try it.

The fundraiser will be that people will have to pay to play. There will be food and music there. Anybody can stand up paddle board. They will hold a race. They can probably host a race with at least 100 paddlers. Ms. Anderson stated that they will have both children's and adult kite clinics in small groups. They will be taught safety and be given the opportunity to fly the kite with an instructor present. Mr. Visnitch stated that the kites that people are most familiar with are the triangular kites. They do the big power kites but they do not intend to use those. Commissioner Bildz asked if the area would be roped off. Mr. Visnitch stated that they did not intend to but could if need be. Commissioner Bildz clarified that they would ask for donations from the people flying the kites. Mr. Visnitch answered in the affirmative. This will kick off their annual kite event that goes from Dunedin to St. Pete Beach.

Commissioner Collins clarified that this was benefitting All Childrens and asked if they would be getting 100% of the money. Ms. Anderson answered in the affirmative. It is all volunteers. Commissioner Collins asked if parking on the beach would be a problem. Mr. Silverboard stated that it would not.

Commissioner Bildz clarified that they would be bringing all the kites and paddleboards. Ms. Anderson answered in the affirmative. Mr. Visnitch stated that they will plan once they get the approval and know what area they have to work with.

Commissioner Coward stated that it is a great opportunity as our beaches are often quiet at that time of year.

Commissioner Bildz asked if there was a need for port-o-lets. Ms. Hayduke stated that they are not required for other events of this nature, and she doesn't feel that it is necessary at this time. Commissioner Bildz asked about the banner. Ms. Hayduke explained that it would be at 107th and Gulf Blvd. It would have to be taken down immediately after the event.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

4. Consideration of Res. 11-89, approving the purchase of a mower for Treasure Bay

Ms. Hayduke gave a brief explanation of this item. She described the mower that they are requesting to purchase. They had planned on replacing the mower in the next year's budget, but the mower is beyond repair. They are requesting to purchase a new Toro Mower for \$24,974.27.

Commissioner Collins asked if the new one would have a water temperature gauge. Ms. Hayduke stated that it was the only mower that they have had a problem with. They will check the specs on the new one. Commissioner Collins stated that if available they should get one. Commissioner Bildz stated that it was a good point, but if every swipe they are overheating the equipment it needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the prices are pretty similar between the different brands, and asked if one was better than the other. Ms. Hayduke stated that her staff has told her that the Toro is a good mower. Mr. Silverboard stated that in his experience with golf courses this question has come up, and there is really no answer to that. It depends on what somebody grew up with. Commissioner Coward stated that it also depends on preventative maintenance. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was preventative maintenance

before it is started, and after it is used. Ms. Hayduke stated that her staff is very good about that.

Commissioner Bildz asked if this was in the upcoming budget. Ms. Hayduke stated that it was, but when this came up it was taken out of the budget.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

5. Consideration of Res. 11-90, approving the purchase of a portable stage for the auditorium

Ms. Hayduke gave a brief explanation of this item. When the stage was removed for the floor replacement they found that the stage was buckling. The stage is used only for Commission meetings. It would give more room for activities in the auditorium. She suggested that they purchase a stage similar to what is used in the Community Center. She gave a brief description of the proposed stage.

Commissioner Collins stated that he is opposed to it and feels it is unnecessary. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need for a stage. It was suggested that they get new chairs that didn't roll.

This item will not move forward.

6. Consideration of Res. 11-81, awarding a bid for the renovation of the Master Pump Station.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of this item. This project will be funded by an EPA grant and the revolving loan fund. It includes the master pump station and lift station number three. He gave an update on the bid process. There were specific requirements because it was federally funded. TLC received the most points, and had the lowest bid price. The bid price came in above budget, so the scope of the project had to be changed. It reduced the contract price to \$1,149,100. He asked that the bid be awarded in that amount, along with approval for the City Manager to approve overages for unforeseen items in the amount of 10% of that amount. The total available funding is \$1,264,000. TLC is committed to complete the project within 180 days of being given the notice to proceed.

Commissioner Collins asked if this would ensure that the offensive odor will be eliminated. Mr. Murphy stated that it will significantly reduce the odor, but will not eliminate it completely. Commissioner Collins asked if anything old would be left of the electrical and lighting systems. Mr. Murphy stated that some of the equipment would remain, but the bulk of the electrical work will be replacing the motors. Commissioner Collins stated that he thought that everything should be replaced. Mr. Murphy stated that we have replaced significant items. The items that we removed from the scope were items that were of a lesser risk and could be replaced in the future. We are replacing things that are critical to the operation of the station.

Commissioner Coward asked for clarification about the items that didn't need to be included. Mr. Murphy stated that when we do a federal project like this we are required to follow the Davis Bacon Act. When we put these items in we were hoping that we could get these done within the scope of the original budget. Commissioner Coward stated that she felt that the spare odor control blower and the spare wastewater pump were

important. Mr. Murphy explained the pump operation and why a pump was not needed. The blower was a relatively minor cost and could be replaced in the future if necessary.

Commissioner Bildz asked if we had to tell people not to flush their toilets during this time. Mr. Murphy explained that there would be a bypass pumping operation. Commissioner Bildz asked if we take \$124,000 out of our lift station account, would it significantly impact that. Mr. Murphy stated that there would be some impact, but it was important to do this due to the grant and the revolving loan.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

7. Consideration of Res. 11-87, awarding a bid for the 104th Avenue traffic signal

Mr. Murphy gave a brief explanation of the item. They have gone out to bid, and worked out the permitting and design issues. MPG and Company was identified at the low successful bidder. The bids were evaluated by the city's traffic engineer. He recommends that the bid be awarded in the contract amount plus a 10% contingency. The 10% is important as there will be some subsurface work, and some DOT infrastructure that they will have to work with. He asked that they authorize the City Manager to authorize change orders. There is sufficient funding for the project, and is a cost sharing project with Publix, who will be paying 50% of the cost.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification regarding a turning lane. Mr. Murphy stated that there will not be a turning lane, but will have pedestrian countdown signals in all directions. Commissioner Collins asked if there were devices that would sense the number of cars waiting and change the light appropriately. Mr. Murphy stated that there would be video detection to regulate the light.

Commissioner Coward clarified that Publix would be paying approximately \$102,000. Mr. Murphy answered in the affirmative. We would be saving that from the budget. Mayor Minning asked what the total project cost was. Mr. Murphy stated that it was at or below \$275,000. Mr. Silverboard stated that it was partially funded from Publix and partially out of LOISS money being transferred into the Capital Projects fund. Commissioner Bildz asked where the money from Publix would go. Mr. Silverboard explained that it would go back into the Capital Projects fund for paving. Commissioner Bildz stated that it was one more reason to lower the millage. Mr. Silverboard stated that we did not get the money. He will check the budget to see what was planned for it.

Mayor Minning asked about the schedule. Mr. Murphy stated that he anticipates having the project substantially completed by the end of the year, and complete before the season begins.

Commissioner Collins stated that Publix has been a very good neighbor since they moved into the city. Commissioner Bildz stated that it was true, but it should have been done when they came in for site plan review.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

8. Consideration of Res. 11-84, approving the WPC rates adjustment

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of the item. During the summer budget workshops the City Commission was presented with a rate study. What is being

proposed is a 5% increase this year and 3% increases during the next three years? The 5% raises \$166,115 in additional revenue for the upcoming year. There is a rate schedule provided. There is a revised resolution where they recalculated the pass through amount which reduces the pass through amount by fourteen cents per gallon. The increase for a single family house that uses 4,000 gallons monthly the amount will go from \$41.49 bi-monthly to \$43.02, or a difference of \$1.53 bi-monthly. The pass through amount will be \$6.54. This allows us to supply sufficient funds for operation and maintenance of our system, and gives us approximately \$520,000 per year to do capital improvements such as relining. It will allow us to build up our reserves to almost a half year of operating revenues. What we have been doing in the past is funding our needs by using fund balance and we cannot sustain that. We need this 5% increase plus the additional 3% increases with the pass through for setting the rates for the next four years. Based on the study this resolution does so for the next four years, and provides a methodology for the pass through for each of those four years.

Commissioner Coward asked if this also includes the 25% surcharge. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Coward stated that it is important that we provide for that. Mr. Silverboard stated that the past study anticipated that it would be settled in one year, and didn't provide for the future years.

Commissioner Collins asked for clarification of the amount of increase for a single family home. Mr. Silverboard stated that their handout gives them the figures. It was changed to reflect the decrease in the pass through amount. The sewer increase is \$1.53.

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification regarding the six month operating reserve. It is approximately \$2 million. Commissioner Bildz clarified that it included the surcharge and the equipment rehabilitation. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is what we are anticipating what it will provide for capital R & R for maintaining the infrastructure. We have been budgeting approximately \$75,000 per year for manhole relining. Mr. Murphy stated that there is some additional lift station work that is not funded by the revolving loan or the EPA grant. Mayor Minning asked if they were taking the funding from six lift stations. Mr. Murphy stated that it would affect those lift stations in the future. Commissioner Bildz asked if we anticipated having the \$2 million reserve in October, 2014. Mr. Harrison from PRMG stated that they anticipate being slightly short of that. There is a degree of uncertainty. They project that in October, 2015 there would be just less than \$1.6 million. It was a balance to try to get closer to that target without raising the rates further. Commissioner Bildz stated that he doesn't like voting for four year increases but he doesn't see any way around it at this time. Mr. Silverboard stated that there are many places increasing their rates.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

9. Consideration of Res. 11-85, approving the Recycling fee adjustment

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. We are not proposing any change to the solid waste rates. We are proposing a 5% increase in the recycling rates. Our contract expires in May, 2012. We will be going out for proposal this winter and will discuss our future recycling strategy. We anticipate that no matter what we do we will see about a 10% increase in the first contract. The reason we expect an increase is due to the fuel adjustment charge. Our current contract does not provide for a fuel adjustment charge. Contracts being written now are including fuel adjustment charges. It will be a 26 cent increase.

Commissioner Collins stated that people are giving recycling companies things that can be resold for recycling. Commissioner Bildz stated that they don't sell it all. There is a market for aluminum cans, but not for newspapers. Mr. Silverboard stated that there isn't a market for everything. We will be bringing an item to you with options for strategies for recycling. It will include options for condos and businesses. We are working on trying to get feedback from them. Commissioner Collins stated that in the past it has always been a parking issue with them. Mr. Silverboard stated that the solution to that was to allow a required parking space to be used for recycling bins. It didn't require a variance process. There was usually a space available to be used for that purpose. Commissioner Collins asked if we could require condos to participate. Mr. Silverboard stated that we could not, and we could leave it up to the contractor to sell the service to whoever wanted to participate.

Commissioner Coward asked if there are more companies than Waste Management. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Coward stated that Waste Management is top of the line. Mr. Silverboard stated that there are about six companies providing service in the unincorporated areas.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

10. Consideration of Res. 11-86, approving the Stormwater fee adjustment

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. We are trying to get stormwater to pay for itself so that it is not being subsidized by other funds. This equates to an increase of \$1.19 per month, or about \$15 per year. This would generate an additional \$89,000. We are engaged in an extensive project in the Sunset Beach area using a combination of SWFWMD funds and city funds, and there are numerous other areas in the city that need storm drain improvements. We need to set up a more vigorous program to inspect the outfalls and clean out the marine growth inside them, and where necessary, reline the pipes. We need to get this system paying for itself. We have been balancing it by using fund balance.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

11. Consideration of Res. 11-82, approving an update to the Public Records Fee policy

Ms. Foss gave a brief explanation of this item. She explained that public records requests have increased considerably, and staff is spending a lot of time on these requests. In doing research she found that our resolution allowing for one hour of free time is outdated. Most cities and the state are charging for anything after fifteen or thirty minutes. She is proposing that they charge for anything over thirty minutes.

Mayor Minning asked what the rate would be. Ms. Foss stated it would be at the rate of whoever is doing the research. Commissioner Coward asked how the rate would be determined. Ms. Foss explained that we would include benefits in calculating the rate. It would be at the rate of the lowest paid employee that is capable of doing the research. Commissioner Coward asked who was doing most of the work. Ms. Foss stated that it depended on the request. Sometimes it is the departments, and sometimes it is her. She recently did a request for St. Petersburg that was 3,000 pages and took about 5 hours of her time. Commissioner Coward stated that we are limited by who has the expertise to do it. Ms. Foss stated that we were, and also by staffing levels.

Ms. Foss stated that Mr. Gayton had asked for a comparison of the number of requests in 2008 versus the number of requests this year. She checked her e-mail for requests and there were none via e-mail in 2008. There have been about ten this year already. One was 3,000 pages long, and they were provided with a stack of papers, several thumb drives, and DVDs. Commissioner Collins asked who that was for. Ms. Foss stated that it was for the City of St. Petersburg. Commissioner Collins asked if it was related to lawsuits. Ms. Foss answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Minning asked how this compared to a Freedom of Information request. Ms. Kiefer explained that the Freedom of Information Act is a federal statute. When a public records request is made here it is done under the Public Records Law, which is Chapter 119 in the state statutes. Commissioner Coward asked what the state calls these requests. Ms. Kiefer stated that at the state level they are public records requests.

This item will move forward to the next meeting agenda. Commissioner Bildz commented that we are not trying to discourage people from making public records requests; we are just trying to recoup the costs. Commissioner Coward stated that we would still not be recouping all of the costs. She asked for clarification that we are getting paid for the copies. Ms. Foss answered in the affirmative and stated that we have no control over what we charge for them as they are set by state law. She received a check this week from a law firm in the amount of 90 cents for copies. It cost more to send the invoice, but that is the resolution and the law.

12. Consideration of Res. 11-77, setting the City Clerk's salary

Mr. Silverboard gave a brief explanation of this item. City Code requires that the City Clerk's salary be set by resolution. It is proposed that the increase be set at the budgeted 1% increase with the possibility of an up to 2% bonus. He has calculated the increase at 1% for them bringing the salary to \$60,933.

The item will move forward to the next meeting agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Collins asked if there was anything new on the bank fees. Ms. Trovato stated that they received proposals from four banks. What has been suggested by the Financial Advisor is to not move forward with anything on banking services, but to wait to see if the debt services will save us money with the banking services. We can still break it up to have money in different banks based on the services that they provide. We will go out for RFP at the end of September for debt service, getting the information in mid-October. We will bring the information forward to get approval by mid-November.

Commissioner Collins asked about flying flags at half mast for 9-11. Mr. Silverboard stated that there is usually an order notifying us when the flags are supposed to be down and for how long. We will be sure that they will be down.

Commissioner Coward stated that she received an e-mail from a resident in Sunset Beach, which she read, along with her response.

III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Ms. Kiefer reported that Attorney Levin is still working on the opinion regarding Sunset Beach. She anticipates that it will be available by the next meeting.

Ms. Kiefer requested an executive session regarding the St. Petersburg lawsuit at 5:00 p.m. on September 20th.

Mr. Silverboard reported on a meeting that he attended in the Mayor's place with the cities of Gulfport and South Pasadena. The meeting was a presentation given by two firefighters. The County has been considering an alternative EMS system beginning with the next fiscal year. The proposed system is to make Sunstar and Paramedics Plus responsible for all transport, and make the fire districts limited to ALS first response only. They would no longer be funding rescue units. They would pay for an ALS engine. They can still use rescue units, but they will not be funded. Currently the county, in funding an ALS engine, pays for one position, or one paramedic, which is three people. For a rescue unit they have been paying for two paramedics, or six positions. For a place like Treasure Island we would get about the same money we are getting currently. For places like St. Petersburg, they would be reduced somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5 to \$6 million, which is a significant reduction. The two firefighters came up with the fire department alternative plan, which would have the fire departments providing both first responder and transport, and would cut out Sunstar and Paramedics Plus. They would additionally provide most inter-facility transports, which are non-emergency transports such as between hospitals and nursing homes. That is where the money is as they are more likely to be paid for those types of transports. He discussed the number of units that would be involved. It would require the hiring of approximately 200 people, mostly coming from Sunstar. They estimate a first year cost savings of about \$5 million. The three or five year savings would be about \$20 million over the current system. They have received information from the county rejecting this proposal from the firefighters. Beth Rawlins has been engaged by the firefighters to present this information to the various agencies, and they have asked if she can make a presentation to the Commission in October. They are trying to get enough local support to slow the county down and have their proposal properly vetted and their plan adjusted.

Mayor Minning reported on the discussion that occurred at the Mayor's Council today. The county reviewed the proposal and did not concur with it. Commissioner Seel was not supportive of that position, and said that on the county's behalf, they would like to see a study group formed made up of Mayors and representatives from the fire fighters and staff to address the issues. Just because the county said they didn't support it didn't mean that there aren't elements that have merit. It is not dead. He encouraged the Commission to listen to the presentation. It was agreed to do so.

Commissioner Caldwell asked what the date of the report was. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is July 11th.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Caldwell stated that she has received comments from residents regarding the flooding around Triangle Park. It has gotten worse. She asked that it be looked at.

Commissioner Caldwell heard from 35 year residents who brought up two issues. There are different zones. The zoning is looser and more lenient there. The resident stated that it has gotten worse. There is a camper shell that is never moved and is plugged into power. There are boat trailers parked in yards. Some of it is allowed, but we are pushing past acceptable standards. She asked that it be looked at. There shouldn't be different standards next to one another. The other item that they brought up are concerns about things that go on and whether

we have staff that go out and look at things, or if we rely on complaints. Mr. Silverboard stated that we get the complaints every six to twelve months about the boats and trailers. They are not illegal as they are parked within the building envelope. It is the same properties over and over again. It is a matter of increasing our standards. The last time it was tried was right before he started work here. Ms. Rosetti went to the various neighborhoods trying to get a consensus regarding property standards. It may be time to attempt to upgrade our property maintenance standards again. In this real estate market it is so difficult to sell property that people may be ready to increase standards. In terms of our code enforcement we are primarily reactive rather than full time patrol as we are down to one person. When there is a problem the neighbors will usually call. We have been going through this in Paradise since 2008. What we need is for the Commission to authorize the City Attorney to foreclose on the property. We may be stuck with a property that is without value and may have to tear the house down. The way the code enforcement process works is that if it is not homesteaded we can foreclose on it. Ms. Kiefer stated that if there are mortgages or the bank owns it that might not be the right strategy as our lien foreclosure would be junior to the mortgage. Mr. Silverboard stated that we need to identify properties that are not homesteaded and have had long standing violations, and then need to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with legal action. He spoke with the Building Official about declaring the properties unsafe. Commissioner Bildz suggested that he speak with the City Attorney about what the best strategy would be. Mr. Silverboard stated that Code Enforcement can only go so far, and after that the choices are limited. You can foreclose, or file suit. Commissioner Collins stated that it was probably a safe assumption that the properties will have mortgages on them. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is very complicated to track it down and find the person with the authority to make decisions.

Commissioner Coward stated that she was at a meeting last year that had a session done about a city that found ways to deal with this by foreclosing and taking over these properties. Mr. Silverboard stated that he will speak with the City Attorney about it. Ms. Kiefer stated that we need to take code enforcement against the bank. Mr. Silverboard stated that it complicates the whole process. It is much easier to sue them.

Commissioner Bildz gave a reminder of the Suncoast League of Cities meeting being held on Saturday.

Commissioner Bildz gave a reminder of the parking workshop to be held on the 21st. It was agreed that they will bring in their information for Ms. Rosetti to review.

Commissioner Bildz stated that due to the storms the county has said that they are now at a pre-nourishment status on Sunset Beach. Andy Squires is going to seek emergency funding from the Corps, and the Commission has been asked to send a letter to our congressman. Mayor Minning stated that there is an emergency plan for the beach. They should ask the Beach Stewardship Committee to discuss this and have the Commission take action.

Commissioner Bildz asked if we were planning to paint the auditorium. Mr. Silverboard answered in the affirmative. Colors have not been chosen yet. Commissioner Coward commented that the chairs look terrible now. Mr. Silverboard stated that it is being worked on. A brief discussion ensued regarding the requirements of the chairs.

Mayor Minning stated that he has spoken with the Mayor of Madeira Beach. They were hit by a tornado last night. He was very complimentary to the City of Treasure Island; and Mr. Schwartz in particular for the service that they received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. by Mayor Minning.