



**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 120 108TH AVE,
TREASURE ISLAND, FL 33706
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Mayor Larry Lunn

I. CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Jennifer Cowan had no report.

City Manager Garry Brumback asked the Commission to table the City Facilities project for now. He told how there are more unknowns than he is comfortable with at this time. The Manager stated that he would place the final report on the website as soon as possible.

Manager Brumback affirmed that we are working with the County to clean up Red Tide. There will be eight more boats working in our fingers tomorrow. John's Pass has taken an extremely hard hit.

The Manager affirmed that the Triangle Park grant request has been submitted to Florida Community Trust. This is a 70/30 grant. He thanked Cathy Hayduke and Forward Pinellas for the excellent work put into this application. This grant could be worth about \$289,000.

Mr. Brumback announced that he will be in Baltimore Sunday through Wednesday of next week at the ICMA conference.

II. DISCUSSION

1. Discuss Dog Park

Assistant Recreation Director Justin Tramble affirmed the City's commitment to providing visitors and residents with amenities. He told how the Rec Department has received numerous requests for a dog park here in Treasure Island. Specifically, the residents of Isle of Capri have expressed their support and their neighborhood association has advocated for the creation of a specific space for folks to take their dogs. Mr. Tramble researched site location, design, supervision and the cost to create and implement a dog park. He emphasized that cost effectiveness is most important when considering the creation and maintenance of a dog park here in our community. Justin told how he and Director Cathy Hayduke have spoken with a number of communities and have visited several dog parks in the area.

It has been determined that we can put an appropriate dog park at Roselli Park. The average size of a dog park is generally between 1/2 an acre to an acre with a standard buffer of 50 to 250 feet between the park and adjacent residences. The location best suitable at Roselli Park is the area behind the left field fence where there is 13,000 to 15,000 sq. feet of flat grassy area. While this area is smaller than the national average of a dog park, it is a great area because there is shade from the trees, which would limit costs.

A standard dog park is usually surrounded by a fence and grass is mostly utilized for the surface. While grass is the cheapest ground cover we will have to resod this area. The Recreation Dept believes that a pet and person water fountain would be a great idea. This will require a trench from the clubhouse to the park, but this is within the scope of our abilities. Roselli Park is mowed and maintained weekly in the summer and biweekly in the winter. The dog park will add a half an hour to this task. Additionally trash will be picked up every day and staff will be monitoring the use of the park. We will be responsible for filling in holes and picking up any pet waste left behind.

The Community Improvement Department has informed us that there are several City Ordinance that will need to be modified to have a dog park here in Treasure Island.

There have been several requests to name the park after John Morrioni.

We have obtained 3 quotes, trying to gain an estimate of cost. The estimate total cost of the dog park is \$30,000 to \$35,000. These prices reflect the high end of what it would cost to create a dog park. Currently there is no lighting over the area. Lighting from the ball field will light the dog park, but \$3,000 - \$4,000 has been factored in for lighting.

Mr. Tramble told how he and Ms. Hayduke have been working with community leaders in the Isle of Capri Civic Association. They have heard a lot of great ideas for fundraising. There are several grant opportunities that have been identified including the *Bark for Your Park* Grant. The application for this grant is due in May of 2019.

The Recreation Department requested the Commission's direction for this project should funding become available.

Commissioner Toth told how she does see a lot of dogs being walked through the park and let loose in the ball field and the tennis courts. A dog park would create a nice environment. She offered that brick pavers would be a great fundraising tool and the civic association is in strong support of this. Ms. Toth then asked the Commission to please consider naming the park after John Merroni, telling how when she first met the Commissioner he was walking his dog.

City Manager Brumback offered for consideration that fact that there is a resolution that exists, RES97-34, clarifying that we do not name things after people. However an exception was made, RES07-56, and the bascule bridge was named after Representative Young.

Commissioner Partridge recognized that it would be fantastic for the dogs to have a place to congregate. It definitely brings the community together and may encourage condo residents to have pets. There are many positive benefits to having dogs. She affirmed that lighting is important and clarified that the trees would be staying.

Commissioner Horak asked how this idea fits into the overall park plan. She stated that when she first came here in 1992 she encouraged no bad lighting and still does not want any bad lighting. She encouraged the residents on the curve by Roselli Park to speak out to the Commission with their thoughts.

Commissioner Payne told how he thinks this is a great idea. There is shade, there is ample space and easy access for folks on Sunshine Beach. He loves the idea of naming the park after John Morrioni who was a County Commissioner and a resident of Treasure Island. He recently passed away and this is a great thing to do in his memory.

Mayor Lunn asked if there are two separate areas for dogs. Mr. Tramble affirmed that there will be two areas within the park. One for small dogs and the other for large dogs. The majority of dog parks are set up that way.

Charles Ross lives on Isle of Capri. He spoke to the Commission telling how he frequents Roselli Park at least twice a day. He has two small dogs that he walks around the park. He likes interacting with other folks who have small dogs and is very, very supportive of this initiative. He stated that people are excited about this idea. The proposed location is underutilized and the community will figure out how to pay for this. There are a number of ways.

Missy Hahn from the Treasure Island - Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce informed the Commission that the Chamber is delighted and honored to help with this effort. The Chamber will help raise funds.

President of Isle of Capri Civic Association Mike Braddy told how the members of the association have been trying to get a dog park for some time now. They are excited that the Commission is looking at this and there is a really great opportunity for them to raise most of the funds for the park. Citizens and friends of the Isle of Capri hope the park project will take place soon. Folks are walking their dogs at Roselli Park anyway and this is a great way to keep the dogs out of the ball field and off the tennis courts.

Greg Tong spoke honestly; he is not a big dog fan at all. However he does love seeing families together enjoying and playing with their dogs at the various local dog parks. There are not very many places on the beaches where dogs are allowed. This is truly needed here and well deserved. Mr. Tong told how he is part of many organizations and will have a check written to support this project.

Mayor Lunn agreed with the speakers, asserting that dogs are a part of the family. To disregard them and not help them enjoy life in this community is wrong. The Mayor stated that he fully supports this dog park idea and hopes it will be able to be completed shortly.

Dominique Reiter spoke to the Commission. She informed them that she has visited 9 dog parks and some are very interesting. She shared several ideas on how to raise money to support the creation of the park. She thanked, Commissioner Toth, Mr. Tramble, the Civic Association and the American Legion for their support. Raising \$20,000 through the sale of brick pavers, \$4,000 from corporate sponsors, and more from the honorary park benches is totally possible. Ken from Caddy's has already pledged \$2,500 and has promised to make an annual contribution. Ms. Reiter told of holding a pet fair with several vendors where several more thousands of dollars will be raised, again affirming that people support this idea and will donate.

Mayor Lunn thanked Dominique for her commitment to our community.

Maryann Sabourin lives at Key Capri. She told she has nothing against dogs but does not want all the extra foot traffic at Roselli Park. She asked if the citizens could vote on this matter, as there are a lot of people who don't want the dog park there.

Commission Consensus was to move this item forward to a Regular Meeting in the future.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD
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2. Discuss Setback Waiver for Submerged Land Lease

Assistant Director of the Community Improvement Department Brittany McMullen informed the Commission that the owner at 8443 Bayshore Drive wants to obtain a permit to build a new dock. All requirements for the dock have been met, however the State setback cannot be met because the City owns a right of way there. The State has given a form to the owner to have signed by the City. The neighbor to the South has signed his waiver. The City is the neighbor to the North, Ms. McMullen recommended the Commission authorize the Manager to sign the State issued form.

Commissioner Horak stated that this dock is indeed in need of repair and offered her appreciation to the owner for taking care of it.

Dr. Paul Mevoli the owner of 8443 Bayshore Drive told how this is all based on the regulations of the State and County. There are apartments located here and therefore the State wants us to go through this lengthy process. Brian, the dock maker has been diligently dealing with the State. I just want to replace the old dilapidated dock.

Commission Consensus was to move this item forward to the Consent Agenda of the next Regular Meeting.

RESULT:

MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING

Next: 10/2/2018 6:00 PM

3. Discuss Piggy Back Contract for Inflow Abatement Services

Public Works Director Mike Helfrich spoke to the Commission regarding the ongoing infiltration and inflow study of the City's Sanitary Sewer System. On an average day the system will collect and transfer 1.2 to 1.5 million gallons a day. Smoke testing is an efficient and effective way to identify points of inflow and infiltration. Additionally, we need to conduct manhole inspections and place manhole dishes. The entire project will cost \$87,500.82 and has been included in the FY19 budget. Mr. Helfrich requested authorization from the Commission for the Manager to execute a "piggy back" contract with Utility Sealing Services Inc and Tohoe Water Authority.

Commission Consensus was to move this item forward on the Consent Agenda of the next Regular Meeting.

RESULT:

MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING

Next: 10/2/2018 6:00 PM

4. Discuss Hold Harmless Agreement

Chief Boudreau explained to the Commission that on August 7, 2018 they adopted a resolution allowing for a Hold Harmless Agreement with the city of St. Petersburg. In the time it took to bring the item forward and push it through two meetings the form changed. We sent a signed agreement to St. Petersburg and they rejected it insisting we use the new forms. We are asking the Commission to approve the new form.

Commission Consensus was to move this item forward on the Consent Agenda of the next Regular Meeting.

RESULT:

MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING

Next: 10/2/2018 6:00 PM

5. Discuss Gulf Blvd Undergrounding

Public Works Director Mike Helfrich spoke regarding the Gulf Boulevard Improvement/Beautification Project. Mr. Helfrich requested authorization from the City Commission to authorize the City Manager to execute a Work Authorization with Michael Baker International for the preparation of design plans and bid documents for the installation of irrigation, plant material and the lighting for the gateway entrance sign. The total cost for these services is \$37,424.00.

Commissioner Horak shared her opposition to irrigation in the median, stating that the complication of putting water in the middle of the road is not something we need. There are existing water systems along the sides of the road making the installation there far less complicated.

Mr. Helfrich reaffirmed that having plants in the median will require water.

Commissioner Partridge suggested a bid alternative be created offering the irrigation as a line item that can be included or not when the final bid is approved.

Commission Consensus was to move this item forward to the Consent Agenda and to include the bid alternative.

RESULT:

MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING

Next: 10/2/2018 6:00 PM

6. Hear 3rd Quarter Financial Update

Finance Director and Asst. City Manager Amy Davis gave a 3rd Quarter Financial Report. Some of the highlights of that report follow.

94% of anticipated revenue for 2018 has been collected. Building Permits are \$162,000 more than last year at this time. Golf fees are \$20,100 higher than last year at this time and Community Events have generated \$5,400 more this year than last. All other Revenue funds are slightly below or at budget, and overall Revenues are on target.

With regard to Expenditures, the one program we anticipate being over budget is the legal program. It is projected that legal fees will exceed the budget by approximately \$140,000. \$104,000 of this is the beach law-suit. This overage will be absorbed by the General Fund because other programs are projected to be under budget. The Building Department program is also exceeding budget. A budget amendment will be required for this program not to exceed budget. Building Funds are restricted funds by the Florida State Building Code. All other fund accounts are projected to end the year under budget.

We are currently getting paid 2.010% interest on our Investments versus .840% last year. The transition to Bank United has been completed with all monies moved from the Bank of America checking account.

RESULT:

NO ACTION NECESSARY

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Toth told of another benefit of the dog park. Our population is aging and there are many service dogs. Many places do not have a place for animals to run, making the dog park a win, win. Commissioner Partridge added that the socialization of dogs is important and this makes that possible.

Commissioner Payne invited everyone to attend the Pinellas County Police Athletic League Breakfast on November 9th at the St. Petersburg Hilton in Carillon Park. It is a fantastic event and a great resource for our area. We know you are all seeing the effects of Red Tide and it is really bad. We are aware of it. I commend the County and our Public Works Department for their hard work. There are citizens that are willing to help with cleaning up more than just their docks and they are coming up with creative solutions.

Commissioner Horak reminded everyone that Sunset Beach has movie night at Caddy's. The next movie will be *Willy Wonka*.

Commissioner Partridge thanked the Commission for their vote of confidence. She stated that she is honored to serve our community and to be involved at this level is a privilege and she appreciates the opportunity to serve.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURN

Mayor Lunn adjourned the workshop at 8.55 p.m.