

**CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
M I N U T E S**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2006
Council Chambers-City Hall**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Temple Terrace, Florida, was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Joe Affronti, Council Members Frank M. Chillura, Ron Govin, Ken Halloway, Linda H. Shattles, and Glenda Venable, City Clerk Lisa Burns, City Manager Kim Leinbach, and City Attorney Ted Taub.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Finance Director Diane Reichard, Code Compliance Director Joe Gross, Community Services Director Ralph Bosek, Police Chief Tony Velong, Human Resources Director Woody Hubbard, Fire Chief Ernie Hiers, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Karl Langefeld, Library Director Mary Satterwhite, Public Works Director Steve Hodge, City Engineer Joe Motta, Deputy Police Chief Patricia Powers, Police Lieutenant Chris Jeffords, Deputy City Clerk Linda Brewer, Public Information Officer Michael Dunn, Fire Division Chief Keith Chapman, Police Services Commander Mark Whitby, Police Lieutenant Ken Albano, Senior Planner Susanne Hicks, Grant Rimbey, D'ee Griffith, Jack Griffith, Joe Bell, Chris Jensen, Joe Stanko, Billie Doby, Omar Samaha, Jim Shimberg, Jr., Allen Murphy, Joe Taggart, Debbie Girard-Carson, Lidia E. Kelly, Joyce McKenzie, Gwen Mora, and several other persons.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Affronti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by a brief invocation.

Proclamations, Recognitions, and Special Presentations:

Mayor Affronti presented a Proclamation to Fire Chief Ernie Hiers proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month 2006 in Temple Terrace.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Upon motion of Council Member Halloway, seconded by Council Member Shattles, and unanimously carried, the **MINUTES** of the August 15, 2006, City Council Meeting were **APPROVED**.

Public Hearings:

1. Public Hearing on the Commercial Office Zoning District Text Amendment.

Mayor Affronti opened the Public Hearing on the Commercial Office Zoning District Text Amendment and called on the City Manager to present the amendment.

The City Manager said this is the second of two required public hearings relative to the proposed text amendment to add “crematory” as a Conditional Use in a C-O zoning district. He explained this provides the authority for Council to grant a conditional use for a crematory with conditions, a site plan, and specific guidelines as to when and how the crematory could be used.

Joseph Stanko, 6110 110th Avenue, said he lives in the adjacent Pleasant Terrace. He expressed concern that he doesn’t believe most residents in Pleasant Terrace are aware of the proposed crematory. He acknowledged that the funeral home provides a great service to the community, but questioned whether there had been enough publicity about the proposed change.

The City Manager responded that in addition to the legal notice requirements which are carefully adhered to, the City also contacted the officers of the Pleasant Terrace Homeowners Association very early in the process of this potential text amendment, as well as contacted a neighboring property owner. He said he believes every effort has been made to be sure the affected residents were notified.

There being no further persons wishing to speak, Mayor Affronti closed the Public Hearing.

2. Public Hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Mayor Affronti opened the public hearing, and asked the City Manager to announce the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and explain the various figures that are presented in the Resolution before the Council.

The City Manager announced the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 of 4.91, noting that it is the same rate as the past seven years. He explained that when they began work on the budget, Council adopted a *tentative* millage levy before the Council had a chance to review the revenue and expenditures, which was 5.41 mills. In the meantime, he said, the residents are advised of the roll-back rate, 4.3562 mills, which is the rate required to generate the same amount of revenue in the coming fiscal year as was generated in the current fiscal year. He noted that the budget presented tonight reflects the rate of 4.91 mills. He added that the City does not set property values; property values are set by the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser and homesteaded residential property value increases are limited by the Save Our Homes 3% cap.

Mayor Affronti reiterated that the 4.3562 millage rate was the rate required if there was no increase in expenditures. The City Manager clarified it would be the rate for the City to maintain the same level of property tax revenue. He said the disclosure of the various rates is mandated by the State Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) law.

Mayor Affronti called for public comments.

Commenting that he had stated his position in the budget workshop, Council Member Govin said he strongly believes it is appropriate that the Council consider lowering the tentative millage rate from 4.91 to 4.71. While it may be a token amount, he said it is a gesture to the taxpayers who are enduring higher taxes because of increased property values.

Council Member Govin said the driving force in his thinking is the proposed 12.72% increase over last year in the amount of money that the budget document is essentially saying will be required to run the City. He said that's a pretty large increase; he can't think of any similar increase in commercial dealings today where that much of an increase is justifiable, other than perhaps compared to oil or something of that nature. He said he acknowledges the fact that the 3% "Save our Homes" cap helps with property taxes on homesteaded properties, however, he is more concerned about commercial properties, where there is no homestead exemption, and that the City is trying to create an environment to attract new commercial activity. He said commercial properties have taken a huge jump in value, and commercial taxpayers will have to pay many thousands of dollars in additional taxes. He reiterated that there is not a major difference in revenue generated from a millage rate of 4.71 versus 4.91; it would equate to approximately \$250,000 and \$300,000 off the proposed budget, leaving the increase at slightly more than 10%. He concluded that is his appeal for consideration by this Council – to reduce the tentative millage rate to 4.71.

A **MOTION** was offered by Council Member Govin, and seconded for discussion purposes by Council Member Chillura, to reduce the tentative millage rate from 4.91 mills to 4.71 mills.

Prior to vote on the above motion, Council Member Chillura said he concurs with Council Member Govin; however, Council Member Chillura said *his* actual position was to either reduce the millage rate or to allocate that "extra" money toward reserves. He explained that the growth in property values that has occurred over the last year or two is not the normal trend and will likely not continue that way; next year, if things continue as they are going, the increase in property tax revenue may be *much* less than 12%. He noted that many residents may have seen houses in their neighborhood that have now been on the market for months and months, whereas last year they were on the market for a week, then sported "sale pending" signs, indicating there is a trend taking place.

Council Member Chillura continued that his concern is that the City is proposing to spend every dime of the 12.72% increase, and next year, when the increase is substantially less, he questioned where they would turn for additional monies. He recommended that the City tighten its belt and reserve those extra monies for next year, because they will need the money then. He concluded he would be in favor of reducing the millage rate *or* as he had proposed in the workshop, to allocate \$250,000 towards the reserves - reserved for next year. He asked whether Council Member Govin would consider that as an amendment to his previously stated motion.

Council Member Govin confirmed with Council Member Chillura that the \$250,000 would be above and beyond the normal amount that would be put into reserves. Council Member Chillura responded affirmatively, adding that the regular reserve amount is 25%, so it would be 25% plus the \$250,000. Council Member Govin continued that his argument is exactly the same as what Council Member Chillura is putting forth; he believes the City will need more money in the till for the leaner times that are going to come when the property values become more realistic.

Council Member Govin said he would be willing to allow the millage rate to stay where it is, if they increased the amount of money put into reserves by \$250,000, in addition to the normal contribution.

Council Member Govin **AMENDED HIS MOTION** to state that the tentative millage rate would stay at 4.91 mills, with the City increasing the reserves by \$250,000 over and above the normal 25% allocation. Council Member Chillura amended his “second” to the motion to concur with the amended motion.

Prior to vote on the amended motion, Council Member Halloway questioned the City Manager as to the current policy for handling the 25% allocation for reserves.

The City Manager responded that at the end of the fiscal year, as established by the Council several years ago, 25% of the General Fund Budget is allocated for reserves.

Mayor Affronti said he understands that the proposal is to take \$250,000 out of the budget and put that into reserves, instead of using it for operating expenses.

The City Manager responded that it is not unprecedented; two or three years ago they used that portion above the 25% to make capital purchases, because they did not want to count on that money for recurring expenditures. He continued that in the budget workshop, they discussed looking at other revenues in addition to the expenditures; that is what would have to be done to make that \$250,000 work, as well as look at personnel vacancy rates.

Council Member Halloway asked whether the fund was, or will be, restricted, to which the City Manager said it was not currently, but that would be up to the Council. He said they would show the monies separately, at Council’s direction - the 25% level and the \$250,000 above that.

Mayor Affronti clarified that if the tentative millage rate remains at 4.91, they would take \$250,000 of that revenue and put into the reserves in addition to the normal reserve amount. He said this means \$250,000 would come out of the operating budget.

The City Manager said that was what he was attempting to clarify. He said he was anticipating a combination; attempt to cut more expenditures in the budget and/or refine the personnel vacancy rates, in addition to refining the revenue stream. He concluded that in answer to Mayor Affronti’s question, expenditures would have to be cut by \$250,000 in order to accommodate this directive.

Council Member Halloway questioned whether this was “doable.” The City Manager responded that he would have to discuss this with the Finance Director; he said they could come back to the Council at the next meeting with their recommendations.

Mayor Affronti said that while he realizes they don’t have the information at this moment, he would like the Finance Director to respond as to how realistic it is.

Finance Director Diane Reichard responded that she has a lot of information in front of her; they can go page by page if they wish. She said there have been a lot of capital expenditures delayed for the last two or three years that need to be done, and they were trying to catch up. She said the easiest way to take out \$250,000 would be to go to personnel costs, where there are staff overworking, or capital costs. She said that to come back at the next meeting is too late, because a budget ad has to go into the newspaper, and the ad that is scheduled to appear is based on the budget currently before the Council. She said she has no ideas “off the top of her head” as to where they could cut \$250,000.

Council Member Shattles said this was discussed in the budget workshop, and at that time, they were informed, and she strongly opposed lowering the tax rate. She stated they have not finished negotiations with the Fire Department, fuel costs have increased, there are health insurance increases to the employees, and departments are lacking a number of positions that need to be filled. She continued that property values are going down, which will be reflected in the future. She said she doesn't believe they need to do any more catch up than they have been doing for the past four years she has been sitting on Council; they have been putting off capital expenditures that need to be done. She said they are fortunate to have enough money to balance the budget at the 4.91 millage rate, adding that was accomplished by cutting a lot of other things, which included six police officers, three community service officers, and other things she knows were cut from other departments even at this rate. She reiterated she would strongly oppose trying to lower the tax rate. She said if there is \$50,000 or more left at the end of the year, such as from a position that was never filled, that could be addressed to put into reserves. She said she thinks taking \$250,000 off the top by cutting the budget that has been proposed is ludicrous.

Council Member Chillura commented that a couple of years ago when the budget was proposed, they told the Finance Director to cut \$300,000 and he did and everything ran smoothly with no noticeable cuts in services. He said four new police officers were hired this past year, and everything is fine; crime has not increased. While he is sure they can always use more, he said he was sure that if \$250,000 was proposed to be cut, the City would continue to run as it has. He said the City is facing an additional 12.72% increase in taxes [property tax revenue] overall. He said the approximate \$1.2 million in rent revenue in the redevelopment area, which goes to the redevelopment department for their expenses, will be going away, and a year from now the City may be facing a shortfall of \$1.2 million from rents, plus there won't be a 12.72% increase. He questioned whether they would raise taxes; if so, they should tell the citizens now. He said he believes they are running towards a block wall. He said he doesn't believe cutting \$250,000 now will affect City services, considering what they are going to be facing. He said they are not throwing the money away or giving it back, but putting it into a reserve for a “rainy day.”

Council Member Chillura confirmed with the City Manager that a couple of years ago the Council limited the reserve to 23%, so they could consider this a payback to the reserves. He questioned where the \$1.2 million they will lose in rents will come from. He said he believes the picture is much more critical than they think, and the \$250,000 will be much more helpful in the future than it is right now, adding that he is sure they can sit down and find items to cut.

The Finance Director noted that the 12.72% increase is only in property tax revenues and is *not* an increase in the entire budget revenues, adding that property tax revenues only comprise about 14% of the budget; therefore, only 14% of the entire budget increased by 12.72%. She clarified that the rent money is allocated solely to the downtown redevelopment area. Council Member Chillura said that wasn't entirely true; some rent money takes care of salary positions. The Finance Director responded a portion is allocated to positions associated with redevelopment.

Council Member Chillura noted the redevelopment department will still exist when the City contracts with a developer and they take that property over; those rents will no longer be there, and that was his point.

The Finance Director acknowledged that the administrative portion of the Redevelopment Agency will still be there.

In response to Mayor Affronti's question as to how the interest on the loans is shown in the budget for the downtown redevelopment area, the City Manager said the interest is capitalized in the loan.

Council Member Chillura, noting that he did not support this action, explained that the funds with which to pay the interest are coming from additional money borrowed at the time of purchase, above and beyond the purchase price.

Council Member Hallaway asked the Finance Director if she was given a goal of saving \$250,000, where she would look to find that savings. The Finance Director responded that she would review the Purchase Orders coming in throughout the year, scrutinizing each one to see whether staff can come in under budget, based on what they are trying to accomplish and questioning whether their requests are justified. She said if they receive additional revenues throughout the year, they simply won't spend the money. In response to Council Member Hallaway's question as to whether she would put those funds into a restricted fund, the Finance Director said that restricted funds are created by law, but she could *reserve* it based on Council's direction.

Council Member Venable asked the Finance Director when the budget workshop was held whether she felt the Council had agreed on the direction they were heading with the budget and that they are now "changing horses in mid-stream." The Finance Director responded that she does think that this budget document was what the Council had agreed upon, based on the consensus at the workshop that was held; otherwise, she said she would have put together a different budget for presentation tonight.

Council Member Chillura said that he and Council Member Govin had expressed concerns about the proposed budget and the other Council Members expressed approval. He said they are now discussing it in more detail, because they will be faced with rents that will be going away. He reviewed that two years ago when they had to cut \$300,000 no one liked it, but they did it and continued on; everyone still had their jobs, no positions were cut, and service was not reduced as far as he knew.

Council Member Venable said she still believes it is unfair to do this to the Finance Director at this point; the Council has sent mixed signals. She said she felt that they had come to consensus at the budget workshop as to how they were going to proceed.

Mayor Affronti said the consensus was that they were going to stay with the 4.91 millage rate.

Council Member Chillura said that the comments being made by him and Council Member Govin are no surprise; they do not support the continued increase generated by 4.91 mills; they said reduce it by \$250,000. He said they did not go into as much detail at the workshop, for discussion, but there was certainly support from the other Council Members saying it was okay. He asked whether the Finance Director knew he had taken this position at the workshop, that he and Council Member Govin were opposed to it. He reiterated his position that it is critical that the Council look at what they are facing in the future; if they don't start tightening their belts, they will face an increase in taxes in the coming year or year after, which will be very unfortunate.

Council Member Shattles said she is concerned about what they are dealing with *now*, not predicting the future – monies to deal with the issues at hand, employees, and capital expenditures that have been previously delayed. She said she understood from the City Manager that a lot of cuts in the budget have already been made by the department heads to get to this budget based on 4.91 mills. She said she is shocked that Council Member Chillura thinks cutting \$250,000 wouldn't hurt.

Mayor Affronti said it should be pointed out that about \$90,000 of the increase is to pay salaries to bring the City employees up to the level of other municipalities the size of Temple Terrace. The City Manager concurred and explained that this current fiscal year the Council authorized a salary survey, which was performed by an outside firm for the first time, to provide an objective look at the salary structure. He said those recommendations were incorporated into the budget.

Relative to predicting the future, Council Member Chillura assured them that the increase next year will not be 12.72% or even 9%; facts and statistics will speak for themselves. Council Member Chillura questioned the City Manager whether anyone's salary was decreased when the budget was previously cut by \$300,000, to which the City Manager responded negatively.

Council Member Shattles questioned what would be taken out of the budget if it were to be decreased by \$250,000 – salary cuts or capital expenditures. The City Manager responded that there will have to be some additional cuts, as well as re-reviewing the revenue stream. Without going line-by-line at this time, he said it is hard to give them a specific answer; if that is their direction, they will come back to the Council with proposed changes.

Council Member Halloway said he is all for skinning down expenditures, but he believes they have been reduced as much as they can in order to balance with 4.91 mills. He said he has asked the question a couple of times as to what will be cut if they reduce it further and he hasn't received an answer. He said he would like to know, if they are going to go \$250,000 further down, what will be lost.

The Finance Director said she would need to discuss that with the City Manager before answering the question. The City Manager said they would need to go through the entire budget line-by-line in order to respond. He reiterated that it would likely be a combination of refining the revenues and making more cuts.

Council Member Govin said that \$250,000 out of a \$20 million general fund budget, equates to 1% of the budget, which is pretty small taken across a budget this large. Next year, if things get tight, he said it will be even harder to do, because the millage is not going to be there. He said he can't ever remember millage increases of 22% in the County, 15% in the City of Tampa, and 13% in Temple Terrace – this is an anomaly and is not likely to happen again any time soon. He said he strongly believes that they either need to give it back to the citizens while they can, or go ahead and collect it and put it into reserves; reserves makes a lot of sense considering what could be coming up in the future.

Council Member Shattles commented that the tax break on that reduction would be more advantageous to people with expensive homes and big business people, with the average homeowner not realizing much of a tax break. Council Member Govin said that was why they propose to put the money into reserves instead of reducing the millage rate.

Mayor Affronti reiterated that his understanding is that the millage rate would remain the same; \$250,000 would be taken out of the operating budget and put into reserves.

Council Member Chillura said he strongly supports putting the \$250,000 into reserves. He countered that if ad valorem taxes had not increased that significantly, the City would have tightened its belt and made it work; however, the City has proposed to spend every dime of the increase. Alternatively, he said the City should look into the future, put \$250,000 into reserves, and the City can use it next year or the year after.

Mayor Affronti restated the amended motion, which is to take \$250,000 out of the general fund budget and put it into a reserve account. The City Manager clarified the \$250,000 would be above the policy of 25% of the operating budget being held in reserves. Mayor Affronti called for the vote on the above motion [which shall be referred to in the official record as **Resolution No. 095-06(m)**]. The motion **FAILED**; vote on the motion being: Council Members Chillura and Govin voting "aye," and Council Members Halloway, Shattles, and Venable voting "nay."

Mayor Affronti closed the public hearing on the millage rate, announcing that the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 is 4.91 mills.

Following reading by caption, upon motion of Council Member Shattles, seconded by Council Member Halloway, **RESOLUTION NO. 096-06** was **ADOPTED**, adopting a tentative millage rate of 4.91 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; said millage rate being an increase of .5538 or 12.72% over the rolled back rate of 4.3562, and providing an effective date. Vote on the motion being: Council Members Halloway, Shattles, and Venable voting "aye," and Council Members Chillura and Govin voting "nay."

Council then heard **FIRST** reading, by caption, of a proposed ordinance, being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE OF 4.91 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007; SAID MILLAGE RATE BEING 12.72% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 4.3562; PROVIDING A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Public Hearing on the Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and the Capital Improvement Budget.

Mayor Affronti opened the public hearing on the tentative operating budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

The City Manager stated the proposed budget is the document presented to the Council at the budget workshop, which is now before the public for any further input.

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor Affronti closed the public hearing.

Following reading, by caption, upon motion of Council Member Shattles, seconded by Council Member Venable, **RESOLUTION NO. 097-06** was **ADOPTED**, adopting a tentative operating budget for said City for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, adopting a Capital Improvement Budget, and providing an effective date. Vote on the motion being: Council Members Holloway, Shattles, and Venable voting "aye," and Council Members Chillura and Govin voting "nay."

Council then heard **FIRST** reading, by caption, of a proposed ordinance, being: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET; GIVING NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THEREON; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AND ACCOMPLISH THE SERVICE PROGRAMS SO AUTHORIZED; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER MONEYS AND PROGRAMS AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS WITHIN ANY FUND; PROVIDING A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Council Member Shattles stated that the public needs to understand that their action means that their taxes [millage rate] did not go up or down, but remained the same.

4. Public Hearing – Community Investment Tax Revenue.

Mayor Affronti opened the public hearing relative to the Community Investment Tax Revenue and called on the City Manager to present the proposed plan.

The City Manager explained that a part of the requirement in receiving Community Investment Tax monies (half-cent surtax) is that the City must prepare a capital improvement plan and hold a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed use of the funds.

Council Member Shattles inquired as to whether the City received the funding for the public safety radio system. The City Manager responded that while that is not part of the budget for the Community Investment Tax Revenue, the City has received indication that the funding request was passed in committee with a recommendation for funding; therefore, he is cautiously optimistic, but wants to see the legislation and appropriation approved. He said he is hopeful they will have a definitive answer within the next few months. In response to her question as to when the system will be installed and implemented, the City Manager said it is currently underway.

There being no further persons wishing to be heard, Mayor Affronti closed the public hearing.

5. Public Hearing – Tampa Telecom Park Development of Regional Impact.

Mayor Affronti opened the public hearing and called on the City Manager to present the topic of the hearing.

The City Manager said this is an amendment to the Tampa Telecom Park Development of Regional Impact Development Order to provide for offices on Lot 8. He said it is believed that was the intent from the beginning that was inadvertently omitted; this amendment is to correct Map “H”.

Jim Shimberg, Jr., Holland & Knight LLP, registered agent of the applicant, Triton Properties Group of Florida, LLC, offered to answer any questions the Council or public may have. He said the City Development Review Committee and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council have reviewed the submitted information and have no objections to the proposed changes.

There being no further persons wishing to be heard, Mayor Affronti closed the public hearing.

Persons wishing to be heard on items NOT listed on the Agenda:

Omar Samaha, 10342 Councils Way, stated that he did get rid of the chickens as directed by Council, but there was one problem. He said he has a midget chicken and two chicks for which he is unable to find a place. He asked if he could have a month or two to find a home for them and until the mother chicken stops taking care of the baby chicks. He said the farmer can't take them because the rooster will kill the chicks.

Mayor Affronti clarified that he is requesting a 60-day extension to keep the midget chicken and her two baby chicks.

Council Member Shattles said that Mr. Samaha lives within a homeowners association in which he is currently in violation of its by-laws for having the chickens. She said his homeowners association could fine him very heavily for the violation. Mr. Samaha interjected that he has spoken with the homeowners association. Council Member Shattles continued that in addition to that violation, he is in violation of the City Code. She said his deed restrictions could take him to court over this issue.

Council Member Shattles continued that she understands his plight; however, it is time for him to address the issue of letting go of the chicken and chicks. She said she has received letters from his homeowners association and they want the chickens off the property as well. She said the issue is not only with the City ordinance, but also with the homeowners association. Council Member Shattles asked when Mr. Samaha acquired the new little chicks.

Mr. Samaha responded that they hatched about a month before he was before the Council the last time. Council Member Shattles confirmed with him that the Council was not made aware of the baby chicks at that time. She said she would be in favor of giving him a couple of weeks in which to find a home for them.

Council Member Venable said that she sympathizes with his situation, but suggested he contact a Future Farmers of America chapter at one of the area high schools, adding that perhaps one of those classes might take the chicks.

The City Manager recommended that Council give the City Manager the authority to work with Omar Samaha, whom he said is making a diligent effort to resolve this issue; otherwise, he said they would hold him fast to the deadline.

In response to a question from Council Member Shattles, Mr. Samaha said there are no more eggs to be hatched.

Mayor Affronti said he admires his tenacity; on consensus of the Council the City Manager was directed to work with Omar Samaha to resolve this issue.

D'ee Griffith, 416 Bon Aire, and **Grant Rimbey**, 411 Island Road, speaking on behalf of Temple Terrace Preservation, Inc., presented a framed 1922 plan of the downtown redevelopment area to Mary Satterwhite, Library Director, for hanging in the Temple Terrace Library. Mr. Rimbey noted this plan is important to the City because it is the genesis of the City, the genesis of the redevelopment; and through his research, he has found the plan was prepared by Dwight Baum, the architect for John Ringling's residence Ca'd'Zan in Sarasota.

Twanda Pearson, 10316 Councils Way, said she is President of the homeowners association of Terrace Oaks Townhomes where Omar Samaha resides. She said their deed restrictions clearly state that there is to be no raising of livestock, poultry, or other animals, except for dogs and cats. She said Omar is a tenant, who kept the chickens in hiding for a long time. She said they expressed to him that they are not trying to be harsh, but the law is the law. She continued that the homeowners association is trying to clean up the area and need the chickens to be gone.

Mayor Affronti asked the City Manager to keep her apprised of the actions taken with Omar Samaha to relocate the chickens.

Council Member Shattles commended Ms. Pearson for the work that she and the homeowners association have done to clean up the area, painting, clearing of the pond, and getting some roadwork done. She said they have done a great job in turning that property around and making it an asset for the City.

The City Attorney commented briefly that the City has no authority to enforce deed restrictions; that is a private matter. He said he wanted to be sure the public record was clear on that point.

There was no correspondence, communications, or petitions before the Council for consideration and action.

Presentations:

1. Temple Terrace Public Schools and Temple Terrace School Support Committee – “Temple Terrace Reads.”

Gwen Mora, 6615 Glencoe Drive, said they had prepared a PowerPoint presentation, but were unable to get it loaded on the City’s laptop; therefore, they distributed to the Council a print-out of the presentation, a copy of which is part of the record. Ms. Mora said the event, which is hoped to become an annual event, is a partnership among the City, the Hillsborough County School District, and the Greater Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce. She directed their attention to a copy of the flyer announcing the event, which will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Flotto Avenue between Temple Terrace Elementary, the Temple Terrace Fire Station No. 1, and Temple Terrace Public Library.

Ms. Mora explained the event will have a carnival-like atmosphere with all booths featuring books or literacy-type activities. Each participant will receive a “passport”, which they will have “checked off” at each booth they visit, she said, and participants will be rewarded with a book of their own when they have a completed passport indicating they have visited all of the booths. She said there will also be performances throughout the day by the schools and other local groups, highlighted by a Storybook Parade at noon, led by King High School, which will be followed by storybook characters marching behind. Personal invitations will be sent to the Mayor and Council, she said, and she encouraged them to mark their calendars to attend the event. Flyers about the event will go out to all schools in Hillsborough County.

Ms. Mora said that because the event is being held at Temple Terrace Elementary, they are required to have a custodian to assist with moving tables, maintaining the restrooms, and overseeing the use of some of their buildings. She said the Committee is asking for financial assistance in the amount of \$300 to cover the cost of the custodians. Being the first year of this event, she said they had no budget to cover any of the expenses of flyers, signs, and other associated costs, and the Committee would appreciate suggestions or offers of assistance to cover these expenses; they are hopeful some of the Chamber of Commerce members will assist.

Council Member Shattles commented that at the recent Florida League of Cities conference, there was a booth with wristbands, which read “READ” in many different languages. She thought that would be a great item for a fundraiser.

Ms. Mora introduced Iris Boody, a member of the School Support Committee, who prepared the PowerPoint presentation; Ms. Boody is a teacher at Greco Middle School.

The City Manager said it wasn't necessary for the Council to vote on the \$300 request, if that is the consensus of the Council; he will arrange for funding the request. The Council concurred.

Mayor Affronti commented on the outstanding job that Ms. Mora has done as Chairperson of the School Support Committee and in working with the schools.

There were no Site Plan Reviews before the Council.

Resolutions for Consideration and Action: (Consent Agenda)

The City Manager briefly reviewed the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the public. He began by withdrawing Resolution E-1, relative to demolishing the Chevron station, stating that they will be doing more work on that request prior to presenting it for Council approval.

Relative to E-2, the City Manager said this Resolution is for approval of the Interlocal agreement between the City and Hillsborough County, outlining terms to disburse and expend enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone service fees; the City's share is approximately \$106,093, which is used for salaries, education, and training.

Resolution E-3 is for approval of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala police detective vehicle and related equipment from Garber Chevrolet in the amount of \$15,448, the City Manager said, which would be funded partially by criminal forfeiture funds from the City's Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and the balance from the budget account. He mentioned that the vehicle that is being replaced was totaled in an accident when one of the City's officers was at a red light and was t-boned by a "bad" guy; it is fortunate that the officer was not killed. The funding also includes about \$5,000 from the insurance company of the individual who caused the accident, he said.

The City Manager said Resolution E-4 is for approval of the Interlocal agreement with Hillsborough County for the distribution of the half-cent surtax (Community Investment Tax) for the City's specified projects that the Council has previously reviewed, through September 30, 2011.

The City Manager said Resolution E-5 is for approval of the ballot language for the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006; a copy of the Resolution was provided to the Council this evening, since candidate qualifying just ended on Friday.

Resolution E-6, the City Manager said, is among the City, City of Plant City, and Hillsborough County, for approval of the three-year Library Services Interlocal Agreement. He explained that under this co-operative arrangement Hillsborough County compensates the City 40% of the Library's budget.

Relative to Resolution E-6, Council Member Shattles asked about the removal of the indemnification clause from the contract and whether the 40% reimbursement amount is negotiable.

The City Manager said the 40% has been the ongoing reimbursement amount. The City Attorney added that he plans to present a proposed ordinance for Council's consideration in the near future that would eliminate the indemnification across the board on City contracts.

Upon motion of Council Member Govin, seconded by Council Member Shattles, and unanimously carried, Resolutions No. E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5 were adopted by consent, being:

RESOLUTION NO. 098-06, approving the Interlocal agreement between the City and Hillsborough County, outlining the terms to disburse and expend enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone service fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 099-06, approving the purchase of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala police detective vehicle and its related equipment under the Florida Sheriffs Association Bid 04-12-0823, from Garber Chevrolet, Inc., in the amount of \$15,448; said vehicle to be purchased with \$9,842 of criminal forfeiture funds from the City's Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund, account 001-1411-521.52-98, with the balance of \$8,106 to be paid from account 001-1431-521.64-11.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-06, approving the Interlocal agreement with Hillsborough County for the distribution of the half-cent surtax (Community Investment Tax), the City's specified projects and the use of funds through September 30, 2011, as outlined in the attachment.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-06, approving the ballot format for the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006; a copy of said ballot format is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Relative to Resolution No. E-1, Council Member Govin questioned why the contract was proposed to be awarded to TBE Group when they are not a demolition company.

The City Manager responded that they are looking at that again; however, TBE Group is part of the City's continuing contract. He said they thought initially that the bid price looked good in comparison to the others and it was a complete package. He noted that they are dealing with asbestos, which has a potential significant liability attached to it; therefore, he said they are trying to be very cautious; if they are dealing with one company, they wouldn't have to worry about sub-contractors and they felt that was in the best interest of the City. He concluded that they are going to review their proposal to be sure, and will also look at removal of the slab.

Relative to Resolution E-6, Council Member Govin asked for an explanation as to how they arrived at the 40% figure for reimbursement to the Library from the County.

Library Director Mary Satterwhite stated that they have no clear way to divide the expenses since they have gone on computer, but historically over the last 30 years about 70% of the population served is from County, with about 30% of the population from Temple Terrace. The Director continued that they have been reimbursed 40% from the County since she has been with the City and likely before, which is over 35 years.

The Library Director explained that the Council at that time did not want to go any higher than 40% because they didn't want the County to try to take over the Library, which they *could* do if they were paying 50%. She commented that by having the co-operative agreement, the Library also receives funding from the State. She noted that the County provides tremendous in-kind service, including the ordering, set-up, and maintaining of the Library computers and servers and most programming.

Council Member Govin said that while 40% sounds generous, he would like to propose that the City try to establish some basis going forward that is more than a "wag" of numbers. He stated if the City doesn't do that, they are establishing "protocol" here, and it will be hard to ever move them from 40%. He acknowledged that it is difficult to collect data, but stressed the importance of having the supporting data, in order to be able to determine in years to come whether it is appropriate to ask for an increase to 45% or 50%.

The Library Director commented that part of the problem is that the 33617 Zip Code goes outside Temple Terrace.

Council Member Govin said he understands that it's a problem, but there is revenue there that would be worth looking at.

Council Member Venable commented that she understands the Early Voting service provided by the Library was very successful. The Library Director responded that the Temple Terrace Library site had the 5th largest number of voters in Hillsborough County out of 20 sites.

Upon motion of Council Member Govin, seconded by Council Member Venable, **RESOLUTION NO. 102-06 was ADOPTED**, approving the three-year library services Interlocal agreement among the City, City of Plant City, and Hillsborough County. Vote on the motion being: Council Members Chillura, Govin, Halloway, Shattles, and Venable voting "aye," no "nay."

Proposed Ordinances for Consideration and Action:

Following **SECOND** and **FINAL** reading, by caption, upon motion of Council Member Shattles, seconded by Council Member Halloway, **ORDINANCE NO. 1183 was ADOPTED**, being: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25, TEMPLE TERRACE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION 25.530.9(d)(7) TO ALLOW FUNERAL HOMES WITH ACCESSORY CREMATORIES IN THE C-O (COMMERCIAL OFFICE) ZONING DISTRICT, WITH CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL; PROVIDING A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, EFFECTIVE DATE, AUTHORITY TO CODIFY AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.** Vote on the motion for adoption being: Council Members Chillura, Govin, Halloway, Shattles, and Venable voting "aye," no "nay."

Council then heard **FIRST** reading, by caption of a proposed ordinance, being: **AMENDING CHAPTER 25, TEMPLE TERRACE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY REPEALING SECTION 25.315(b) IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 25.315(b), PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF UP TO TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PROVIDING A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, EFFECTIVE DATE, AUTHORITY TO CODIFY AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Council then heard **FIRST** reading, by caption of a proposed ordinance, being: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA AMENDING TEMPLE TERRACE ORDINANCE NO. 544, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 585, ORDINANCE NO. 600, ORDINANCE NO. 682, ORDINANCE NO. 717, ORDINANCE NO. 821, ORDINANCE NO. 1001, ORDINANCE NO. 1133, ORDINANCE NO. 1150, AND ORDINANCE NO. 1162 TOGETHER CONSTITUTING A DEVELOPMENT ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR GTE/COLLIER-326 (ALSO KNOWN AS TAMPA TELECOM PARK DRI), A DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; PROVIDING SPECIFIC APPROVAL FOR REVISIONS TO MAP H; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Council.

City Manager's Report:

The City Manager expressed appreciation to Grant Rimbeby for providing information about monies available from Tree, Inc., for the planting of trees. He said Parks & Recreation Director James Chambers has set up a meeting with the involved parties to discuss the grant program.

The City Manager announced that prior to the next Regular City Council Meeting on September 19, 2006, he would like to request a meeting of the Temple Terrace Redevelopment Agency in order to take official action on the Temple Terrace Redevelopment Agency budget as required by law.

The City Manager called on Public Information Officer Michael Dunn to update the Council on the bridge dedication ceremony.

Public Information Officer Michael Dunn announced that the dedication ceremony for the Bob Woodard Bridge will be held on September 23, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., at the Legacy Courtyard on the south side of Florida College. He noted that a number of dignitaries have been invited to attend the ceremony, including Senator Victor Crist, Representative Ed Homan, and former Mayor Fran Barford, along with the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. He said Mayor Affronti will speak at the event, adding that Commissioner Jim Norman may also speak. He said the Florida College Choral Ensemble will sing several songs. He expressed appreciation to Florida College for providing the venue and assisting with the event.

In response to a question from Mayor Affronti, the Public Information Officer said a plaque is being prepared for the event.

Other Business:

Council Member Halloway said that some time ago the Community Services Director provided an excellent status report on the **downtown redevelopment project**. He suggested at the time that it be done on a quarterly basis and questioned when the next report would be provided. The City Manager responded they were planning to provide an update once they knew the developer response to the recent Request for Qualifications.

Council Member Chillura said there was a brief mention in the newspaper today about the pre-bid conference and asked for an update.

Community Services Director Ralph Bosek said the pre-bid conference was held on August 23, 2006, for the master developer selection process Request for Qualifications. He said a total of 23 people attended, including 11 different developers; additionally, he has received calls from other developers after the conference. He said he believes there are at least three proposals being prepared. He said the City Manager has set up the Selection Committee and responses are due by 4:45 p.m. on September 15. He said he is cautiously optimistic there will be a good competitive process.

Acknowledging there was to be no formal negotiation with Sweetbay until the new developer comes on board, Council Member Govin questioned whether dialogue has continued with Sweetbay representatives. The City Manager responded he has met with their representative, Russ Lake, brought Sweetbay up-to-date, and invited them to come to the developer presentations as an active partner in this process.

The Community Services Director added that tomorrow he and Assistant Director Ann Sheller will be meeting with Mr. Lake to discuss the problems encountered with the last site plan that was submitted to them by Unicorp. He said the City was never privy to the final document, and they felt it would save time if they understood what the problems were with *that* plan, so that they could inform the City's future partner, in hopes of avoiding similar problems.

Council Member Govin said the update they received mentioned the August 23rd pre-bid conference, but he doesn't remember the Council receiving notification of that conference, nor was he invited to attend.

The City Manager interjected that he wasn't sure about the notification, but if one Council Member was invited, all would have been.

Council Member Govin said he believes they were overlooked; this is a "big" deal and the administration needs to make sure the Council is not left out in the future. He has an idea of what was presented, but it would have been nice to know exactly what went out "on the street," which he still does not know, since the Council has not received a copy of the package that went out.

Mayor Affronti asked that the Council be provided a copy of the package that was provided to the prospective developers.

New Business:

1. Appointment – Municipal Code Enforcement Board.

Mayor Affronti recognized Billie Doby, the sole applicant for the current vacancy, who came forward and briefly introduced himself to the Council.

Upon motion by Council Member Govin, seconded by Council Member Venable, **RESOLUTION NO. 103-06(m)** was **ADOPTED**, appointing Billie Doby to fill the unexpired term on the Municipal Code Enforcement Board, which will expire on December 21, 2007. Vote on the motion being: Council Members Chillura, Govin, Halloway, Shattles, and Venable voting “aye,” no “nay.”

Council Member Govin said he wished to re-address the **traffic oval**; he didn't believe the Council voted on the proposal. The City Manager interjected that it was a workshop and the Council directed them, by consensus, to move forward with a design for the traffic oval.

Council Member Govin said that after the meeting he repeatedly drove that area, from every direction, but felt the only problem was coming from Woodmont. He said he has talked to a multitude of people who have called and the big concern is the estimated \$150,000 cost, which is a lot of money. He strongly encouraged the City to look at some of the other alternatives, reiterating that the big problem is coming out of Woodmont and looking left. In his opinion, he felt if there was a stop sign at that intersection, up close to where Woodmont comes into there, that would eliminate an awful lot of the problem or the potential problem. He said he thinks the comments he has received are valid, and he questioned whether the issue should be put back on the agenda, since it has not been voted upon.

Council Member Halloway said they discussed the stop sign and it was rejected by the experts who felt this wouldn't do the job.

The City Manager explained a traffic study was conducted and the recommendation of Volker & Associates was the traffic oval versus the alternatives. Subsequent to the workshop, he said, they are proceeding with the design.

City Engineer Joe Motta said he is getting a proposal for the design, which he will be bringing back to Council for approval; ultimately he will bring back the bids for construction.

Council Member Govin questioned what the Council would need to do if they want to look at it again.

The City Manager responded that if they want to have the complete information before they look at the proposals and cost of design, etc., Council should either authorize the administration to proceed or not, and that would take care of it.

Council Member Govin said he would like to know the cost comparison between a 4-way stop, which he isn't sure is necessary, and the traffic oval. Council Member Shattles interjected that was discussed; going from Woodmont heading east across the intersection – if a stop sign is put there, which they talked about, one would still have to pull out *beyond* the stop sign to see if anyone was coming. Further discussion continued about the possible location of a stop sign, with the consensus that it is a hazardous intersection, and *something* needs to be done. Council Member Govin said he would like to look at the other options and their costs as an alternative to doing an oval at \$150,000.

Relative to the \$150,000, the City Engineer said they don't have the benefit of any engineering at this point; the \$150,000 was an estimate, and while he believes they can get it done for that or less, he doesn't know for sure. Regarding the possibility of a 4-way stop that was suggested, the City Engineer said he addressed it at the workshop; he still thinks that with the severe alignments of those legs of the intersection and the distance across the intersection, a 4-way stop would not be effective. He said he believes it would be very confusing as to who is supposed to go.

The City Engineer offered another factor for consideration; the City is not supposed to put in traffic control devices unless they meet warrants. He said that intersection would not meet warrants for a 4-way stop; the City can be liable and sued if there is an accident and there are traffic control devices that don't belong there or are put up and don't meet warrants. He said he has spoken before on this issue, and he reiterated that if they put up traffic control devices, as indicated in the manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices put out by the Federal government, and they don't meet warrants (a lot of traffic in all directions is required to meet warrants for a 4-way stop), the City can be sued. He said he wanted the City to be on notice about that, adding that in his professional opinion, he doesn't think that's a good solution.

Mayor Affronti asked the City Engineer to bring the information to them. Council Member Govin said he would like to see some kind of breakdown on the specific cost, rather than just a guess, and then he would like further evaluation of other options, whatever those might be.

The City Engineer said the other options were the 4-way stop, which has been discussed, or pull out the curb on Woodmont so they can stop further out to see - but even looking at that, he said they really still can't see all the way around that corner, because it is so severe coming up from Inverness. He added there are also speeding problems there. He concluded that is why his recommendation, and that of the consultant, is for the traffic oval; they didn't feel the other alternatives were that good. However, he said he would proceed as Council directs, and he will try to come up with a better number for them.

Council Member Chillura said he, like Council Member Govin, is pretty conservative about spending money. He confirmed with the City Engineer the funding would come from gas tax money.

The City Engineer said that when the capital improvements program was prepared for next year, \$150,000 was set aside in a line item for this project; funding other necessary projects in the downtown redevelopment area and street resurfacing projects still left enough money to cover this item.

Council Member Chillura said that last time around the City Engineer gave them a pretty thorough explanation of the options, adding that is probably one of the most dangerous intersections in the City in a car, not to mention in a golf cart, noting he almost got hit by a car in his golf cart just last weekend. He said he would be extremely concerned with stop signs there because he lives at Whiteway and Riverhills where there is a larger than normal stop sign and cars are always running the stop sign, not even slowing down, unless there is a police officer in the vicinity. Weekends especially he sees them zooming by, he said.

The City Engineer said studies have shown that people run the stop signs, generally not on purpose, but by not paying attention. He said it happens on Gillette and 113th also. He said that's the whole idea in the manual on warrants. If they aren't expecting the sign, the signs are not effective.

Council Member Shattles expressed concern about the Friday night cookouts at the golf course and the number of children outdoors playing nearby the intersection; children could be killed by a speeding car.

Mayor Affronti said he wanted everyone to understand this isn't just for the golf course, as some people have indicated. He said Florida College is affected by the intersection along with everyone who lives nearby. It's a hazard for anyone driving that area.

Regarding signs, Mayor Affronti asked when the large ugly **sign on Mission Hills** would be removed, to which the City Engineer responded he understood large signs were put up by mistake by the County in the City's right-of-way. He said the Public Works Director notified the County, and they have agreed to remove the signs by the week of September 11.

Council Member Govin said that while the issue of televising the Council Meetings over the **Verizon network** has apparently been resolved, it is his understanding from users of Verizon that this occurred two months later than contracted and promised. He questioned whether they had the other government channels yet, to which Mayor Affronti responded they do have the other public access channels now. Council Member Govin questioned whether there are any penalties in the contract with Verizon.

The City Attorney responded that the City Manager sent him an e-mail relative to this matter last week and he has reviewed paragraph 6 of the contract and found that there is no provision for penalties.

Council Member Govin expressed disappointment, stating that there probably should have been some sort of performance requirements; he would highly recommend that future contracts contain performance requirements. He said he wasn't necessarily looking for compensation back to the City, but for those Verizon customers who were promised, but did not receive the service.

In reference to Verizon, Council Member Chillura asked the City Attorney whether their franchise allows Verizon to pick and choose in a neighborhood who will receive service.

The City Attorney responded that Verizon can pick and choose. The City Manager commented that in situations like Council Member Chillura's large lot, he recalls there are density requirements, and he believes there is a "normal length of service" for running the cable, and then there is an additional cost for a typical installation of that type. He said he would double check on that. Council Member Chillura clarified that he doesn't have their service, but it may affect other residents on large lots or whose homes sit far back on their lots.

Council Member Govin said that about a month ago the Council received recommendations from the **Redevelopment Task Force** concerning the evaluation of quotes and bids on the CRA. He asked whether the Council will be considering these recommendations. He questioned whether they are operating under the "old" guidelines or if any new guidelines would be added this time. He said when they released Unicorp, they mentioned that this time they would have *all* Council interview everyone, but what he heard tonight was that there will be a *pre-review*. He said he hasn't seen any guidelines, and he questioned where they stand on this issue.

The City Manager said the administration is proposing that the Council will receive an entire copy of all companies who submit a proposal. He will have a staff committee review and *recommend* a ranking, but the Council will do the actual ranking and interviewing.

Council Member Shattles confirmed that they would not be working off a "shortlist." The City Manager said they would recommend a ranking - that's what staff is here for, but he reiterated that Council will do the actual ranking; then everyone will be involved in the whole process.

Council Member Govin stated that the Redevelopment Task Force recommended a point system and various other ideas. The City Manager responded they are pretty well on track with that. Council Member Govin questioned their relationship with the Redevelopment Task Force's recommendations and whether they are following them or whether they even want to do so.

Council Member Halloway said he thought they were good recommendations and should be considered.

Council Member Govin said he would like staff to give an opinion of the recommendations and perhaps at the next meeting bring an agenda as to how the selection process will be handled this time, adding that it would be beneficial for them to know the process that will be used.

The City Manager responded that they have verbalized the process in the past, but they will put something in writing.

Council Member Shattles asked whether the City has an **ordinance pertaining to phosphorous-based fertilizers**, to which the Code Compliance Director responded negatively. Council Member Shattles commented that the runoff from these fertilizers is destroying the Hillsborough River; other cities in Florida that have rivers running through their cities have adopted an ordinance prohibiting these types of fertilizers. She said she would like for the City to adopt such an ordinance and said she would provide examples from other cities. She stressed the importance of keeping abreast of water and environmental issues.

Mayor Affronti commented that he received an e-mail from the mother of the four-year old child, who recently drowned in their family pool, complimenting the City's **Fire Department** for their wonderful response and how hard they tried to save the child's life.

Mayor Affronti announced appointments to the **Florida League of Cities Policy Councils** for the coming year, and briefly described the areas covered by each, which appointments are as follows:

Urban Planning Council -	Council Member Linda H. Shattles
Municipal Service Delivery Council -	Council Member Glenda Venable
Fiscal Stewardship Council -	Council Member Ron Govin

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Joseph A. Affronti, Sr.
Mayor

Frank M. Chillura, Council Member

Ronald A. Govin, Council Member

Ken Halloway, Council Member

Attest:

Linda H. Shattles, Council Member

Melissa E. Burns, MMC
City Clerk

Glenda Venable, Council Member