

FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Minutes: Commission Meeting on June 12, 2007

Present: Richard S. Combes, Gary C. Bond, Edward F. Hroncich, James L. Parks, William N. Woodward, and Patrick A. Reilly

Absent: None

Staff: Marion E. Wilson, Manager
Joshua E. Horton, Fire Chief
Angie Hughes, Recorder

Consultants: None

Guests: Rita Riley, Kate Hines (FIPOA), George Hutchinson, Deborah Thomson

1. Chairman Combes called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Chairman Combes immediately convened the public hearing for the fiscal year 2008 budgets and opened the floor to questions or comments. There being no questions or comments from the floor or written comments submitted, Chairman Combes concluded the hearing.
3. The Commission approved the minutes of the May 8, 2007 Commission meeting, upon motion of Mr. Woodward.
4. Committee Reports
 - (a) The Commission reviewed the Manager's Report for May (*Att A*).
 - (b) Mr. Parks, the Bridge & Erosion Committee Chair, informed the Commission that he, Commissioner Hroncich, and Chairman Combes attended the FIPOA board meeting on Saturday, where Chairman Combes presented the Commission's petition for the FIPOA to fund the cost of insuring the Fripp Inlet Bridge. The FIPOA board referred the request to their finance committee for review.
 - (c) The Budget & Planning Committee did not meet.
 - (d) The Commission reviewed the Fire Department monthly report for May (*Att B*). Chief Horton briefly reviewed hurricane preparedness plans and the predicted storm statistics for this hurricane season. The Chief then informed the Commission that Hilton Head Motor Sports may not participate in the jet-ski loaner program after this year and recommended that the Commission consider purchasing the jet-ski at the end of the nine-month loaner period.
 - (e) The Regulations and Policies Committee did not meet.
 - (f) The Water Committee did not meet.
 - (g) The Wastewater Treatment & Collection Committee did not meet.
5. Chairman Combes stated that due to possible length of discussions regarding the FY08 draft budgets, the meeting would proceed out of order with the first item of New Business.

(a) Chairman Combes recognized the owner of 506 Remora Lane, Ms. Deborah Thomson (*Att C*). Ms. Thomson stated that she was told by one of the plumbers listed in the sewer availability letter that it was not mandatory that she tie onto the new vacuum sewer system. In January 2007, she was informed by the District manager that she must tie in, so she requested three quotes for connecting to the new sewer. Two plumbers quoted very high prices, and a third said they were unable to do the work. Ms. Thomson requested an extension of time in which to complete the tie-in, and that she be allowed to pay the reduced tap fee amount of \$200.00, rather than the regular fee of \$1,200.00. Chairman Combes noted that Ms. Thomson is no longer eligible for the reduced tap fee. The Commission agreed to extend Ms. Thomson's deadline to tie in for ninety days, by motion of Mr. Woodward.

6. Old Business

(a) Mr. Wilson reviewed a few minor changes to the fiscal year 2008 draft budgets (*Att D*). The Commission adopted the fiscal year 2008 budgets, as amended, by motion of Mr. Woodward.

(b) The Commission adopted the fiscal year 2008 Water & Sewer Rates (*Att E*), by motion of Mr. Woodward.

7. New Business

(a) The Commission adopted a resolution creating special assessment liens for the 458 lots served by Divisions IV and V of the vacuum sewer project (*Att F*), by motion of Mr. Woodward. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Questions and Comments from Visitors

(a) Ms. Hines stated that the POA Finance Committee is considering the District's request to assume the cost of insurance for the Fripp Inlet Bridge, and it will probably be revisited at their August meeting. Ms. Hines also informed the Commission that the first phase of the Tarpon road widening project, from Skipjack to Rock Beauty, is scheduled for this calendar year, and the second phase, from the Beach Club to Bonito Road, is scheduled for calendar year 2008.

(b) Ms. Riley expressed concern about the odor from the lift station near the tennis courts. Mr. Woodward stated that the Wastewater Treatment and Collection Committee will look at the problem and consider possible solutions.

9. The Commission entered executive session to discuss employee matters at 11:25 a.m., by motion of Mr. Woodward. The Commission closed executive session at 12:25 p.m., by motion of Mr. Reilly.

10. The Commission approved a salary increase for the District Manager and changes in other District employee compensation and fringe benefits and authorized the Chairman to communicate these changes to the District Manager in writing, by motion of Mr. Woodward.

11. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., by motion of Mr. Bond.

Marion E. Wilson
Secretary