

**FORT MYERS BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2000
NationsBank, Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Mulholland opened the meeting on Monday, February 7, 2000, at 6:50 p.m.

Council members present at the meeting: Daniel Hughes, John Mulholland, Ray Murphy and Garr Reynolds.

Excused absence: Anita Cereceda.

Town Staff present: Town Manager Marsha Segal-George, Deputy Town Manager John Gucciardo and Attorney Richard Roosa.

Also present: Terry Cain

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION BY DEACON SCOOP KIESEL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution offering support to Bonita Springs

MOTION: Moved by Ray Murphy and seconded by Dan Hughes for the approval of the resolution.

Discussion:

Councilman Reynolds noted that last week he had objected to the fact that we are signing a resolution saying that now we are allowing the Town Manager to proceed and be the clerk (in Bonita Springs). He didn't think we needed a resolution for them to communicate with the Town Manager.

Vice Mayor Hughes said that the resolution reads, "to do the duties of the clerk" and that the Town Manager wouldn't be the clerk.

Chairman Mulholland ascertained that it would be for one meeting only.

Councilman Reynolds said he had no objection if it was a one-time only thing.

Motion passes unanimously.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. First Reading: Proposed Taxi Ordinance

Mayor Mulholland read the ordinance:

An ordinance creating the Town of Fort Myers Beach taxi cab and livery regulatory ordinance providing authority, title, purpose, definitions, unlicensed vehicles for hire prohibited, application for certificate, annual certification, renewal of certificate, renewal revocation of certificate, display of sticker, transferability of certificate, minimum insurance requirements, regulatory penalties, area of enforcement, means of enforcement, severability, conflicts of law, codification, inclusion of code and scrivener's errors and effective date.

Town Manager Segal-George advised that the public hearing for this ordinance will be set for February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

B. Draft: Beach and Dune Management Ordinance

MOTION: Moved by Ray Murphy and seconded by Dan Hughes that we remand this ordinance to the LPA.

Discussion:

Councilman Reynolds referred to page 4 where it states you cannot operate any engine powered, non water craft vehicle, etc., etc. He said he believes this is already stated in the land use ordinance, but whether it is or is not, this particular thing is not being enforced so he would think that there should be some way that it should be enforced. Presently on the beach you have ATVs, farm tractors and pickups pulling different types of trailers, jet skis and other rental equipment. If we're going to have this in here, there should be some way to enforce it. Then on page 4, 12B, it says permits may be issued by the Town Manager for activities otherwise prohibited by this section. He would like to have a little tighter ordinance than that, because he thinks that each case should come before Council if it can't measure up to this ordinance. Otherwise we're relegating every ordinance on the island to a town manager. He thinks we should have a kind of closed thing like this and let it come to Council if they're not meeting the codes and that we're putting too much in one person's hands that way. In the very last sentence on that page to the extent that a permit is allowed under the land development code for any of the above activities, the standards and procedures for issuance should be governed by the land development code. This is okay except, as he recalls, that is also left to the Town Manager, so you have too much leeway there on that one. On page 5 under C. in the middle of the page where it says "any person wishing to light an open fire on the beach," this is interesting because on New Year's Eve he was told that the whole beach was lit up by private and group fires, so he doesn't know how that's going to fly. On page 6, section 8A, where it talks about the use of box blades on the beach or dunes being prohibited, in an emergency, however, they are allowed to do some of these things, like moving the sand away from the wall and things like that. Of course they have to have DEP approval if they actually do that, but he questions if they will. And then in B2 it says "If health or safety issues are present, such as a large fish kill or red tide events, the rack line may be raked within ten feet landward of the normal high tide line." He feels

that added on to this should be "by Town approval or APA. On page 7, again we're making reference in A to all engine-powered vehicles. He would remind us that these vehicles are being used out there and nothing is being done about it, so unless we have some suggestions for enforcement, then it's not going to help much anyway. He would like to suggest adding one other section after "sand dunes go all the way down past the" and put a section 11. He knows this is also covered in the land use ordinance, but as part of this section 11 should read something like this: Rentals or beach rentals, jet skis, small boats, floats, etc.

At this point Mayor Mulholland reminded Councilman Reynolds that this ordinance is going to the LPA and that it would be coming back to us after the LPA works on it and he could then hammer these things out. Councilman Reynolds said he understands that but what he is trying to do is give them something to think about while we're sending it to the LPA.

Continuing, Councilman Reynolds quoted "small boats, floats, etc., a) should not block the walking public on the beach; b) this equipment shall not be left on beach overnight." He would suggest that the LPA consider this and also the Marine Resources Task Force.

Vice Mayor Hughes stated that it was referred to in the memo as the Beach and Dune Management Plan, but he doesn't believe that anywhere in the ordinance itself is there any reference that it's a plan. He thinks that somewhere, maybe at the very beginning in Title II where it says it should be known as the Fort Myers Beach and Dune Management Ordinance, or beside it as the ordinance, perhaps (there should be) language to the effect that it be known as and adopted as our Beach and Dune Management Plan." Mayor Mulholland reminded Vice Mayor Hughes that this would be coming back to us from the LPA after their perusal. Vice Mayor Hughes asked if there was some way that these comments could be communicated to them. He was told that if he wished to put them in, to put them in.

Vice Mayor Hughes referred to section 8B on the beach raking and rack line policy where even under extraordinary circumstances you can only rake if the rack line is ten feet landward of the normal high tide line, and similarly in 2 and 3. For example, where he lives there's a sea wall and in high tide they no longer have much of a beach. Therefore, there is no beach landward of the high tide line. It's their front lawn and it's a sea wall. If you were on a seawall where the high tide comes to the sea wall, even under unusual circumstances you would not be able to rake or clean up. They get junk, they get dead fish because of the sea wall and the rocks. It piles up there and they have a big mess just as if they had more beach. Mayor Mulholland felt that we might be able to clean it up and Vice Mayor Hughes stated only if you clean it up 10 feet landward of the high tide. He would like for the LPA to look at that. He feels that it's prejudicial to people who have sea walls where the mean high tide meets the sea wall. Vice Mayor Hughes would like for our Manager as clerk of the LPA to ask them to look at that clause specifically, and if his understanding is correct, to see that they make some provision for that kind of situation. Mayor Mulholland sees two courses of action: send it back to Marine Resources or send it back to the LPA.

Town Manager Segal-George felt we have an awkward situation as it is. We have a task force that has worked on this ordinance for almost two years and it's a task force that has the expertise to be able to answer the kinds of questions we are asking. The LPA

does not, nor are they familiar with the ordinance, nor have they been working with it. So, for the LPA to get up to speed in order to have a public hearing, representatives from MRTF will have to come to the LPA to talk to them about the ordinance. If we have substantive changes that we want to be made now before it even goes to the LPA, it doesn't make sense to send it to the LPA. It makes sense to send it back to MRTF because they're the ones who have this expertise. Vice Mayor Hughes didn't agree, and he didn't see why it couldn't go to the LPA now. He doesn't see sending it back to MRTF. If the LPA decides not to change it, then it comes to us. We can still change it. People from MRTF can come here when it comes back to us.

Councilman Reynolds said was not his intention to take away from the fine work that MRTF has done here. He thought that we were open to suggestions so that when this went to the LPA, they could consider this as extra items that may have been overlooked somehow.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. MRTF request for radio station participation

Councilman Reynolds asked if this was going to involve a whole lot of Town staff time. It was Town Manager Segal-George's understanding that you program your information once, and as long as that information is current, it keeps going. It would be very similar to making changes on a Web page. Councilman Reynolds asked if it was like what you get at Disney World and was told yes.

Councilman Murphy asked for a more in-depth explanation of this whole concept -- what it was and how it worked. Mayor Murphy explained that it was to educate people regarding what was going on at the Beach and what could be done and should be done as far as boating, and different things to protect our natural resources. It is sort of like a public service announcement. It is used in other places, which he thinks is covered in the documentation. The memo says it is used at Ding Darling and they've had success with it. So it's hopefully something that will educate the public, especially the tourists and visitors as to what is going on and what you should and shouldn't do.

Vice Mayor Mulholland was asked if it was a dedicated radio station for the Town of Fort Myers Beach on our A.M. dial. Town Manager Segal-George compared it to going to Ding Darling or places like that and being told to tune in to whatever the station is; and if you turn to that number, then you kick up this frequency that gives you that information loop. She assumes that the information put on the loop will be written or scripted by the Marine Resources Task Force. This information can be changed and updated and we could use it for other circumstances. This also went to Public Safety to see if they had any interest in using it, and at this time they don't think it is particularly useful with regards to any kind of public safety issues. But the Marine Resources Task Force has been looking for ways to communicate information to people that come to the island. And they also had other ideas like asking boat rentals and owners of personal watercraft to put informational stickers on their consoles that would give people information about seagrass beds and marine mammals. MRTF unanimously approved the radio station idea. In our packets is information about the station. It has a set price and she understands that it is easy to keep operating. The station would be solely ours. The cost quote is \$7,995 for 7.1 minutes of recording time and is a one-time cost. The

recording runs continually. Also observed is that there will be little signs when you enter the Town advising that for information about the town, to dial such and such a number. Mrs. Segal-George said we will have to contract with someone to do periodic maintenance, but she hasn't gotten into this yet. She has attached an information sheet that Joel Bellucci had received from the company that sets these stations up. Mayor Mulholland said we will use the emergency operations antenna at Town Hall to save money.

Vice Mayor Hughes asked for a member of MRTF to further explain the set up. Heather Stafford of the MRTF who was present was called upon to answer questions put to her. She reiterated what Marsha Segal-George had said. She noted that we could record Town events on the loop as well as environmental issues. There would be no commercials. Marsha Segal-George added that we are getting a TR6000 transmitter, and it also has a single board design with an LED watt meter and BU meter. Heather Stafford said that if we wanted a shorter loop, we could have that, but it would still run continuously. Vice Mayor Hughes noted that the 7.1 minutes forces us to be to the point and succinct.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Hughes and seconded by Ray Murphy that we accept the recommendation of MRTF to purchase the TIS radio system as set forth in their memo dated February 1, 2000.

Discussion:

Councilman Murphy said he intended to vote for this but that he wanted it to be clearly understood that it will be used for purposes other than the prerecorded Marine Resources Task Force messages. If it is deemed necessary by the Council or the Town Manager for any sort of emergency or any other sort of programming that needs to be put in there, that it is also available for that use.

Councilman Hughes amended his motion:

MOTION: Moved by Dan Hughes and seconded by Ray Murphy that we accept the recommendation of MRTF to purchase the TIS radio system as set forth in their memo dated February 1, 2000, with the understanding that if it is deemed necessary by the Council or the Town Manager for any sort of emergency or other sort of programming that needs to be put in there, that it is also available for that use.

Discussion:

Councilman Reynolds said he would like clarification from Heather Stafford that we can make 7.1 minute tapes for any group that we wish to or any information that we want to disburse about the Town of Fort Myers Beach. What he is suggesting is that we could have seven different tapes telling seven different things if we cared to about the Town of Fort Myers Beach. It wouldn't have to be just that one tape. Mayor Mulholland advised that the intent of this station is to inform visitors how to protect and preserve our natural resources and the things we should and shouldn't do, and that Councilman

Murphy rightfully asked to change that to include emergency announcements. Councilman Reynolds said he is suggesting that we don't restrict it to just that, that we could also announce any other beneficial need that we would like to inform our citizens about. Marsha Segal-George stated that what he is suggesting is a little problematic because of the fact that we have to put signs up and give the call letters and tell people why they should tune in to that station. So we're going to have to tell them to tune in for environmental information about the island. We can't just say tune in for many things. Councilman Murphy said that if there were an event coming, like a hurricane, then we could get it out through the local media that they can tune in to this station for updates on the hurricane or what have you.

Deputy Town Manager John Gucciardo stated that this item was discussed by Public Safety, and one of the obvious things was to see if it had some application in hurricane season. He said he appreciates the intent, but he doesn't think this is the right vehicle for that kind of message. A hurricane is usually a situation that is changing; the message needs to be very flexible. We usually have a situation where we're changing the kind of information that needs to go out on a pretty regular basis. He doesn't think this 7-minute continuous loop is the kind of thing we would want to be changing, for example, at every four-hour update that we get from the Hurricane Center. It's not practical for that kind of thing. He thinks further ahead telling people to tune in to either the local media or going down the path that we're looking to do, which is a joint venture with the county on their dedicated TV station. So this may not be the best vehicle for hurricane information. He can, however, see some other practical applications; for example, information to visitors about cross walk safety, how the cross walks are supposed to work. Mayor Murphy agreed that it would not have to be that specific. But we could have something that said "for more information about -- tune in to such and such." He doesn't feel that we should limit the station to just MRTF issues. And, again, it would be at the Council's or the Manager's discretion as to what would go over that airwave.

Vice Mayor Hughes said that one immediate use he thought of when he first read this was that, hopefully, we're finally getting approval by the state for our total ban on live shelling. It's going to be a long process to educate the public on that and this might help in that regard.

Councilman Murphy advised that his comments were meant in no way to disparage the good work of the Marine Resources Task Force. His sole intent is not to limit the hands of the Council.

The amended motion was passed unanimously.

D. Renewal of Treasure of the Sea program grant

MOTION: Moved by Ray Murphy and seconded by Dan Hughes to approve the Treasures of the Sea program grant.

Discussion:

Mayor Mulholland read what Terry Cain had furnished us: 150 adults and an estimated 20 children have enjoyed the Treasures of the Sea program. Participants have included three members of the Fort Myers Beach Town Council, Historic Society members, two home school groups, two programs for the south beach condominium

residents, as well as 38 year-round residents, 15 winter residents, 64 residents of Lee County, 4 participants from other countries, 70 people who are frequent visitors of the nature centers. Mr. Mulholland said he'd like to say well done to Terry Cain and he just hopes she'll continue this terrific job that she is doing.

Councilman Reynolds said that first of all he didn't even know this was going on, so he doesn't know how he missed that. He asked how much the grant was for. Terry Cain explained that what they are working on now is the grant for last year. The request for this year would be for Treasures of the Sea Year 2000-2001, from November to May. It is a mini grant that was requested from the Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program for \$2,536.14. She is requesting from the Town Council to have the same support that she had last year on the grant she received from the Charlotte Harbor NEP, which was an in-kind service and not a monetary match. It was the use of the Mound House and the use of the staff for facilitating the funds from the Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program. This will extend it for next year. Vice Mayor Hughes said he had participated in it and that it is a very enlightening and educational program. He would urge the public to take advantage of it.

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Vice Mayor Hughes stated that our Mound House closing was to January 31. He asked Marsha Segal-George where we are now that the litigation has a partial summary judgment. Attorney Roosa advised that there is a hearing set now to convert that into a final summary judgment. Marsha Segal-George advised that she has been in constant communication with FCT. They usually send her renewal documents and none have been received.

Vice Mayor Hughes said we had all gotten a notice of a census meeting. He asked if the staff feels that the Town should be represented at that. Mrs. Segal-George said that they didn't think it was enough of a priority for them and that they're too busy.

Mr. Hughes said he'd like to comment favorably on the Estero Boulevard Streetscape Charette Summary Report. It is an outstanding summary of what we've done to date. Also, John Gucciardo has two memos in our packets and he thanks him for the information on the use of the media during emergencies and the continued efforts to try and do something about the sidewalks at the south end of the island.

Also stated by Vice Mayor Hughes was that he would like the Council to consider action on the memo to Chairman Mulholland and to Marsha Segal-George from Tom Merrill on the solution to curb commercial flights over Fort Myers Beach. Mr. Merrill had worked with Dave Smith a year ago trying to get something done about the height of commercial flights over the Town, and at that time they were able to get put in very small print in the JEPS manual that pilots use for each particular airport that airlines should voluntarily keep a height of 3,000 feet to reaching the coastline. Apparently the issue is basically one of altitude. The sound relates itself to the altitude. He has found out that the same situation exists in Miami where they fly over Miami Beach. The airport is approximately ten miles from the coastline there, and they have the same rule there of 3,000 feet voluntarily, barring emergencies, etc., and adverse weather conditions. However, in the Miami situation the tower routinely notifies the pilot verbally that he is

to maintain an altitude of 3,000 feet, which is not being done here. We're not asking for something unique that no other airport has. Now that Mr. Merrill has found out that this is being done in Miami, he feels that we should go back to the FAA and ask that we be treated the same way as Miami, and that is that they have verbal communication directly from the tower to the pilots. We should do it informally like we did last year. He thinks this would be much more effective if the Town Council formally adopted a motion or resolution to this effect. Vice Mayor Hughes said that, therefore, he is proposing at this time a resolution that our staff contact the local authorities' personnel at the FAA and request that they institute at the Southwest Florida Regional International Airport the same procedure that is in effect now at the Miami International Airport, to wit, a verbal communication from tower to pilots, bringing to their attention and reminding them of the 3,000 foot altitude minimum coming in over the coast of Fort Myers Beach. The person to contact is Victor Garcia. Vice Mayor Hughes told Attorney Roosa that if he needed any more information in preparing a resolution to give him a call.

Mayor Mulholland said he thought what Tom Merrill did was fine. He also reported that the Marine Resources has put out panels on Little Estero Island and did a very nice job. Today he got a call that they have put a little roof on the panels. They have information about the wildlife on Little Estero and the surrounding lagoon and gulf and turtle information. He thinks they have been very very favorably received. There is a minor problem on one of the panels. It has a map of the area which should go around Little Estero Island and to the shores of the lagoon and not behind some of the condos. This error will be fixed. Mr. Mulholland asked the Town Manager if she thought we should have a ribbon-cutting on that and she said no. Mr. Mulholland said he will talk to the press, as he thinks this is something that we can be proud of.

Mayor Mulholland said he had received a call that people walking the beach were stopped by a construction sign and some construction material. The Town staff is still looking into it, but he understands now that the people are not stopped from taking their walks.

Councilman Reynolds stated that at our last meeting on January 24, we had discussed the local fire department's charge for services for the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. Marsha Segal-George hadn't gotten the billing at that time. He asked her if she had heard anymore about this. Mrs. Segal-George advised that we had gotten the memo. They had billed her and it was paid. Mr. Reynolds noted that he hadn't agreed with that.

Mr. Reynolds remarked that Bowditch Park was supposed to have been on tonight's agenda and asked if any discussion had taken place. Mrs. Segal-George advised that she had spoken with John Yarborough, but she hadn't been aware that Bowditch Park was supposed to be back on the agenda tonight.

Councilman Reynolds extended thanks to Ceel Spuhler although she was not at tonight's meeting for her summary of all the tours and happenings that took place during the holidays. The docents really did a great job and he thinks they collected something like \$612, which was turned over to the Town.

Regarding the Mound House purchase. Councilman Reynolds said it appear that Judge Jerrold has indicated that the problems have been mostly cleared for the Town's purchase. He asked Mr. Roosa to comment on this. Attorney Roosa stated that that's not exactly correct. There's a partial summary judgment with regards to title to the property.

There is still a claim for damages. The plaintiff has set a second hearing where they are going to withdraw their claim for damages, and then there can be a final order, which will be appealable issues. It is anticipated that it will be appealed. If it is not appealed, then we can close in 30 days.

Councilman Reynolds referred to receiving letters from three or four biker associations. They had a complaint about our noise ordinance, which he didn't quite understand. Deputy Town Manager John Gucciardo said he was only familiar with the one we got from ABATE. They made reference to the Town's noise ordinance, which they characterized as harassment. The noise ordinance has never been enforced by the sheriff's office against the motorcycles. The state statute that the sheriff has been trying to enforce has to do with the type of muffler that they have and has nothing to do with the noise ordinance. They are not doing anything here differently than they would be doing anyplace else.

Councilman Reynolds referred to a letter received from a resident on Pescadora who had complained to the fire department about a hydrant draining into his yard which goes on to his house. He wished to know if this had been resolved. John Gucciardo advised that this was a letter addressed to the fire chief with a copy to us and that we hadn't taken any action on it.

Regarding Bowditch, Mr. Reynolds said that a good citizen had taken the time to write a Council member a very good letter as to why they should have parking at this county park. He urged that if we haven't read it that we should.

The summary of the streetscape meetings Mr. Reynolds said was very good.

Mr. Reynolds also asked if any council member wanted him to try to get him a convertible for the Shrimp Festival parade. Four members said yes.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER ITEMS

A. Discussion of informational piece on Charter Referendum Questions

Town Manager Segal-George advised that she had put this on the agenda because she had started thinking about this being on the ballot in March, but that we hadn't put an informational piece out that would make people aware of why it was going to be on the ballot and what the issues were surrounding it. She thought she would ask if we wanted to do something. Mayor Mulholland said yes. Vice Mayor Hughes stated that he thought one thing maybe to do is to have it as a specific agenda item. Mrs. Segal-George asked him if he meant in lieu of doing an informational piece and Mr. Hughes replied yes. Councilman Murphy said he thinks that makes sense and also maybe she could prepare an informational statement of some sort and bring it back to be on the agenda for our next meeting so we could discuss it and keep calling it an informational piece and not an educational piece. It would be something that we could look at and discuss. Mrs. Segal-George said she was hoping that the Vice Mayor would write it. Mr. Hughes said that they had talked about that and he will agree to write it. Mayor Mulholland asked about time constraints. She said she thought that the questions would be on the second week in March and she would think that we would try to get that piece in the Observer and we might want to run it a couple of times. Addressing Dick Roosa, Mrs. Segal-George said that they didn't know if in our informational piece we could state that the Council unanimously recommended these or if that would cross the line. She was told that we could do that. Vice Mayor Hughes ascertained that he could have this by the 22nd.

IX. TOWN ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

None.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 10, 2000, JANUARY 3, 2000, DECEMBER 20, 1999 AND DECEMBER 13, 1999,

Town Manager Marsha Segal-George advised that Vice Mayor Hughes, she and Janeen had sat down and looked at the minutes to try and understand what some of the problems were. They are reformatting all of them but couldn't get them reformatted in time for this meeting. They would like to bring them all back on February 22 in the new format.

MOTION: Moved by Ray Murphy and seconded by Dan Hughes to table the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Attorney Roosa wondered if the Council would want him to draft a proposed ordinance in order to not require monthly meetings of our volunteer committees. Mayor Mulholland felt this would be a great idea. Marine Resources had quorum problems during the summer. Mr. Roosa said the meetings would be quarterly.

Vice Mayor Hughes said he was finding out that the Public Safety Task Force was requesting an amendment to their ordinance and understands that Marine Resources was requesting a similar request. The request of the PSTF wasn't to go from monthly to quarterly but to eliminate summer meetings. Attorney Roosa explained that the reason he is requesting quarterly is because we do have some committees now that are only required to meet once each quarter and more often if necessary. Vice Mayor Hughes didn't think he was in favor of that for the two task forces, that the committees were getting off too easy. Councilman Reynolds felt that if we had a minimum of eight meetings per year that the committees would also be covered. CELCAB meets quarterly. Vice Mayor Hughes thought that Marine Resources Task Force and Public Safety Task Force should continue to meet on a monthly basis, except that they should be given the right to waive meetings in the summertime at their option. All the ordinances would have to be amended. Everyone agreed to meet eight times a year.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. HEATHER STAFFORD

With respect to the radio loop, Mrs. Stafford said she hoped that the Council would see fit to make sure that there is some time on that loop dedicated to environmental and natural resources use and Marine Resource issues.

B. PAUL SHEENBURGER

A resident of Estero Boulevard, Mr. Sheenburger said he had met a renter in his condo who said that airplanes in a town in Germany were coming over the buildings and they actually got them to change the flight path. When that engine's running, it's throwing something out, and on the island we get this black residue which people say comes from the trucks but he doesn't. He thinks that the flight pattern out over the water would be better for that purpose.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Calhoun
Transcribing Secretary

Items for action from the meeting of February 7, 2000

1. The resolution offering support to Bonita Springs was passed.
2. The first reading for the proposed taxi ordinance will be set for February 22 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Motion passed that the Beach and Dune Management Ordinance be remanded to the LPA.
4. Moved by Dan Hughes and seconded by Ray Murphy that we accept the recommendation of MRTF to purchase the TIS radio system as set forth in their memo dated February 1, 2000, with the understanding that if it is deemed necessary by the Council or the Town Manager for any sort of emergency or other sort of programming that needs to be put in there, that it is also available for that use. (John Gucciardo did not feel that using the system for hurricane updates was a good idea.)
5. Moved by Ray Murphy and seconded by Dan Hughes to approve the Treasures of the Sea program grant.
6. Vice Mayor Hughes said that he is proposing at this time a resolution that our staff contact the local authorities' personnel at the FAA and request that they institute at the Southwest Florida Regional International Airport the same procedure that is in effect now at the Miami International Airport, to wit, a verbal communication from tower to pilots, bringing to their attention and reminding them of the 3,000 foot altitude minimum coming in over the coast of Fort Myers Beach.
7. Everyone agreed to meetings eight times a year.