

**COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**April 17, 2001**

***I. PRESENTATIONS:***

**1. To Nikki Wolfson –**

The Mayor and City Commission presented a proclamation to Nikki Wolfson, declaring April 18, 2001 Nikki Wolfson Day within the City of Treasure Island in recognition of Nikki's artistic abilities which gave her recognition in Washington, D.C.

**2. From T.I. Business Association –**

Mr. Ben Hetrick, President of the T.I. Business Association stated that the Association would be donating \$500 toward the purchase and installation of carillons for the clock tower. He indicated that the Business Association is anxious to work with the City on this project.

***II. ACTION ITEMS:***

**1. Resolution Appointing Commissioner Lavino to Audit Committee –**

This item will be on next Tuesday's agenda for action.

**2. Resolution Adopting Financial Policies Manual –**

This item will be on Tuesday's agenda for action.

***III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

**1. Bilmar License –**

The City Manager presented an updated report concerning the issue and discussed the revised draft license agreement. He explained the difference between a license and a lease.

The City Manager indicated that the precedent has already been set since there are already 13 other beach properties that have some level of development in that area of beach adjacent to their properties.

Ms. Joy Anzalone was present representing the Bilmar and discussed the Bilmar's desire to be good citizens and neighbors as well as their desire to have a Sloppy Joe's Restaurant on their premises. She stated that she felt that the name would bring people to Treasure Island

Ms. Anzalone stated that she is in agreement with the license as written but requested a window of opportunity of 90 days be allowed in the event the license is revoked.

Commissioner Lavino stated that her constituents are in favor of Sloppy Joe's and of the project. She stated, however, that it is her feeling that there should be a fee for the use of the property.

Mr. Carl Ystrom spoke in favor of the development and suggested that the decking should be concrete rather than wood for better maintenance.

Mr. J.D. Hadsall stated that the beach is the peoples' treasure. He indicated that, while he favors a Sloppy Joe's Restaurant, he disagrees with the City Attorney's distinction between a license and a lease. He indicated that he has a problem with the way the City is going about resolving this issue and voiced concern that a bad precedent is being set.

Mr. Dan Lenehen stated that he is in favor of economic development.

Commissioner Blush indicated that she has been getting a mixed review from her constituents and their main concern is the precedent that would be set.

The Mayor explained that the granting of a license would be the same as the granting of a variance and each request would be based on its own merits.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked whether a fee would put more teeth in the license and the City Attorney indicated that a free license is much easier to revoke.

The City Manager indicated that he is supportive of the Bilmar's request for a 90-day window if the license is revoked.

Commissioner Lavino commented regarding walkup traffic that would be using the restaurant.

Commissioner Maloof indicated that the Commission is trying to create an inviting community and indicated that she favors such development.

A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda for action.

## **2. Acquisition of Noordhoek Property –**

The Mayor indicated that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion because he was not in attendance when the issue was previously discussed. He indicated that he just wanted to say that he is in favor of acquiring the property.

The City Manager indicated that since the property owner has not been responsive to approaches from the Trust for Public Lands, the City couldn't take any steps to acquire the land until the P-2000 grant is finished.

The Mayor asked Commissioner Lavino, who had researched the ownership, who purchased the property. Commissioner Lavino indicated that she found that the property had been turned over to a successor trustee in 1999 but the deed had not been recorded until 2000.

The City Manager indicated that staff is still trying to have dialogue with the property owner but to no avail.

It was agreed that the City Attorney would attempt to make contact with the attorney for the property owner to try to establish the dialogue.

Commissioner Maloof and Commissioner Blush each indicated that they had one constituent that was opposed to obtaining the property through condemnation. Commissioner Lavino indicated that some people are frightened by condemnation.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked the City Attorney whether the property owners wouldn't be paid for the property if it were condemned. The City Attorney explained that the City would have to pay a fair value that would be determined by the courts. He explained that the City must prove to the court a public need for the property.

The City Manager will provide weekly updates to the Commission on the matter.

- 3. Construction Contract for 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue Clock Tower Carillon –**
- 4. Police/Fire/Community Center Guaranteed Maximum Price –**

The City Manger reported that the guaranteed maximum price would be available on Monday. He explained that the Commission could act on it on Tuesday or hold it over to the May 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop for action on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The item will tentatively be on Tuesday's agenda for action.

#### ***IV. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:***

##### **1. Monthly Financial Report –**

The City Manager noted the Monthly Financial Report included in the Commission packets for information.

##### **2. Proposed PSTA Bus Fare Increase –**

The City Manager reported that he has received notice that PSTA rates will increase from \$1 to \$1.25 countywide.

### **3. Tree City USA Designation –**

The City Manager reported that the City has received notification from the Arbor Day Foundation that Treasure Island has been designated Tree City USA for the third consecutive year for the year 2000.

### **4. Marina Renovation Report –**

The City Manager reported that the marina renovations have been completed and suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to the Commission Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to hold the event at 3:00 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. Sound System Upgrades –**

The City Manager reported that the new sound equipment has arrived and the Whitlock Group will install it next Wednesday and Thursday.

The City Attorney reported that he received a check in today's mail for fees to remove a derelict boat in 2000.

## **V. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Blush thanked the Recreation Staff for the outstanding Easter Extravaganza program.

Commissioner Blush reported on the April 11 Beach Stewardship Meeting and Mr. Minning's report to the Sunshine and Sunset Beach Associations.

Commissioner Maloof asked when the Paradise Island sign would be ready for installation. The City Manager indicated that all of the neighborhood signs should be installed in early May.

Commissioner Lavino commented regarding the need to put Key Capri on the Isle of Capri map.

The Mayor noted his memo to the Commission regarding the need to appoint BIG-C voting delegates for the 2001-2002 year. It was agreed that the delegates should remain as they are.

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to have a resolution on Tuesday's agenda for action. Upon roll call, vote was unanimous.

The Mayor read a letter addressed to the Recreation Director from the South Pinellas Tennis Team expressing their appreciation for the efforts of employee, Mary Jane Linton and expressing general favor with the courts and their upkeep.

The Mayor urged the public to participate in the Mayor's cleat program and urged the public to contact him or a member of the Commission to submit names of young adults leaving home for the first time.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dr. George Greenfield commented regarding the Beach Stewardship Committee and suggested that the City needs to increase awareness of Treasure Island through publicity and suggested the creation of a TI sticker for vehicles. He presented a sample. He suggested that the stickers could be sold at cost.

Mr. J.D. Hadsall commented regarding the Bilmar, Sloppy Joe's and parking. He indicated that parking is always a problem at the Bilmar. He further voiced his concern that the Commission isn't considering a license fee. He indicated that a fee would be a positive impact on the revenue for the city. He urged the Commission to explore imposing a fee.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**