

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
December 19, 2002  
9:30 a.m.**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Atkinson

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Leon G. Atkinson	Present
Commissioner Stephanie Lavino	Absent
Commissioner Irving S. Ellsworth Vice-Mayor	Present
Commissioner Mary Maloof	Present
Commissioner Barbara Blush	Present

**C. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance 02-08 – Candidate Filing Deadline – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing –**

After hearing the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 02-08 regarding the candidate filing deadline, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimous.

**2. Presentation of Design for Tile Mosaic In Sunset Vista Trailhead Park -**

Mr. Jake Zimmerman with Phil Graham and Company presented the final design for the mosaic tile at Sunset Vista Trailhead Park. He stated that the firm came within \$20 of the initial cost for the design.

The Mayor commented that the turtles in the sketch are not as visible as the fish.

Mr. Zimmerman indicated that when the design is "true-to-size" the turtles will be much clearer.

Commissioner Blush commented that the blue background made the compass portion of the design stand out much better than the sand background.

The following items were discussed in addition to the items of business listed on the agenda:

### 3. Reclaimed Water Report -

Mr. Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, provided a status report on the Reclaimed Water Project with Westra Construction Company. Mr. Hambidge stated that the construction company has until the end of December to complete the work at 104th Avenue and that no extensions will be allowed. He said that this project should not interfere with the Causeway Bridge Project. Mr. Hambidge reported that the paving company is waiting until January 6<sup>th</sup> to finish the paving at Sunset Beach, Capri Isle and Paradise Island. He stated that it will take 3 to 4 weeks to repave the roads where repairs to potable water lines were made due to the time it takes the County to complete bacterial tests. Mr. Hambidge indicated that Sandra McDonald with Pinellas County is attempting to expedite the length of time the County is requiring to conduct these tests. He informed the Commission that the project should be completed by April.

The City Manager stated that the Reclaimed Water Project is a County project and that Don Hambidge has no authority over the project and can only speak on the City's behalf in an advisory capacity.

Commissioner Blush inquired about the staging area on 104<sup>th</sup> and asked if this issue should be referred to John Woolum with Pinellas County.

Mr. Hambidge agreed that it is Mr. Woolum's responsibility to handle any issues that relate to the restoration. He also indicated that although Mr. Woolum is the owner's representative, Mr. Woolum is having difficulty getting these issues addressed.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if some pressure could be applied on the Pinellas County Commissioners to address the restoration issues.

The City Manager stated that the City of Treasure Island's Commission should address the Pinellas County Commission.

The City Manager suggested a motion to meet with Commissioner Morroni and staff.

Commissioner Blush indicated that Mr. Morroni has been very receptive to addressing the City's concerns. She asked whether the Commission would like to speak with him.

The Mayor suggested that the Commission privately contact Commissioner Morroni. He suggested that the Commission make a motion regarding the issue.

A motion for the Mayor and the City Manager to meet with Commissioner Morrone was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Upon roll call, the vote was unanimous.

#### **4. Memorial Trees Report -**

Carol Malkin, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, commented that there should be specifications for memorial trees that include requirements for species. She indicated that she is opposed to the use of seedlings. Ms. Malkin stated that Don Spatzer of the Public Works Department is very knowledgeable regarding trees. She suggested that he be consulted regarding the selection of memorial trees. Ms. Malkin commented that the Beautification Committee should review and have the responsibility for tree selection.

The Mayor agreed that the Beautification Committee should have the responsibility of selecting and approving trees.

Commissioner Blush asked if a policy and procedures existed for the selection of memorial trees.

The City Manager indicated no and suggested that the Beautification Committee establish a policy and procedures for memorial tree selection.

Ms. Malkin indicated that the Beautification Committee will begin work in January to establish a memorial tree selection policy and procedures.

#### **In other discussion:**

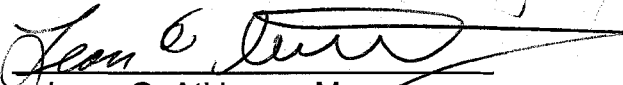
Ms. Carol Malkin stated her surprise to hear that the Mayor is no longer playing the role of Santa Claus due to some vulgar comments made by people passing by his home on Gulf Boulevard recently. Ms. Malkin stated that every year she brings her grandchild to the Mayor's home for this occasion. She stated how appalled she is that this has occurred and is now preventing the Mayor from playing the role of Santa Claus at his home.

The Mayor responded that he is not planning to play the role of Santa Claus at his home after 21 years due to the recent comments made. He said that he regrets not being able to continue this long-standing, tradition.

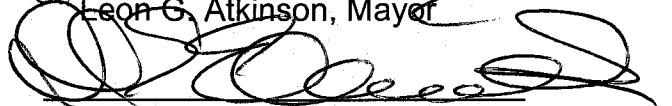
The Mayor asked Bonnie Williams, City Clerk, to open a letter that he had given her back in April. He had asked Ms. Williams to hold it until he requested that she open it. He stated that he wanted her to open and read the letter.


Ms. Williams read the Mayor's letter which was dated April 1, 2002 and written to the residents of Treasure Island. In this letter the Mayor highlighted the major accomplishments of the Commission as well as his own personal achievements and his love for the City of Treasure Island. The Mayor also indicated that he has made the decision to, "step aside next March and make room for someone else to join the Commission and participate in the ever changing future of Treasure Island".

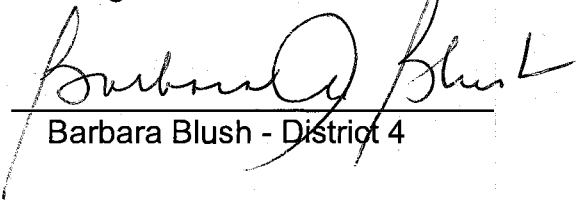
**D. ADJOURNMENT:**

  
Leon G. Atkinson, Mayor

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Stephanie Lavino - District 1

  
Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

  
Mary Maloof - District 3

  
Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**

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Bonnie L. Williams, CMC, City Clerk