

COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
January 2, 2002

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion – Accepting Donation for Carillon Chip Purchase –

The Mayor reported that the City received a \$70 donation from Raymond Ryel, owner of the Sand Dune Motel for the purchase of carillon chip 728, Irish Songs.

A motion will be on Tuesday's agenda formally accepting this generous donation.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Playground Arsenic Levels –

The Public Works Director noted his memo dated December 28th and discussed the arsenic findings in city playgrounds and possible remedies.

He explained that Congress is expected to make a decision in March or April 2002 that will establish standards for acceptable amounts arsenic and standards for removal.

The Public Works Director indicated he is recommending that the following actions be taken now:

- Replace the Isle of Palms playground equipment with plastic equipment
- Replace the lumber playground equipment at Rosselli Park and the Recreation Center with plastic equipment
- The Public Works Department be charged with the removal and disposal of the contaminated soil prior to March of this year.

The Commission concurred with the Public Works Director's recommendations and work will begin shortly.

2. Driver Contract for Phase II PD&E Bridge Designs –

The Public Works Director noted his December 28th memo and discussed the main work items that are a part of the Phase II Study

The City Manager discussed the costs incurred to date for the bridge project and indicated that we are still within the anticipated costs.

A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda for action. An additional resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda authorizing the PD&E Consultant to prepare final Design Plans for the reconstruction of the Causeway's two fixed bridges and the design of the bascule bridge in conjunction with the completion of the PD&E Study.

3. Final Design Approval for Sunset Vista Trailhead Park and Blind Pass Entry –

A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda authorizing Phil Graham and Associates to proceed with the final design of the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park and the Blind Pass Entry projects.

4. Good Life Request –

The Recreation Director noted her memo of December 4th regarding Good Life Games, Inc. request to use the Community Center for the Ballroom Dance competition on March 11 and March 18th. They are requesting a waiver of fee but are willing to split the gate revenue with the City.

The Recreation Director recommends that the organization be charged the non-profit rate of \$268/day since the gate revenues are unpredictable. The Commission concurred.

No Commission action is required.

5. Financial Issues –

a. FY00-01 Year End Financial Report –

The City Manager noted his December 20th memo attached to the period 13 financial report for FY 2000-01. The City Manager suggested some proposed budget cuts and modifications to the 2001-02 budget that would save the General Fund \$194,000 and would increase the City's reserves.

The Commission was in concurrence with the proposed modifications to the budget.

b. Revision of LOISS Budget for FY 2001-02 –

The City Manager noted his memo of December 20th and reminded that the LOISS, Penny for Pinellas Fund is 100% dependent on sales tax revenues. He indicated that the revenues received in the first quarter of the new fiscal year are at or above our projections.

The City Manager explained that the LOISS Budget for FY 200102 was based on information received in May 2001.

The City Manager noted that since the adoption of the Budget for FY 2001-02 and since the terrorist event that occurred on September 11, 2001, more information has become available and as a result of that information, he is suggesting some changes to the LOISS Budget for the current fiscal year. He reviewed the revised budget based on project changes. The revised budget is attached to these notes for reference.

The Commission concurred with the suggested changes.

A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda adopting the revised LOISS Budget.

c. Rate Increase for Golf and Tennis –

The Recreation Director noted her December 6th memo to the City Manager regarding this topic. She indicated that she recommends a rate increase of \$1 for both tennis and golf. Assuming the same amount of play, this increase will increase the revenue in the General Fund by \$27,522.

The City Manager explained that the General Fund subsidizes the enterprise fund and that's why the revenue will increase in the General Fund.

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

d. Bids for Causeway Bridge Deck Repairs –

The Public Works Director noted his December 28th memo regarding this topic. He explained that when F.D.O.T. made its inspection of the bridge, several areas on the decks were noted as needing repair.

He indicated that the repair project has been let for bid and he recommends the acceptance of the low bid submitted by Seacoast Metals in the amount of \$19,725.

A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda awarding the bid.

The Public Works Director noted that the Causeway bridges are now being inspected annually because of their condition.

The City Manager requested that the Commission pass a resolution authorizing the PD&E Consultant to prepare final design plans for the reconstruction of the two fixed bridges in conjunction with the completion of the PD&E Study.

The Public Works Director indicated that it is necessary to authorize the design now because of the condition the bridges are in. A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda for action

e. Resolution to Correct Error in Res. 01-43 –

The City Manager requested that the Commission pass a resolution to correct an apparent Scribner's error in Resolution 01-43. The guaranteed maximum price of Peter Brown of \$1,353,951 was transposed to reflect \$1,335,951. A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda to correct the error.

III. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Blush thanked staff for Santa's Sleigh Ride on Christmas Eve. She indicated that everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

Commissioner Blush noted she received complimentary comments from some winter residents regarding the clock tower, carillons and beautification project.

Commissioner Maloof asked the City Manager about the former Margo's Restaurant site being used as a music recording facility. The City Manager indicated that the site is only used for rehearsals. The actual recording is done at a location on Central Avenue.

The City Manager indicated that the rehearsals are totally within the building and there is no noise coming from the building.

Commissioner Maloof stated that she noticed in the Police reports that we issue warnings for toll runners. She stated she doesn't see the reason for issuing warnings and suggested that fines should be imposed.

Commissioner Maloof stated that she has been thinking about the issue of the cable casting volunteers not receiving causeway passes and stated she feels they should receive them. She requested this item be discussed at the next workshop.

Commissioner Lavino noted a problem with spotlights on docks shining in neighbors windows. She indicated she suggested that the offended neighbor discuss the problem with the owner of the lights.

Commissioner Lavino thanked Bill Edwards, the owner of the Margo property, for allowing the use of the parking lot for parking and storage in conjunction with the reclaimed water project.

Commissioner Ellsworth indicated he received a complimentary call regarding the decorating of the trees in the downtown area and asked whether the lights should remain all year since they look nice.

The Public Works Director indicated that there is an electrical problem that must be corrected and the lights have to be removed to correct the problem. The lights can be put back on the trees later on.

Commissioner Blush indicated she received positive comments regarding the upgrade of the downtown business area and the suggestion that the carillons play Auld Lang Syne at Midnight New Years Eve.

The Mayor commented regarding the dock lighting problem discussed earlier by Commissioner Lavino. He expressed the hope that the problem can be resolved amicably.

IV. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**1. Introduction of Information Technology Coordinator –**

The City Manager introduced Mark Santos, the newly hired Information Technology Coordinator.

The City Manager thanked Mr. Jim Dobyms for coming in to assist with repairing the technical problem experienced earlier in the broadcast of this meeting. He also thanked John Burke for his continued assistance.

2. Status of LDR Revision Process –

The City Manager reported that the Land Development Regulation revision process is on schedule with the timetable established by the Planner. He indicated that concepts of the proposed changes will be brought to the Commission and Planning and Zoning Board in late January or early February.

3. Royalties from CID Custom Software –

The City Manager reported that the first check has been received for royalties from the sale of the software developed for the Community Improvement Department.

4. Internal Reorganization –

The City Manager reported that the Transportation Director is now the Transportation Director and Vehicle Forman and he will also assist the Public Works Director with bridge issues on all five of the City's bridges. Mr. Santos will take over Mr. Bruce's office in city hall.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**