

SPECIAL COMMISSION WORKSHOP
January 15, 2002
6:00 p.m.

All members of the Commission were present as were the City Manager and Deputy City Clerk.

The purpose of the special workshop was to hear a presentation by Jim Philips of E.C. Driver and Associates regarding bridge architecture for the Treasure Island Causeway Bridges.

The City Manager indicated that there are three elements of public interest in the causeway architecture. They are alignment, architecture and height. He indicated that the subject of architecture is being introduced at this meeting with a public hearing for public input and resolution of the City Commission anticipated by the end of February.

The City Manager commented regarding the deteriorated condition of the bridge and the need to move forward quickly.

Mr. Philips offered a power point presentation on the introduction to bridge architecture. The presentation highlighted the E.C. Driver team approach to bridge architecture.

Mr. Philips noted the anticipated schedule that included this evenings meeting to introduce bridge architecture, introduce architectural styles and to discuss SHPO (State Historic Preservation Officer implications, a public hearing in February that will receive input toward the establishment of aesthetic level, select the architectural style and define the approach to SHPO. Later bridges architectural guidelines will be developed and the present bridge concepts will be developed.

Mr. Philips introduced the three architectural levels and showed examples of each and costs for each level.

Mr. Mark LaPrade asked if the projected costs would be for the three causeway bridges or just the bascule and whether the cost is in today's dollars.

Mr. Philips indicated that the cost projected is for the three bridges and indicated that the cost is based on today's dollars.

Mr. Philips reviewed the various architectural styles and indicated that the present bridge is a form of Art Moderne

Commissioner Maloof asked whether the photos shown in the presentation were all Department of Transportation Bridges. Mr. Philips indicated that most of them were.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there is any idea of what the height of the new bridge would be. Mr. Philips explained that the height of the bridge has not been decided and indicated that the rendering shown is a 21' bridge.

Mr. Philips explained that the criteria have changed and the ends of the bridge may only have to be raised one foot.

Mr. George Patten of E.C. Driver & Associates answered questions regarding the criteria.

The City Manager indicated that the Commission must decide how much to spend and the architectural type to be used during the month of February.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel asked if we've had any discussion with the City of St. Petersburg regarding the possibility of their paying for some of the fixed bridge adjacent to their City.

The Mayor indicated that we could ask them but noted that they pay a \$10 per year road tax.

The City Manager indicated that if the City of St. Petersburg provided funding, it would establish legal issues because Treasure Island owns the property in fee simple and there are historic documents that state Treasure Island must replace the bridge whenever necessary.

The City Manager noted that the City has received a \$5 million grant for the construction of the two end bridges.

Mr. Ruckdeschel asked if there would be a pedestrian walkway on the bridge. Mr. Philips indicated that there would be walkways on all three bridges.

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