

COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
September 3, 2002

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Chris Hearn read exactly what the wording on the initiative petition says and indicated it obviously does not apply to variances.

Mr. Carl Ystrom indicated that new higher buildings would be an improvement in the City and would afford more view of the Gulf since there would be more open space between buildings.

Mr. Ystrom indicated it is important to provide quality accommodations to visitors. He indicated that the City has been beautified and can become even more beautiful.

Mr. Ystrom indicated he is of the opinion that the beach area should have its own set of rules. He indicated he feels there should only be hotel/motel construction on the beach side to keep the City healthy and financially sound.

Mr. Mike Daughtry read a letter in defense of the efforts of the Petitioners Committee.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution & Public Hearing – Setting Forth Tentative Millage –

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

2. Ordinance 02-03 – Budget for FY 2002-03 – 1st Reading & Public Hearing –

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

The City Manager noted the items added to the budget at the request of the Commission during the budget workshop session. Those items included funds for the newsletter, chamber of commerce dues, a part time employee to assist with the televising of meetings, Commission discretionary funds and increased costs for police officer Workers Compensation. The City Manager indicated that the changes increase the budget \$24,000.

The City Manager advised Commission that it must still decide whether we build our computers in-house or purchase a more costly brand name product.

Commissioner Lavino indicated she does not favor building the computers in-house. She indicated she is more comfortable with the name brands because of the availability

of technical support in the event Treasure Island would cease to have a technology coordinator.

Commissioner Blush indicated she has family members who build computers on a daily basis and it is cost saving to build your own. She indicated it is her opinion the Technology Coordinator should be given the authority to build the computers for the City.

The Mayor agreed the I.T. Coordinator is the expert and his recommendation is that the computers be built in-house.

Commissioner Maloof noted her memo on the topic and indicated that other I.T. Coordinators are no longer building the computers. She indicated she contacted two experts and they didn't feel that the computers should be built in-house.

3. Ordinance 02-04 – Job Classifications – 1st Reading –

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

4. Ordinance 02-05 – Supplemental Appropriations – 1st Reading –

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

5. Resolution – Fund Balance Designation for EMS Equipment –

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Prior to the beginning of this segment of the agenda, the Mayor and City Commission asked the Deputy City Clerk to join them at the podium. The Commission presented the Deputy Clerk with a marble clock in recognition of her 35 years of service to the City of Treasure Island.

1. FEMA House Raising Grant for Ramsberger –

The Building Official offered a presentation noting the federal and state procedures for receiving FEMA grant funding for the elevation of structures that repeatedly suffer from flood damage.

The Building Official indicated that the Ramsberger residence at 12316 Lagoon Lane meets the requirements and grant approval has been given. He explained that the funds must be funneled through local government to assure that the project is done properly and in accordance with FEMA regulations.

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

2. Financial Advisors for Causeway Bridge –

The City Manager outlined the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project to date. He indicated that the project is at a point now where the City must determine how it will pay for the bascule bridge construction. He explained that staff has applied for grants but grants may not be awarded for the project.

The City Manager explained that four Requests for Proposals for financial advising services have been received and all four of the firms are technically qualified to serve as the financial advisor. He indicated staff is recommending that all four be interviewed. He suggested that a special workshop be scheduled for either September 17th or 18th for the interview process.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the interviews would be held on September 18th beginning at 8:30 a.m.

3. Lease Renewal for Friendship Community Church –

Mr. James Kilcher was present representing the Board of Directors of Friendship Community Church to request a two-year lease renewal with no increase in fee. Staff recommends approval of the renewal as requested.

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

4. Contract Award for Sunset Vista Trailhead Park –

The City Manager noted the letter from Phil Graham and Company regarding this subject and indicated that staff agrees with the recommendation of Phil Graham & Co. that the bid for the construction of Sunset Vista Trailhead Park be awarded to Tampa Contracting Services .

The City Manager indicated that the project would take approximately four months.

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

5. SVTP Mosaic Art Selection Committee –

The Call to Artists included in the Commission's Workshop packet was noted. The City Manager indicated that the Commission must select a person to serve on the Mosaic Art Selection Committee.

After discussion, the Commission's consensus was that Dan Lenehan would be the City's representative on the Committee. A resolution will be on Tuesday's agenda.

6. Noordhoek Property Acquisition – Offer to Purchase –

The City Manager reported on a meeting held today with the real estate appraiser and planner concerning the possible eminent domain proceeding on the Noordhoek property. He indicated that he would review the appraisal document with the City Attorney, City Planner and Building Official and report to the Commission. He indicated that he anticipates court action would be involved.

This item will be further discussed at the next workshop.

7. Mayor's Appointment to Recreation Center Naming Committee –

The Mayor indicated that his nominee to serve on the Recreation Center Naming Committee is Charles Entwistle. The Commission was in agreement with the nomination.

IV. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & COMMENTS:

The City Manager indicated that the City would have a request for bidders advertisement in tomorrow's *St. Petersburg Times* for the mast arm traffic signals.

V. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Lavino indicated that she has been approached by residents in her district to provide a school bus shelter for 10-15 children at Rosselli Park. She requested that the City Manager obtain cost estimates.

Commissioner Lavino commented regarding the TOP's Grant indicating she has heard that the funds may not be available this year. She indicated that, at the Florida League of Cities Meeting, the lobbyist said we may have to get a committee to obtain the grant for the City.

The City Manager indicated that staff is preparing an application for the grant and indicated that the City's lobbyist is keeping staff informed.

Commissioner Lavino asked whether the City received the \$5 million grant for the Causeway project and the City Manager explained that the funds would go directly to the Florida Department of Transportation and that the City would then draw from that fund.

Commissioner Blush reminded the Commission and audience that on September 6th between 1pm and 4:30 pm. the Beach Stewardship Committee would be having their pilot project on the beach and four more volunteers are needed.

Commissioner Blush noted that Doris Foley, an employee at the Beach Pavilion, passed away over the weekend.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT: