

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 25, 2003
7:00 p.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. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 25, 2003. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Charles Schreffler President of the Fairlane Condominium Association, stated that he spoke with a Chief Engineer from Johnson Brothers regarding the staking for a staging area at the park on 104th Avenue. He said that the engineer indicated that the area that has been staked is larger than what Johnson Brothers actually requires. Mr. Schreffler said he would appreciate it if the City would consider cutting back the area allotted to Johnson Brothers since the park is also used for concerts, July 4th fireworks and other events.

Mayor Atkinson asked if Mr. Schreffler knew whom he had spoken with.

Mr. Schreffler stated that he didn't know the person's name but that he was the Chief Engineer for Johnson Brothers. He said that the engineer said that Johnson Brothers does not require as much room as has been staked for a staging area because most of their equipment will be located on barges or by the bridges.

Mayor Atkinson stated that the City Manager has indicated that Johnson Brothers is presently not using as much space as they were authorized to use at the park.

The City Manager stated that Johnson Brothers was authorized to have a staging area of 190' x 130' at the park but they agreed to an area of 130' x 130'. He said it was his understanding that Johnson brothers needed the area to be the size that it is currently but that if it is possible to decrease the area further he would do it.

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Mayor Atkinson asked Mr. Schreffler to have the engineer contact the City Manager if he should see the engineer again.

Mr. Schreffler stated that the engineer is supposed to contact the City Manager on Wednesday, March 26th. He also asked that the City instruct its employees not to drive across the park.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Proclamation – American Red Cross Month –

Mayor Atkinson presented the proclamation designating March, 2003 as American Red Cross Month as well as the 60th Anniversary of the First Presidential Proclamation of Red Cross Month to Ms. Nicole Paksoy, Marketing and Public Affairs Director of the American Red Cross.

Ms. Paksoy stated that the American Red Cross is honored to receive the proclamation. She said that American Red Cross personnel have been in constant contact with families and the media who want to get into contact with military personnel who are stationed overseas.

2. Ordinance 03-03 – Vehicles on the Beach – 2nd Reading & Public Hearing –

After hearing the second reading and public hearing of this ordinance pertaining to driving motor vehicles on the beaches in the City of Treasure Island; amending Section 58-38 of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida", pertaining to driving motor vehicles on beaches, providing for exceptions; providing for the inclusion of such amended ordinance in the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida", providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Maloof and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Resolution – Solid Waste Rate Increase –

After hearing the reading of this resolution authorizing a modification to the solid waste rates: authorizing a 10% rate increase commencing with the June 2003 billing cycle: and expressing the intent to review the need for an additional increase of 5% commencing with the June 2004 billing cycle, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

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4. Resolution – Wastewater Rate Increase –

Upon hearing the reading of this resolution authorizing a public hearing on May 27th, 2003 to discuss a proposed increase in the sewer volumetric fee and the wastewater rate formula, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the resolution as read.

Mr. Chuck Coward, the City Manager, stated that the City will research the use of two different formulas – one formula for residents that have reclaimed water and another formula for residents that do not.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Resolution – Traffic Signal Bid Awards for Gulf Boulevard at 112th and 117th Avenues –

Upon hearing the reading of this resolution accepting the bid for replacement of two sets of traffic signals on Gulf Boulevard from MPG & Company in the amount of \$176,590.00, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to approve the resolution as read.

The City Manager reported that the mast arm traffic signals that will be installed at 112th and 117 Avenues are the same in appearance as the traffic signals that are being installed on Gulf Boulevard at West Gulf Boulevard.

Mayor Atkinson asked how long it will take to install the new traffic signals.

The City Manager stated that it will take approximately 90 to 120 days to complete the work.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Resolution – Selection of Bond Counsel for Causeway Bridge Replacement Project –

After hearing the reading of this resolution approving the appointment of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson as bond counsel and Bryant, Miller & Olive as disclosure counsel for the causeway Bridge Replacement Project, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to approve the resolution as read.

The City Manager advised that the selection of bond underwriters will be take place this summer.

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Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Contract with E.C. Driver for Final Design of the Causeway Bridge –

After hearing the reading of this resolution approving a contract with E.C. Driver for the final design of the Causeway Bascule Bridge in the amount of \$1,979,185., motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Maloof asked for a status on the design of the bridge relating to the architecture.

The City Manager indicated that the architecture was completed in the initial 30% of the bridge's design.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Resolution – Bid Award for Fourth of July Fireworks –

After hearing the reading of this resolution awarding a contract to Bell's Fireworks Company in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the July 4, 2003 fireworks display, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

9. Resolution – SBCA Yard Sale –

After hearing the reading of this resolution granting permission to the Sunset Beach Civic Association (SBCA) to use the Sunset beach parking lots for their annual garage sale, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to approve the resolution as read.

The Commission noted an exception to the free use of the parking lots for parking lot 2 ½ at the each Pavilion.

An amending motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the resolution with the addition of a raindate for the SBCA yard sale on Sunday, March 30th. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the amended motion was unanimous.

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10. Motion – Accepting the Report of the Canvassing Board –

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to accept the report of the Canvassing Board for the March 4, 2003 Municipal Election. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

11. Motion – Accepting a Donation to the Fire Department from Rita DeJohn –

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Maloof to accept the donation of \$50 from Rita DeJohn to be used by the City of Treasure Island Fire Department. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

12. Motion - Accepting a Donation from the Hotel/Motel Association for use towards the Elnor Island Project -

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to accept a donation in the amount of \$250 from the Treasure Island Hotel/Motel Association to be used towards the Elnor Island Project.

Mr. Julian Fant suggested that the donation from the Hotel/Motel Association be used towards cleanup efforts on Elnor Island. He stated that during a recent survey he conducted, he did observe bird life on the island. Mr. Fant asked the City to come up with a plan to preserve the island. He also asked that the City patrol the island to determine whether the signs that have been posted are still in place. Mr. Fant said that to the best of his knowledge the island is still designated as a bird sanctuary at the federal and state levels.

The City Manager concurred that Elnor Island is in fact designated as a bird sanctuary at both the state and federal levels. He also stated that the City is planning a cleanup effort for the island in the near future.

Mayor Atkinson commended Mr. Bob Dowling for his efforts and ideas to rejuvenate the island as well as working with the Seabird Sanctuary to ensure that the island remains a bird sanctuary.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & COMMENTS:

The City Manager reported that lane restrictions would begin for the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project as of Wednesday, March 26th.

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G. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Ellsworth asked residents that have any unresolved reclaimed water issues to forward letters to him or to Don Hambidge, the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he would be unable to attend the Commission Workshop Meeting on April 2nd because he will be attending Legislature Day in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Maloof reported that residents from 104th Avenue are concerned that there is no crosswalk to the park.

The City Manager stated that the City is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to get approval for a crosswalk at 104th Avenue. He said that the City was initially denied by FDOT but that the City will re-apply for a crosswalk without a traffic signal.

Mayor Atkinson asked whether it would be possible to install a traffic light for 104th Avenue.

The City Manager stated that FDOT would not allow the placement of a traffic signal at 104th Avenue.

Commissioner Blush reported that an injured bird was found on the rocks by Land's End recently. She said that her son rescued the bird and took it to the Seabird Sanctuary where it is being treated. Commissioner Blush stated that the bird is rare and usually found on the East Coast. She thanked the local residents for their helping in rescuing the bird.

Commissioner Blush reported that she knows of at least two individuals from Treasure Island that are serving our country over in Iraq. She requested that the Commission issue a proclamation in support of our troops in Iraq. Commissioner Blush stated that this proclamation could then be distributed to those that have family or friends serving our country in the war.

Mayor Atkinson stated that he would like to issue the proclamation in support of our troops in Iraq at the last regular Commission Meeting before the Runoff Election on scheduled for April 7th.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

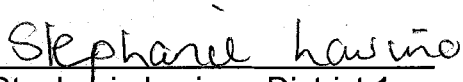
Mr. Sid Appel expressed his concern regarding the staking of a staging area at the park on 104th Avenue. He stated that Johnson Brothers appears to have taken up

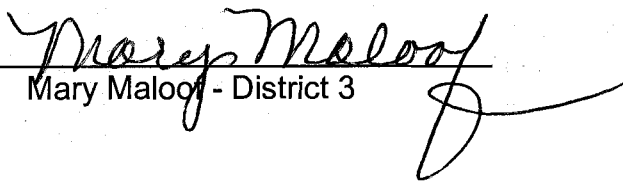
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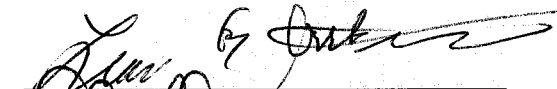
as much area (if not more area) than was allocated to the contractor by the City. He said that he would like to see the trailer relocated so that it would not take up as much room. He further stated that he would continue to monitor the use of the park for construction purposes throughout the duration of the project.

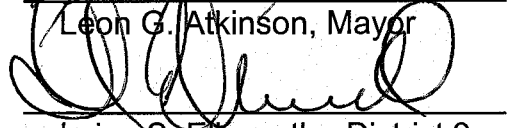
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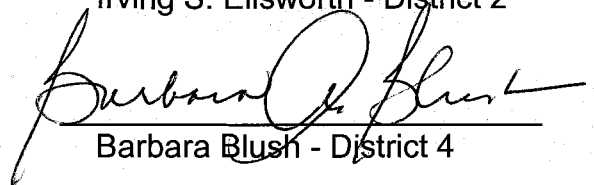
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Stephanie Lavino - District 1

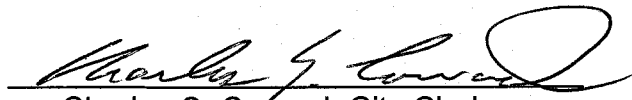

Mary Malool - District 3


Leon G. Atkinson, Mayor


Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2


Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:


Charles S. Coward, City Clerk