

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 13, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins		Present
Commissioner Irving S. Ellsworth		Present
Commissioner Richard Kraus		Present
Commissioner Barbara Blush	Vice-Mayor	Present

C. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 22nd after noting that Commissioner Kraus should be listed as the alternate for Big -C rather than both Commissioners' Blush and Kraus. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Olivia Cox commented that the property located at 10206 4th Street on Paradise Island presents a liability situation because the property has not been maintained since the house burned down. She specifically mentioned plastic weave roping that has fallen down around the pool as well as unattended propane tanks.

Ms. Cox stated that she is also concerned about pedestrians attempting to cross the east bridge while construction is taking place. She asked if the catwalks could be maintained during construction to provide for pedestrians and cyclists. She expressed concern for safety because cyclists are riding in the middle of the road.

Commissioner Kraus stated that a 3-foot section of the west bridge would be made available for pedestrian use during the second phase of construction.

City Manager Chuck Coward stated that he would speak with the Public Works Director regarding catwalks for the east and west bridges and provide the Commission with a status report at the May 20th Commission meeting.

Mr. Chris Hearn commented that he had criticized the ordinance and not the Planning & Zoning Board at the previous meeting.

Mr. Hearn commented that he felt City Attorney James Denhardt gave bad advice

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when he told the Commissioners to vote on Ordinance 02-06. He said that the City Attorney is a representative of the City and that the City serves as his client.

Mr. Hearn expressed his opposition of a bill that he said Senator Dennis Jones passed relating to dry cleaning properties and chemicals according to the St. Petersburg Times.

Mr. J.D. Hadsall spoke in favor of rescinding Ordinance 02-06. He commented on a recent article in the Neighborhood Times regarding an ethics complaint filed against Commissioner Ellsworth and asked Commissioner Ellsworth not to vote on the Ordinance to rescind Ordinance 02-06 if the finding holds.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Maloof presented a proclamation for National Tourism Week to Harry Black, President of the Hotel/Motel Association. She stated that National Tourism Week is May 10th through May 18th.

Mr. Black accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Hotel/Motel Association. He stated that tourism is the #1 employer and industry in Pinellas County and the biggest reason we are not required to pay state income tax. Mr. Black also stated that tourism provided Pinellas County with 4.7 million visitors and \$2.6 billion last year.

1. Quasi-Judicial Hearing – CC-2003-05-VR – Request for Parking Variance 113-107th Avenue (formerly Fisher Variety Store) –

All applicants, witnesses, members of staff or other persons wishing to address any item before the Commission of a quasi-judicial nature were duly sworn at this time.

No ex parte communication was reported.

City Planner Lynn Rosetti gave a verbal and video presentation and answered questions of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the shared parking arrangements that the applicant submitted.

The applicant answered questions of the Commission.

Mr. Richard Dowling was present as an abutting property owner.

Mr. Bill Edwards, Mr. Joe Girolamo and Mr. Richard Dowling expressed their

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opposition to the applicant being granted a parking variance.

Mr. J.D. Hadsall stated that businesses should be able to share parking spaces with the applicant.

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that the owner of the property should be the only person that can grant shared parking of parking spaces.

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Collins to table Case #CC-2003-05-VR until June 10, 2003 with a stipulation that the hours of operation be included for any businesses listed in shared parking arrangements. Upon roll call, the vote to table the case was unanimous.

2. Resolution – Renewal of JTV Contract for Sewer Maintenance -

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the City Manager to continue the sewer system rehabilitation agreement with JTV, Inc. for an additional year, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Resolution - Memorial Tree Program – Beautification Committee –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution establishing a memorial tree donation program for Treasure Island, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Resolution – Purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera for Fire Department

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution requesting the purchase of one Scott Eagle Imager II from Fisher Safety Equipment Company with funds received from FEMA's FY 02 Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Program for fire operations and firefighter safety in the amount of \$17,995, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Resolution – City Manager's Employment Agreement –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution amending the compensation package for the City Manager; setting forth an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the

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resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush stated that she received a phone call from a resident who stated that City Manager Chuck Coward is doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Collins stated that it is no reflection on the City Manager but that he did not feel a raise is prudent.

Ms. Olivia Cox asked if it was possible to provide the citizens with figures regarding the salaries that other cities are paying their City Managers. Ms. Cox also stated that she did not feel the issue of extending severance pay should be addressed at this time.

Commissioner Blush stated that Ms. Cox should get with the Commissioner for her district to obtain the figures regarding the salaries that other cities are paying their City Managers.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay as follows:

Mayor Maloof	Aye
Commissioner Collins	Nay
Commissioner Ellsworth	Aye
Commissioner Kraus	Aye
Commissioner Blush	Aye

6. Resolution – Streetlight Agreement with Progress Energy –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the City of treasure Island to enter into a streetlight maintenance agreement with Progress Energy to cover 30 aluminum poles and fixtures on Gulf Boulevard, providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Resolution – BIG-C Web Site –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution asking the City of Treasure Island to participate in the creation of a Web site for the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) by donating \$200.00 to the project, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush stated that the Mayor J.J. Beyrouti, President of the BIG-C, should be provided with a copy of the resolution.

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Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Resolution – Opposing Amendment to HB 1069 and Deferral of Action on SB 1164 –

The Commission withdrew this resolution after being informed that the bill had already failed in the legislature.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Land Development Regulations – Ordinance 02-06 –

The City Manager stated that Ordinance 03-04 rescinding LDR Ordinance 02-06 will be scheduled for first reading and hearing on May 27th and second reading and hearing on June 10th. The Commission agreed with this schedule.

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that private discussions between individual Commissioners and the City Attorney should be made public for the benefit of the other Commissioners as well as the public.

The City Manager stated that discussions between the City Attorney and the Commissioners are not subject to the Sunshine Law.

Commissioners' Ellsworth, Blush, and Kraus stated that they each had discussions with the City Attorney regarding LDR Ordinance 02-06.

Ms. Marie Barba expressed support for initiating a permanent injunction for LDR Ordinance 02-06.

2. CATV Replay Schedule –

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like to see tape replays for 80% of the time and he would like the tape replays to start at the beginning of the day.

The City Manager stated that he would review Commissioner Collins suggestions for a revised schedule and report back to the Commission on May 20th. The Commission concurred with this action.

3. Apartment Houses on 300 Block of Capri Boulevard –

Commissioner Collins stated that he has received complaints about dilapidated boat trailers, campers and a van on the property located at 335 Capri Boulevard. He

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asked how they could work with the landlord to get the area cleaned up.

The City Manager stated that he would arrange a meeting with Commissioner Collins, Community Improvement Director Mike Wichman and himself to review the file and come up with a plan of action.

G. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Manager reported that Pinellas County has scheduled a meeting for the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project on Wednesday, May 14th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

The City Manager stated that the causeway bridge will be closed for maintenance repairs Tuesday, May 20th from 11:00 PM until 6:00 AM on Wednesday, May 21st.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins stated that he would be happy to share the results of the traffic calming study for Capri Boulevard and he asked any interested residents to call him for more information.

Commissioner Blush stated that she received several calls from residents as well as two Planning & Zoning Board members that took issue with Mr. Chris Hearn's comments as well as Ms. Heidi Horak's comments at the previous meeting. She stated that no one spoke against the granting of the variance for the Ken Brown property at the time that a residential special use permit was considered and that the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to grant it.

Commissioner Blush stated that there is a Beach Stewardship Meeting on Wednesday, May 21st and that she would report back to the Commission on it at the May 20th Commission meeting.

Commissioner Blush stated that she would be attending a dinner given by County Commissioner Morroni in appreciation of law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS personnel. Mayor Maloof stated that she would also be attending the dinner.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that Treasure Island is hosting the Suncoast League of Municipalities meeting at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, May 17th and he urged the Commissioners to attend. Mayor Maloof said that she had a prior commitment and would be unable to attend.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he and his wife participated in the beach cleanup that took place on Saturday, May 10th. He said that the beach cleanup takes place on the second Saturday each month.

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Mayor Maloof asked the Commissioners to fill out their City Attorney evaluation forms and turn them in to her.

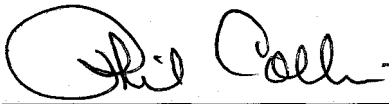
I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Marie Barba spoke with regard to Chris Hearn's previous comments and stated that she felt most people in Sunset Beach are in favor of the residential medium type land use as opposed to the commercial general type land use in Sunset Beach.

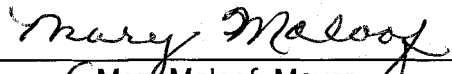
Ms. Barba stated that a co-worker at Raytheon is proposing to purchase the Noordhoek property for over \$1,000,000.

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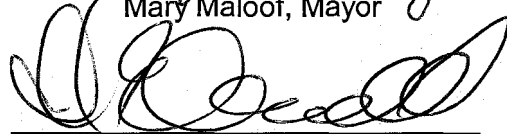
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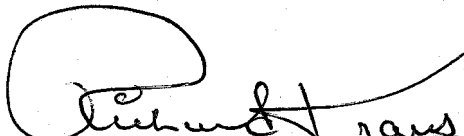
Phil Collins - District 1




Mary Maloof, Mayor



Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2




Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk