

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING**  
June 3, 2003  
7:00 p.m.

**A. SILENT ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK:**

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

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ed Gayton spoke regarding two changes that were made to the Rules of Procedure as a result of the April 2, 2002 Commission Workshop meeting. He said that he was opposed to items being added to the agenda and formal action being taken on those items with a majority vote of 3 commissioners at workshop meetings. Mr. Gayton requested that the Commission ask the Attorney General for an opinion on the matter.

Mayor Maloof stated that she is looking into the issues and has not yet finished researching with other cities. She asked the Commissioners if they were agreeable to getting an opinion from the Attorney General.

Commissioner Blush stated that she would like an opportunity to read the information that Mr. Gayton has provided first.

Commissioner Ellsworth and Commissioner Kraus stated that they did not oppose getting an opinion.

Mr. Carl Ystrom thanked the City for removing the poles out at the beach. He commented that he felt the transformer on the beach was too low to the ground. He suggested moving it up by a yard or more so it would be above sea level.

The City Manager stated that the transformer on the beach did not have electricity flowing inside it and that it was controlled by switches on Gulf Boulevard. He said it was purposely located close to the ground so as to not obstruct the view.

Mayor Maloof asked if Progress Energy installed the transformer and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

Mr. Benjamin Hetrick announced that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast would take place at 7:30 a.m. at the Bilmar on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that City of St. Petersburg

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Mayor Rick Baker would be a guest speaker and that 100 people are expected to attend.

Mr. Hetrick asked if it would be possible to have signs or banners that read "business district" at 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue so that tourists would be aware of the businesses along 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**C. MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup> as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Rotary Request for Beach Special Event on July 4<sup>th</sup> -**

Mr. Harry Black stated that the third annual kayak race will take place on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. He said the registration is scheduled for 6:00 am and the race will start at 7:00 am. Mr. Black said that the rock climber and bungee cord events will begin at 10:00 am and that there will also be another wacky race. He said that these events will go until the fireworks start. Mr. Black asked for approval to make the rides available from Friday throughout Sunday the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Maloof asked Mr. Black to discuss pre-selling of sandwiches. Mr. Black stated that hotdogs, BBQ chicken and BBQ pork plates will be sold for \$5.00 per plate.

Mr. Black invited anyone that is interested to participate in the Kayak race. He said that it is a lot of fun and that the funds from it will go to the Rotary to benefit children's charities.

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**2. Elnor Island Cleanup Project –**

Commissioner Blush stated that a representative from TI Divers was in the audience to answer any questions regarding the project.

Mayor Maloof asked the representative to come to the podium and Ms. Hatsui Asi identified herself and confirmed that she would answer any questions that are posed relating to the Elnor Island Cleanup Project.

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**3. Pedestrian Walkway on Causeway East Bridge –**

The City Manager stated that there will be no trail on the south side of the east bridge for 4 to 6 months. He said that the City of St. Petersburg (including the Commissioners and Staff) does not support the addition of a trail either temporary or permanent.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if Treasure Island can expect any backlash from the citizens of the City of St. Petersburg if the bridge is not built for pedestrians at the south side of the east bridge.

The City Manager stated that City of St. Petersburg Commissioner Kriseman indicated that no citizens in the City of St. Petersburg have made any such request since construction began.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if any citizens from Treasure Island had concerns about pedestrians crossing the east bridge.

The City Manager stated that Ms. Olivia Cox is the only citizen that the City has heard from on the issue.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that she represents other residents that have concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians during the bridge construction. She said that she feels it is extremely dangerous for people walking, bicycling and for drivers trying to avoid the pedestrians and bicyclists. Ms. Cox said that \$30,000 for a temporary catwalk for the east bridge during construction is not that expensive when you consider the risk of people getting injured. She said that both cities need the temporary catwalks and that she feels St. Petersburg should be more supportive.

Ms. Cox thanked Commissioner Kraus and others for cleaning up the property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Paradise Island.

The City Manager stated that the bridge is closed to pedestrians during construction and that pedestrians could use the public bus service to cross the bridge.

Ms. Cox asked if the City of Treasure Island could provide bus service to the pedestrians.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if it would be possible for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) to pick up pedestrians at Park Street and drop them off at Causeway Isles and have the City pay the fee if the pedestrians cannot afford it.

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Commissioner Blush stated that she liked the idea and asked if the City could look into using public funds to provide for the bus service across the east bridge on a temporary basis during construction.

The City Attorney agreed that public funds could be used for this purpose.

The City Manager stated that he would discuss the issue with PSTA and report back to the Commission.

#### **4. Acquisition of Noordhoek Property for SVTP –**

Mayor Maloof announced that Mr. Noordhoek had driven from Miami to attend the meeting.

The City Attorney asked how long Mr. Noordhoek was planning to stay so that a meeting could be arranged.

Mr. Noordhoek said that he came to the meeting to get a status report on the issue. He stated that he had never received notification of the City's intentions for the property.

Mayor Maloof asked the City Manager to show the drawings depicting the plans for the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park (SVTP).

Mr. Noordhoek asked what development is planned for the area.

The City Manager stated that the City is constructing the park and there are 4 lots to the south of the Noordhoek property that will become 4 single family homes.

Mayor Maloof asked Mr. Noordhoek if he would stay for a few minutes after the meeting to discuss the issue further and he agreed.

Mayor Maloof removed the item from the agenda so that she could meet with Mr. Noordhoek.

#### **5. July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Enforcement Activities -**

The City Manager stated that Police Chief Joe Pelkington will discuss expanding fireworks enforcement activities on the beach during July 4th.

The Police Chief stated that there are 21 sworn officers and 3 reserve officers and that all of them will be needed to patrol the City during the celebration. He said that officers will be responding to calls as well as performing traffic control at 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>

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and 112<sup>th</sup> avenues and enforcing the ban on people setting off fireworks at the beach.

The City Manager asked for one of the Commissioners and Chief Pelkington to attend the Pinellas County public hearing on fireworks regulations in support of County Commissioner Welch.

Mayor Maloof stated that the City has found it almost impossible to enforce a ban for people setting off fireworks at the beach due to the number of people and the nighttime visibility issue.

The City Manager stated that the City would like to obtain at least two all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) to allow for an increased presence of police officers on the beach during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he knows of someone that has eight ATV's and that he may let the Police Department have them at no cost.

Chief Pelkington stated that there will be 10 -1 2 officers on the beach but some of them may have to respond to emergencies.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he would like to see the police officers using bullhorns in addition to ATV's.

The City Manager stated that if the Commission is agreeable, that the Police Department would proceed with obtaining ATV's for use at the beach, and the Commission gave their approval.

## **6. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in Wastewater Rates –**

The City Manager stated that Pinellas County has established a rolling start for reclaimed water hookups throughout the City. Therefore, he said that the City needs to select a date to adjust the wastewater billing.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked when the increase in wastewater rates would start to be reviewed.

The City Manager stated that the wastewater billing would be reviewed every 6 months for two years.

Commissioner Blush said that she feels it places an undue burden on those that will not be using reclaimed water.

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Mr. Ed Gayton asked if the Commission would be voting on the item at the meeting. Mayor Maloof indicated that the Commission would not be voting on the item at the meeting.

The Commission will consider this resolution on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Resolution Naming Parking Lot 2 ½ the "Black Skimmer" Lot –**

The City Manager stated that the Beautification Committee has made recommendations to aid in standardizing the naming of parking lots throughout the City of Treasure Island to include signs, resolutions, permits and brochures. He said that the Committee named parking lot 2 ½ the Black Skimmer parking lot.

The Commission will consider this resolution on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Chamber Request to Install Gulf Boulevard Mile Markers –**

Commissioner Blush stated that the suggestion for mile markers originated with the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Committee and was subsequently embraced by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. She said that the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will cover the costs of the signs, construction and the poles and the City will be responsible for installing the mile markers and maintaining them. Commissioner Blush stated that the signs will be posted on both sides of the road beginning in Passé-A-Grille and ending in Clearwater and that Treasure Island will have two signs. Commissioner Blush stated that the Commission will need to pass a resolution approving the use of mile markers in Treasure Island.

Commissioner Kraus stated that there was a question at the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) meeting regarding whether the southbound mile markers would start at zero and work their way down. He said that when he spoke to Ms. Debbie Stanbaugh, President of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, indicated that the mile markers will be the same on the northbound and southbound sides of the road.

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**E. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

**1. Financial Report thru April 30, 2003 -**

The City Manager reported that for 58% of the year, we are at 70% of revenues and 61% of expenditures. He said that the financials are in order for 7/12's of the year.

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The City Manager reported that the second bridge workshop scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> must be cancelled and would be re-scheduled for later in July. He said that the City is waiting for analysis information from Wilbur Smith & Co.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Nick Christodoulou withdrew his application for case #CC-2003-05-VR because he is able to meet the existing parking requirements with a revised building occupancy plan. He said that, as a result, the case would not be on the agenda for the Commission Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The City Manager reported that the City will be sending one of its three busses to auction due to the age of the bus as well as the fact that the engine and the air conditioning system are not operable.

**F. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that people should be aware that sprinkler systems using potable water operate at 30 PSI but when the sprinkler systems are hooked up to reclaimed water they will operate at around 80 PSI. Commissioner Ellsworth suggested that residents consider using a pressure restrictive valve to prevent future problems.

Commissioner Ellsworth reported that Westra Corporation would be leaving the area soon and that residents with restoration work should contact Commissioner Ellsworth or their respective Commissioners.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he counted the number of newsstands on Capri and found that there are 9 of them on the main part of the island.

The City Manager said that he talked to April Hambidge of the St. Petersburg Times regarding the issue and would follow-up with her again.

Commissioner Collins thanked Police Chief Pelkington for allowing him to ride with patrol officers for 8 hours. He said that he was impressed by the officers' level of professionalism. Commissioner Collins stated that he plans to visit the Fire department next month.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he attended the Hurricane Awareness Program that Chief Fant presented on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. He said that it was excellent and recommended that residents watch the replays on channel 15.

Commissioner Kraus said that Paradise Island is looking for players for the Pirate Days Softball Tournament on Saturday, June 28th. He asked anyone that is interested to call him.

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The City Manager stated that the Hurricane Awareness Workshop will replay in the evening on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, all day on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and in the afternoon on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended the BIG-C meeting on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Executive Assistant Sandra Carnevale for helping to organize the meeting. Commissioner Blush stated that Ms. Jan Tracy gave a presentation regarding the new South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility. She said that Ms. Tracy gives tours for anyone that is interested.

Commissioner Blush reported that the \$22.5 million allocated for beach funding this year passed in the legislature with support from Representative John Carassas and Senator Dennis Jones.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended the Suncoast League of Municipalities mini-conference the last weekend of May and commented that it was outstanding. She said that the educational program and mini-conference centered around, "establishing a community identity".

Commissioner Blush stated that Mr. Jim Terry passed away recently. She said that he served on the Beach Stewardship Committee and was instrumental in the City of Treasure Island obtaining the \$100,000 grant for the beach management plan. Commissioner Blush said, "Our hearts go out to his family".

Mayor Maloof stated that Commissioner Blush will be attending the Chamber of Commerce's Mayor's Coffee in her place on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Maloof asked for a Commissioner to fill a position on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Blush volunteered.

Mayor Maloof reported that she also attended the Suncoast League of Municipalities mini-conference and commented that she thought it was a marvelous program. She said that she would like to have some sections of the meeting presented at the City. Mayor Maloof thanked City of St. Petersburg Council Member. Jay Lasita for the presentation he gave.

Mayor Maloof asked how Officer Kenny Hilland's recovery is progressing.

The City Manager said the Officer Hilland has some heart damage but that he is out of the hospital and at home recovering.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he was extended an invitation to invite the Commissioners to join in Juan Levique Days taking place at John's Pass at 11:30

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AM on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that Treasure Island will do battle against Madeira Beach using water cannons and squirt guns. He said that the public can ride in the boat at a cost of \$20.00.

The City Manager stated that the grand opening dedication ceremony for Sunset Vista Trailhead Park will take place on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the park.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**


Mr. Harry Black asked if there was a status on the PSTA trolley system.


Mayor Maloof stated that the trolley system is on the agenda for discussion at the Commission Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

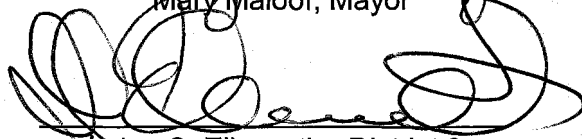
Mr. Bill Bennington stated that there is a bar broken on the outfield fence at Roselli Park.

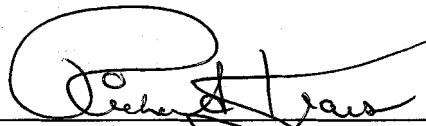
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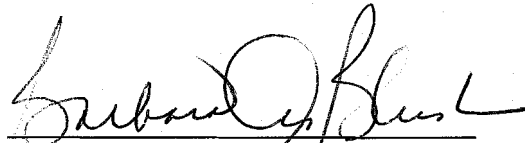
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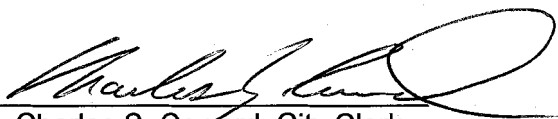
  
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Mary Maloof, Mayor

  
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Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

  
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Richard Kraus - District 3

  
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Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**

  
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Charles S. Coward, City Clerk