

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 10, 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 Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the minutes as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Res. – Rotary Request for Beach Special Event of July 4th – 6th –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing Treasure Island Charities, Inc. and the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club to hold the third annual Gulf Beaches Ocean Challenge, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof stated that the kayak race will start at 7:30 a.m. with registration beginning at 6:00 a.m. She said that the "Wacky Raft Race" will start at noon. Mayor Maloof stated that all proceeds will benefit the Gulf Beaches Rotary and children's charities.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Res. – Elnor Island Cleanup Project –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing a cleanup expedition to the Elnor Island Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus

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and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof stated that the expedition will include cleaning up the debris and surveying for raccoon activity. She stressed that there are no plans for development of the island.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there is a set date for the expedition.

Mayor Maloof stated that the expedition will take place on June 14th and that representatives from Baywatch and Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be present.

Commissioner Collins asked what time the cleanup is scheduled for on June 14th.

Ms. Hatsui Asi from TI Divers indicated that the team will start out between 9:00 am and 9:30 am and that the trip would last for approximately three hours.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Authorizing an Increase in Wastewater Rates –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing an adjustment of the wastewater sewer rates to compensate for the availability of reclaimed water on Treasure Island, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush stated that she was opposed to the resolution because she felt that it would place an undue burden on the residents that will not use reclaimed water.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel stated that he felt the City was "putting the cart before the horse" by adjusting the wastewater sewer rates prior to the reclaimed water project being fully implemented. He said that the City already has a 3-year rate increase for sewer wastewater and asked the Commission to reconsider passing the resolution.

Mr. Ruckdeschel stated that a permit would be necessary to hook up a sprinkler system to reclaimed water.

The City Manager stated that a permit is necessary to construct a new sprinkler system, regardless of the implementation of reclaimed water.

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

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

4. Res. – Renaming Certain Parking Lots –

After hearing the reading of the resolution renaming certain City-owned parking lots within the City of Treasure Island, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush asked when the new signs will be in place and the City Manager indicated that they would be in place in approximately two months.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Res. – Chamber Request to Install Gulf Boulevard Mile Markers –

After hearing the reading of the resolution supporting the development of a mile marker program for Gulf Boulevard, motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush stated that the trolley stops will also have mile marker designations and that will facilitate tourists and residents when locating addresses.

Mayor Maloof asked for confirmation that the Chamber is providing the signs and that the City will install them and the City Manager agreed.

The City Manager stated that the numbers for the trolley signs will also be provided to the City and the City will affix them onto the signs.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Pedestrian Walkway on Causeway East Bridge –

The City Manager stated that he met with Commissioner Ellsworth and representatives from Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) as well as Commissioner Kraus and representatives from the City of St. Petersburg to discuss providing transportation to pedestrians that use the east causeway bridge.

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Commissioner Kraus stated that he met with St. Petersburg Commissioner Kriseman, St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Mike Dove and adjacent property owners regarding the location of the toll collection facility. He stated that Commissioner Kriseman went up in a bucket truck that was raised to the height planned for the new toll collection facility. Commissioner Kraus said that Commissioner Kriseman seemed pleased that the facility would not be an infringement for adjacent property owners and that he would be addressing the neighborhood associations and the City regarding the location of the toll collection facility as well as a pedestrian walkway at the east causeway bridge. Commissioner Kraus stated that he will meet again with Commissioner Kriseman on Friday, June 13th to discuss the options available.

The City Manager reported that it would be up to two weeks before the PSTA can address the issue.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that the meeting with PSTA went well and that using PSTA is the easiest option to implement and the best solution financially to address pedestrians' needs in crossing the east causeway bridge.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that while she appreciated the efforts of the City in making arrangements with PSTA, she said that the trolley only runs once an hour and that she would prefer that the City install temporary catwalks.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there is a restriction on foot traffic during construction of the causeway bridges and the City Manager stated that pedestrians are prohibited from using the east causeway bridge during construction.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City has busses available to take pedestrians across the causeway bridges.

The City Manager stated that it is possible to use one of the busses, but that they would not be available until after August 1st because the Recreation Department is using them currently as part of the summer program for children. He stated that hiring a part-time driver would be necessary as well.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked when the construction of the east bridge would be completed.

The City Manager stated that construction of the first half of the bridge should be complete by November or December.

The City Manager stated that he would report back at the June 17 Commission Meeting on the cost of making the City's busses available for pedestrians crossing

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the east bridge.

Mr. Ruckdeschel stated that the City of St. Petersburg is not in favor of installing a temporary catwalk and, therefore, the City of Treasure Island should leave the issue alone.

G. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

1. Dedication of SVTP on June 16th –

The City Manager reported that the educational markers are being installed. He said that the dedication of the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park (SVTP) will take place at the location of the park at 10:00 am on June 16th.

The City Manager stated that a press release has been issued by Pinellas County Utilities regarding a water leak in the main transmission line at 112th and 116th Avenues. He said that the repair would take place on Gulf Boulevard between June 11th through July 22nd.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. Noordhoek said that he was not aware of the City's attempts to contact him regarding plans for the SVTP. She reported that she met with Mr. Noordhoek, the City Manager and the City Attorney after the Commission Meeting on June 3rd to discuss the City's interest in acquiring the Noordhoek property for the SVTP.

Commissioner Blush reported that she also met with Mr. Noordhoek and discussed the possibility of the City leasing the property. She stated that Mr. Noordhoek is expected to write a letter in the near future detailing his preference for the property.

Commissioner Blush stated that she attended the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Council meeting on Thursday, June 5th and that there was discussion regarding mile markers.

Commissioner Blush stated that she would be attending the Hotel/Motel Association meeting as well as the Beach Stewardship Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 11th.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he participated in Juan Levique Day at John's pass. He stated that Treasure Island went to battle against Madeira Beach and that a good time was had by all.

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Commissioner Kraus stated that another beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. He said that the cleanup crew would meet at Robby's Pancake House at 7:45 a.m.

Mayor Maloof stated that she attended a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting where the issue of education in Florida was discussed. She said that the Council is looking at the quality of our current workforce and discussing ways to bring new commerce to the area.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:


Mr. Dean Johnson said that he feels that there has been a decline in the enforcement of regulations relating to housing and suggested that the City look at the Code and form a committee to make sure property beautification is addressed throughout the City.

Mayor Maloof stated that the City would be reviewing the residential elements of the LDR's in the near future

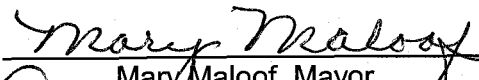
Mr. Ruckdeschel commented on the citizens' referendum and said that he felt it takes the authority to vote on LDR's away from the Planning & Zoning Board and the Commission.

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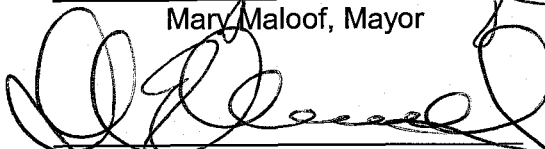
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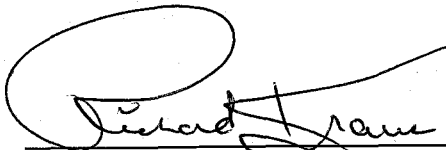
Phil Collins - District 1



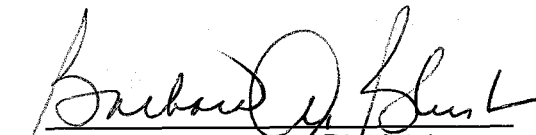
Mary Maloof, Mayor



Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2




Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk