

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 24, 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	Absent
Commissioner Richard Kraus	Present
Commissioner Barbara Blush Vice-Mayor	Absent

C. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel, 112 123rd Avenue, commented on Case #PZ-2002-14-VR and said that the seawall is beyond the property line. City Manager Chuck Coward stated that the County has been out to the site and found that the seawall is in compliance.

Mr. Ruckdeschel also stated that he received a notice of a code violation for a fence on his property. He said that he was given 72 hours to acquire a permit for the fence.

Mayor Maloof suggested that Mr. Ruckdeschel meet with Building Official Mike Wichman to discuss his concerns in more detail.

Mr. Chris Hearn, 141 94th Avenue, commented on the recent closing of Beach Nutts and Nick's Seabreeze to make way for residential housing units. He voiced his concern that Sunset Beach is losing its commercial viability as a result.

Mr. Earl Pfeiffer, 12415 Gulf Boulevard, suggested that the City consider creating a "charette" to build a vision and master plan for the community with input from business owners and homeowners.

Mayor Maloof stated that the City worked on a visioning project in 1998 and 1999. She said that the next step is to meet to discuss strategic planning. Mayor Maloof asked the City Manager if a timetable has been established and he stated that it

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had not been addressed as of yet. Mayor Maloof stated that it will be something to look forward to.

Ms. Olivia Cox, 31 Dolphin Drive, thanked the City for cleaning up the property on 4th Street. She said that the gas tanks have been removed and the pool has been taken care of.

Ms. Cox stated that she received the news that St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker has agreed to help with the placement of a temporary catwalk on the east causeway bridge. Ms. Cox stated that she was very happy that the City of St. Petersburg is working with the City of Treasure Island on this matter. She also thanked Commissioner Kraus for working so diligently to address the issue.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Ord. – Restricting Aircraft on the Beach – First Reading –

After hearing the first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the operation of aircraft-type devices over parks, swim zones and public beach areas of the City; restricting the operation of such devices in or over such areas; providing for the inclusion of such ordinance in the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida"; providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus to approve the ordinance as read.

Commissioner Collins commented that para-motors have not caused any accidents to date. He said that if para-motors are banned there is nothing preventing people from banning jet skis, boats, etc. Commissioner Collins said that he would like to make a motion to table the ordinance for three to four weeks to look into the matter further.

Commissioner Kraus withdrew his motion to approve the ordinance.

Commissioner Collins withdrew his motion to table the ordinance so that the public could address the Commission on the issue.

Mr. Jim Jackson said that (while he is not a resident) he does fly para-motor devices here in Treasure Island. He said that in 14 years there have been only 3 deaths and that he is unaware of any other sport that can make that claim.

Mr. Pfeiffer commented that while he has never been in a para-motor device, he said that he feels they are breathtaking and great for tourism.

Mr. Sam Gibellina, 10001 Paradise Boulevard, commented that the St. Petersburg

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Times ran an article back in 1996 regarding motorized paragliding and ultralight aircraft. He said the article stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has restricted these devices from flying over populated areas. Mr. Gibellina further commented that the article stated that ultralights are restricted from taking off and landing in populated areas and flying over congested areas. He also asked if people that fly these devices are carrying insurance.

Ms. Susan Givens, 1 Key Capri, suggested establishing a designated area for people to use for take-offs and landings of these devices.

Mr. Chris Hearn expressed his approval of the use of para-motors at the beach and asked the Commission not to pass the ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to table the ordinance for 3 weeks in order to get more information on para-motor devices. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The City Manager stated that tabling the ordinance for 3 weeks would mean that it would be discussed at the July 15th workshop meeting and the Commission agreed with the date.

2. Res. – Children's Regatta Special Event at TITYC and Treasure Bay -

After hearing the reading of the resolution granting permission to the TITYC to install a portable launching ramp and use of the club house and parking facilities at Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis center for the annual Bruce Newbauer Optimist Regatta on September 20 & 21, 2003, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof stated that this event is a real plus for Treasure Bay as well as the hotels and restaurants in Treasure Island.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Employee Medical Insurance Renewal –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the renewal of United Health Care's health insurance plan for City employees effective July 1, 2003, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Mr. Bill Laubach, 131 95th Avenue, stated that he was appearing as an attorney on behalf of the Police Benevolent Association and asked the City to consider funding

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the 15% increase in dependent medical insurance for the Police Department.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Res. – FDLE Grant of PC Department of Justice & Community Service –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution endorsing a grant from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for various safety projects within Pinellas County, 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.

5. Res. – FLC Voting Delegate -

After hearing the reading of the resolution designating Mary Maloof as the City of Treasure Island's voting delegate and Vice-Mayor Barbara Blush as the alternate voting delegate at the Florida League of Cities convention to be held at the Wyndham Palace Resort and Spa in Orlando on August 14 - 16, 2003, 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.

6. Motion - PSTA Free Service -

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the PSTA's proposal of free transportation across the causeway bridges for walkers and bikers.

Mayor Maloof commented that the trolleys have racks for bicycles. She also stated that Commissioner Ellsworth was instrumental in working with the PSTA to bring this free service to Treasure Island during the construction of the causeway bridges.

Upon roll call, the vote to accept the proposal was unanimous.

7. Motion – Donation from Isle of Palms and Anonymous Donor -

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to accept the generous donation of \$200 from the Isle of Palms Civic Association for use by the Recreation Department as well as an anonymous donation of videotapes for use by the Information Technology Coordinator. Upon roll call, the vote to accept the donations was unanimous.

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8. Special Event Permit for Caddy's Waterfront Café –

Upon hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing Caddy's on the Beach to hold a charity event on the public beach; setting forth conditions, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution after noting that Mr. Gino Centanni of Caddy's on the beach is requesting approval for use of the public beach from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday June 29th for the golf chipping contest. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Pedestrian Walkway on Causeway East Bridge –

Commissioner Kraus reported that City Staff and he met with Commissioner Rick Kriseman and Deputy Mayor Mike Dove from the City of St. Petersburg on several occasions to discuss a temporary pedestrian walkway on the causeway east bridge. Commissioner Kraus stated that the City of St. Petersburg has authorized an expenditure of \$15,000 or ½ the cost to install the temporary pedestrian walkway on the causeway east bridge. Commissioner Kraus asked that this item be placed on the agenda for action at the July 1st Commission meeting.

Commissioner Collins asked if it was possible to vote on the item during the meeting rather than waiting for the July 1st meeting.

City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that a written resolution needs to be prepared to authorize the expenditure of the City's funds.

2. PSTA Trolley Contract Extension –

The City Manager requested that this item be set over to the July 1st meeting so that he could obtain details of City Manager Mike Bonfield's meeting with PSTA.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he is working with Mr. Harry Black to come up with some creative ideas for financing some of the funds necessary for the increase in the PSTA trolley contract.

Mayor Maloof asked Commissioner Kraus what ideas have been discussed.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Mr. Black and he have discussed options such as adding a standard hotel room charge for the trolley service.

The City Manager stated that he would be happy to assist Commissioner Kraus with his financing efforts if needed.

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In Other Business:

Mayor Maloof invited Mr. Ed Gayton to speak regarding the Rules of Procedure as they relate to Commission workshops.

Mr. Ed Gayton requested that the Commission obtain a legal opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding whether it is legal for the Commission to take formal action at Commission workshop meetings. Mr. Gayton requested that the Commission vote on the matter.

Attorney Denhardt stated that the Commissioners must decide whether they wish to take formal action at workshop meetings. He said that if they do not, then the item should be removed from the Rules of Procedure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to obtain a legal opinion from the Attorney General on the matter.

Attorney Denhardt stated that he would draft a letter.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

G. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

1. FY03-04 Proposed Budget –

The City Manager requested that the Commission set a schedule for two workshop meetings to discuss the budget. He stated that all department heads will be present for the first meeting and that all necessary department heads will attend subsequent meetings.

The Commission agreed to schedule the workshops for July 9th and 16th at 6:00 p.m.

At the request of the City Manager, Finance Director Darren LaFrance gave a brief overview of the budget's layout and major components.

The City Manager stated that it is a basic/straight-line budget where initial figures are based on the previous year's budget and then changes are made to the initial figures as required. He said that it is the City Manager's responsibility to bring the budget before the Commission for approval and to make sure that reserves remain above the 15% level established by the City Commission.

The City Manager reported that the County located the reclaimed water main leak

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on Gulf Boulevard and that it should be repaired prior to July 4th.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Maloof stated that she received a thank you letter from Seminole Mayor Dottie Reeder acknowledging a contribution from the City of Treasure Island for a reception that will be held in Mayor Reeder's honor following her installation as President of the Florida League of Cities.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

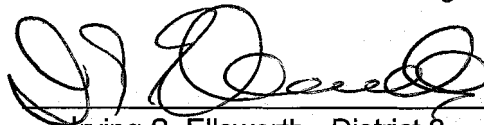
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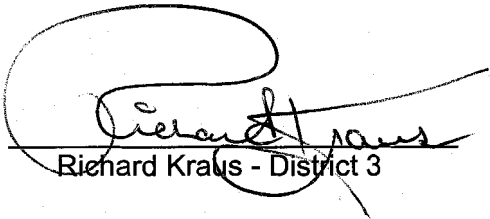
Phil Collins - District 1



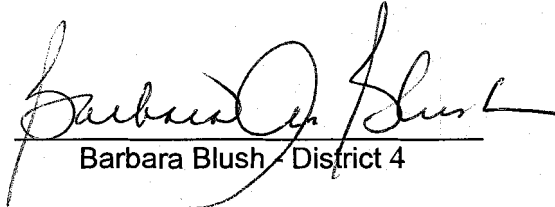
Mary Maloof, Mayor



Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

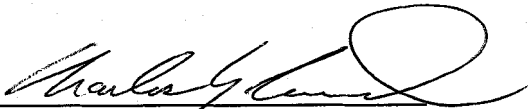


Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk