

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
August 19, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. 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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Clara Lee Selby stated that she received a warning reminder to remove the handicapped permit from the rear view window of her vehicle before driving and said that she wanted to remind others so that they may avoid being fined.

**III. MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Blush noted changes to the minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> as follows: NOAA should be deleted from page two and the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project was given a rating of 3.1 instead of 2.5. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. City Attorney Selection Criteria and RFP –**

Commissioner Collins indicated that he would like to have an RFP for the position of the City Attorney drawn up in the next two weeks and that he would be happy to draft the RFP if City staff is unable to write the RFP that quickly. He suggested that the City allow 60 days for proposals to be submitted after the RFP is advertised and 30 days for evaluation of the proposals. Commissioner Ellsworth stated that City staff should handle the drafting of the RFP. City Manager Chuck Coward stated that City staff would be glad to help the Commission draft an RFP but that there would be a conflict with the time frame of two weeks.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there is a standard RFP that can be used and the City Manager stated that St. Pete Beach is in the process of developing an RFP. Commissioner Collins stated that he has an RFP that he could make copies of.

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Commissioner Blush stated that the Commission should give the Mayor an opportunity to review the Commissioners' evaluations with the City Attorney as a first step.

Commissioner Collins suggested that the Mayor should review the City Attorney while the RFP process is ongoing. Mayor Maloof indicated that she would meet with the City Attorney and then the Commission would decide whether to put the item back on the agenda or wait for another workshop to discuss the issue further.

**2. "Voters Watch" Request for Free Use of Community Center -**

The City Manager stated that Voters Watch has requested the free use of the Community Center for September 24<sup>th</sup> to host Ms. Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections. He reported that the Community Center is booked for gymnastics but that it could be switched to the Auditorium on that date. Mr. Frank McConnell stated that Voters Watch would prefer to have use of the Auditorium.

Mayor Maloof stated that because this is not a City event, it will not be televised and Mr. McConnell acknowledged that fact.

The Commission will consider a resolution on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Causeway Bridge Historic Preservation Design Proposal -**

The City Manager stated that Mr. Henry Woodroffe of Woodroffe Corporation Architects would present the Commission with options to streamline the elements that would be used in the Causeway Bridge Historic Preservation Design Project.

Mr. Woodroffe indicated that the Commission needs to decide what elements will be incorporated in the preservation project so that they can determine which pieces to save for later. Mayor Maloof asked where the elements would be stored and the City Manager stated that the staging area by the park at the Community Center would be used to store them.

The City Manager stated that the Commission would need to decide how many elements are to be used in the project before the City goes to bid on the bascule bridge to avoid the cost of change orders. He stated that the Commission would need to decide how many elements by the fall of 2004.

Commissioner Blush stated that she had a request from a resident for one of the elements to be placed at City Hall.

Mr. Woodroffe stated that there are elements that can be cut and placed at City

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Hall. He stated that the Community Center Park already has 2 monuments that could be enhanced by the addition of the elements.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that the Commission start by authorizing elements to be placed at the 5 main sites and decide what other sites will be incorporated within the next year.

The City Manager asked Mr. Woodroffe what the cost would be for the placement of the 5 elements at the ends of the causeway bridges and at the Community Center. Mr. Woodroffe indicated that it would cost approximately \$40,000.

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#### **4. Appointments & Reappointments to City Boards & Committees –**

The City Manager asked the Commissioners to provide their appointees for the boards and committees for inclusion in the resolution for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Collins nominated Mr. George Greenfield to continue serving on the Beach Stewardship Committee and Mr. Joe Roberts to continue serving on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Commissioner Ellsworth nominated Mr. Stan Long to continue serving on the Planning & Zoning Board.

The City Manager asked Commissioner Collins if he had an appointee for the Personnel Advisory Board and Commissioner Collins stated that he would provide his appointee for Sandra Fiber's position by next week.

Commissioner Kraus nominated Ms. Sully Lowe to continue serving on the Beach Stewardship Committee and Ms. Marion Hubert to continue serving on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Commissioner Blush stated that she would like to re-appoint Ms. Patricia Velasco to the Personnel Advisory Board and Mr. Tom Mumford to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mayor Maloof stated that she was still trying to reach Mr. John Barr regarding serving on the Personnel Advisory Board and she re-appointed Ms. Sharon McLendon to the Planning & Zoning Board.

The City Manager asked that the Commissioners provide the remaining appointees to the Deputy City Clerk by Thursday.

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**5. Gulf Boulevard "No Thru Streets" Signage -**

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel requested to have this item placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Ruckdeschel asked that "no thru street" signage be placed on the west side of Gulf Boulevard for drivers are mistaking them for thru streets. These streets include: 118<sup>th</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, 123<sup>rd</sup> & 125<sup>th</sup>,

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission will ask the City Manager to address the issue.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that Mr. Jerry Dabkowski, City Traffic Engineer, might also be able to provide some direction on the matter. The City Manager stated that he would ask Mr. Dabkowski to address the issue and make a recommendation on how to proceed.

Commissioner Collins asked if trucks could be limited on these streets by their size and the City Manager stated that weight limits for trucks could be imposed.

Commissioner Blush stated that Sunset Beach has a "no outlet" sign posted but drivers still think they can use west Gulf Boulevard to get to St. Pete Beach.

Mayor Maloof asked the City Manager when he would be meeting with Mr. Dabkowski and the City Manager said he would be meeting with Mr. Dabkowski within the next two weeks.

**6. BOAT RAMPS -**

Mr. Ruckdeschel asked that the City make repairs to the three public boat ramps in Treasure Island.

Mayor Maloof asked where the funding for the boat ramps would come from and the City Manager stated that funding is available through Penny for Pinellas or from various other grants.

The City Manager stated that the City is currently focused on the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project for the next 6 months and that staff is fully allocated to this project.

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Mayor Maloof thanked Mr. Ruckdeschel for bringing the issue before the Commission. She stated that the Commission is aware of the problem and will address it at a later date.

**7. Furniture for Mayor/Commission's Office –**

Mayor Maloof announced that this item would be re-scheduled for the meeting of Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Term Limits for City Commission and Members of City Boards and Committees -**

The Commission discussed imposing three 3-year term limits for boards and committees.

Commissioner Collins stated that he is in favor of imposing term limits for boards and committees.

Commissioner Ellsworth indicated that he supports term limits for boards and committees because they are appointed rather than elected.

Commissioner Blush indicated that the ballot box serves as a term limit for elected officials and she said that she is opposed to imposing term limits for boards and committees.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he was unsure whether he supports term limits for elected officials.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that all boards and committees be set at three year terms.

Mayor Maloof asked if term limits for elected officials and boards and committees should be handled as separate items. City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that an ordinance would be necessary for term limits on the Planning & Zoning Board and that resolutions can add term limits to the other boards and committees. He further stated that imposing term limits for the Commission is a whole separate issue that involves a Charter amendment.

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that a new Commission may not be comfortable asking a longstanding board or committee member to step down. He suggested that the Commission consider having shorter terms for boards and committees.

Mr. Dick Spinner stated that if the Commission decides on allowing 3 full three-year

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terms that a board or committee member could serve for as long as 11 ½ years before stepping down.

The Commission decided to consider imposing three 3-year terms on boards and committees with partial terms counting as one full term and a requirement that one must sit out for one year after completing three 3-year terms before applying to serve again on the same board or committee.

Mayor Maloof stated that the item will be discussed further at the next workshop meeting.

**V. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & COMMENTS:**

**1. Financial Report thru July 31, 2003 -**

The City Manager reported that the City is 3% over-budget in revenues and 4% over in expenditures at the 10-month mark.

**2. Causeway Emergency Bridge Repairs –**

The City Manager reported that the lanes of the bascule bridge have been reduced from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. He stated that Public Works Director Don Hambidge would address the matter in more detail.

The Public Works Director reported that the abutments at span 1 and 17 of the bascule bridge were examined recently and it was determined that the beams in the abutments would not safely support vehicular traffic. He stated that as a result the barricades were placed in the center lanes of the bridge. The Public Works Director indicated that the bridge would be cut in half lengthwise during construction of a new drawbridge so it is important to do the remedial repairs now rather than later.

The City Manager asked how long it would take to do the design for the repairs and to obtain a cost estimate from Johnson Brothers. The Public Works Director responded that construction would begin in 4 – 5 weeks and be completed in approximately 3 months.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked what the repair to the bridge would consist of and the Public Works Director stated that it would be a crutch bent similar to the repair done at the John's Pass Bridge.

The Public Works Director reported that one lane would be open at the East Causeway Bridge on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. for drainage improvements.

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The City Manager reported that the City has received renderings for the preliminary design of the causeway bridge toll facility. He stated that he delivered the drawings to the City of St. Petersburg for their review.

The City Manager suggested that the Commission schedule a special workshop for Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Commissioners' ideas for bridge funding that were obtained at the Florida League of Cities conference.

Commissioner Collins stated that he would try to be present at the meeting but that he may have a conflict. Commissioner Blush suggested that he provide the Commission with a memo outlining his bridge funding ideas prior to the workshop if he is unable to attend the meeting and Commissioner Collins agreed to do that.

Mayor Maloof asked the City Manager to schedule the special workshop for Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

#### **VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like to pursue an amendment to the LDR's increasing the residential height limit from 30 feet to 35 feet.

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like to discuss term limits for Commissioners. The City Manager stated that term limits are on the agenda for the next workshop meeting, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The City Attorney stated that the LDR referendum specifies that the Commission must submit any ordinance that make changes to the LDR's relating to height to the electorate. Commissioner Collins asked how the item could be placed on the ballot. The City Attorney stated that the Commission could propose an ordinance and then refer it to Planning & Zoning Board for Local Planning Agency (LPA) review, provide that it would become part of the referendum. Commissioner Collins asked if it was possible to get the item on the March ballot. The City Manager stated that the ordinance would first need to be referred to the LPA, it would then come back to the Commission for two public hearings and then it could be put before the electorate. He said that it was doubtful that the item could be placed on the March ballot. The City Attorney stated that the Commission could call a special election or put it on the ballot for the November 2004 election. The City Manager then asked if Commissioner Collins was referring only to single-family homes and Commissioner Collins responded affirmatively. The City Manager stated that he would like City Planner Lynn Rosetti to have input on this. He stated that the item could be discussed with the City Planner on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> as she is already scheduled to be at that meeting and the Commission concurred.

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Commissioner Ellsworth reported that the reclaimed water repair work to Gulf Boulevard was completed in record time. He stated that the County was out at 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue recently and that it may be possible that 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue could be next for repair work.

Commissioner Ellsworth reported that he took a tour of the City of Kissimmee to view the downtown revitalization that has taken place. He stated that the packet he received included information on CBG grants and remodeling that the City of Treasure Island has already accomplished. He stated that he also received information on involving neighborhood civic associations in neighborhood matching grants.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he spoke to Redington Shores Mayor J.J. Beyrouti and that Treasure Island is set to join the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) on their trip to Washington, D.C. He stated that Treasure Island representatives will speak to U.S. Representative Bill Young regarding funding for the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project.

Commissioner Kraus reported that he also had the opportunity to make some good contacts regarding the bridge funding project at the Florida League of Cities convention and that he would discuss his ideas at the workshop meeting on Friday, August 22nd.

Commissioner Blush stated that she attended a pre-conference seminar at the Florida League of Cities convention on "designing retreats and strategic planning" that she felt would be appropriate for Friday's workshop meeting.

Commissioner Blush reported that she spoke with County Commissioner Karen Seel. She stated that Commissioner Seel is willing to lobby for Treasure Island at both the stated and federal levels.

Commissioner Blush reported that she also attended a quasi-judicial information session that was presented by the county attorney for Miami-Dade.

Commissioner Blush reported that Oklahoma Congressman J.C. Watts gave an excellent motivational speech at the President's Luncheon. She said that she has a copy of his book to share with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Blush thanked the Deputy City Clerk for sending a proclamation issued by the Commission (recognizing the armed forces for their dedication and perseverance) to the White House. She said that a thank you letter was received from the White House.

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Mayor Maloof reported that she received a letter from Madeira Beach Vice-Mayor Charles Parker that stated he was serving as a liaison for the Gulf Beaches Library Board of Trustees. She stated that Vice-Mayor Parker stated that Treasure Island is bound by an agreement to participate in the Gulf Beaches Library and that \$95,790 is due from Treasure Island for FY 2003/2004. Mayor Maloof stated that she plans to set up a meeting to discuss the library's formula with Madeira Beach Mayor Tom De Cesare and the other participating mayors as well as their representatives. She stated that Treasure Island is not aware of any binding contract with the Gulf Beaches Library.

Mayor Maloof reminded the public to return the library surveys to City Hall.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked to have the library issue added to the agenda for the workshop meeting on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Commission and City Manager agreed to add the item for discussion.

Commissioner Kraus asked for verification that Treasure Island does not have a legally binding contract with the Gulf Beaches Library. The City Manager stated that he asked the City Attorney to look at the articles of incorporation and the bylaws one year ago and that he has never come across an agreement or any binding documentation with signatures between the City of Treasure Island and Gulf Beaches Library. The City Attorney stated that he also has not come across a written agreement.

Mayor Maloof thanked Mr. Rick Taylor, Mr. Bill Edwards and Mr. Dick Spinner for the event that was held to benefit the Treasure Island Police Association (TIPA) on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she would be sending a letter to each of them.


**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

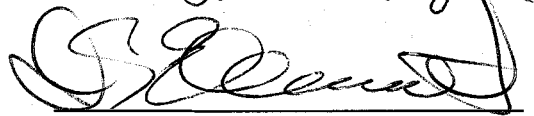
Mr. Glenn Kaisner expressed his appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Spinner, Mr. Bill Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Taylor for the fundraiser event that raised \$3,500 for TIPA.


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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

  
Phil Collins - District 1

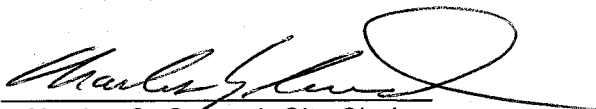
  
Mary Maloof, Mayor

  
Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

  
Richard Kraus - District 3

  
Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Charles S. Coward, City Clerk