

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL WORKSHOP**  
**August 22, 2003**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**A. SILENT 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

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Library Cost Sharing Formula –**

Mayor Maloof stated that Councilman Parker of Madeira Beach claims that there is a legally binding contract between the library and the City of Treasure Island but she said the City is not aware of any document with signatures.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he spoke to a couple of individuals at Florida League of Cities and said that both people thought that Treasure Island should pay the full amount of \$95,790 to remain a member of the library.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he spoke to a Commissioner from Madeira Beach who felt Treasure Island should pay the full amount because he said there is a legally binding contract.

Commissioner Collins asked if Treasure Island can be required to pay if the document has no signatures. City Attorney Jim Denhardt indicated that the current library formula was proposed at the Mayors' meeting on October 7, 1993. He said that, absent ratification from the cities, that he did not believe the document could be binding and that he was unaware of any other related documents.

The City Manager stated that the minutes from an ad-hoc Mayors' meeting have been the basis for the payments to the library for the past twelve years.

Commissioner Blush asked if the City passes a resolution to make payments to the library. The City Manager responded affirmatively but stated that this year the City has not signed or executed a resolution for payment to the library for FY 2003-04.

The City Manager stated that the library's formula is based 100% on population and that Treasure Island pays 43% of the budget but only uses 17 % of the library's

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services.

Mayor Maloof stated that she was in the process of arranging a meeting with the other Mayor's that are part of the Gulf Beaches Library.

Mayor Maloof stated that Treasure Island is not looking to pull out of the library but rather to come up with a formula that more accurately represents the citizens' library usage.

## **2. Causeway Bridge – FLC Follow-up –**

City Manager Chuck Coward stated that he had spoken to each of the Commissioners individually regarding Treasure Island's participation in the FAST trip to Washington, D.C. and that this meeting would give the Commissioners an opportunity to share their causeway bridge funding ideas with each other as well as information on this topic that was obtained at the recent Florida League of Cities conference.

Commissioner Collins reported that he spoke to Mr. Chris Brown from E-Civis, an organization that provides a Web site search engine for state and federal grants.

Commissioner Ellsworth reported that Mayor J.J. Beyrouti provided the phone number of Congressman Holton to Mayor Maloof. He said that this congressman could be helpful in obtaining transportation funds at both the state and federal levels.

Commissioner Ellsworth reported that he spoke with Mr. George Cretekos, assistant to U.S. Representative Young and informed him that representatives from Treasure Island would be participating in the FAST trip and he said that Mr. Cretekos assured him that Representative Young would meet with our representatives.

The City Manager stated that U.S. Representative Young is a key person that Treasure Island should lobby in Washington, D.C. as he is in charge of appropriations.

Commissioner Kraus reported that he met with Senator Dennis Jones and informed him of the middle lane closures on the causeway bridge. He stated that he also spoke to Representative Leslie Waters, and Mr. Toby Burke, Office of the President, regarding causeway bridge funding.

Commissioner Blush reported that she spoke to County Commissioner Karen Seel regarding lobbying for the causeway bridge.

The City Manager suggested that the Commission send a delegate to Washington,

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D.C. to lobby Representative Young.

The Commission discussed the City's options for raising \$25 million which included raising tolls and passes and issuing a General Obligation bond.

The City Manager suggested polling the citizens regarding bridge funding options and the Commission supported the idea but wanted to see specific proposals before moving forward.

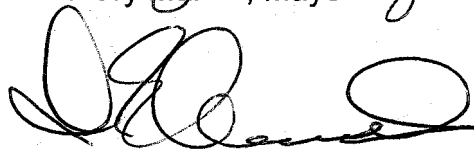
The Commission nominated Commissioner Butch Ellsworth and the City Manager to lobby Washington, D.C. as part of the FAST group.

Commissioner Blush suggested developing a packet regarding the causeway bridge to take to Washington, D.C. and the City Manager agreed to update the current packet.

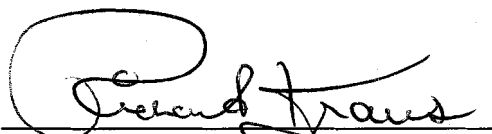
**C. ADJOURNMENT:**



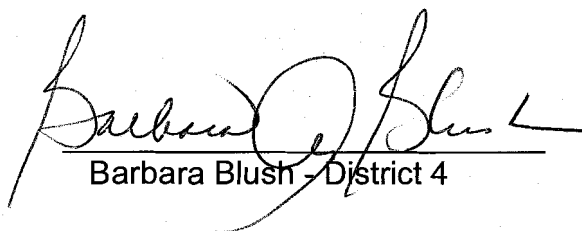
Phil Collins - District 1

  
Mary Maloof, Mayor


Irving Ellsworth - District 2



Richard Kraus - District 3

  
Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk