

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 26, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice-Mayor Barbara Blush

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Absent
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 Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2003. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Ken Jacobson, a member of the board of trustees of the Gulf Beaches Library, stated that Treasure Island's proposed payment of \$60,000 is based on a cost allocation formula that is "grossly in error" and not acceptable. He said that the attorneys he spoke to indicated that a binding contract exists because Treasure Island has paid based on its population in the past.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that she has not been able to view meetings on TITV Channel 15 on Sundays. The City Manager stated that the City plays tapes 80 percent of the time during the week and that scroll is played on Sunday afternoons.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City is replaying Commission meetings on the weekends and the City manager stated that Commission meetings are played live on Tuesdays and replayed on Thursdays.

Ms. Cox asked if it was possible to replay Commission meetings on Sundays and the City Manager stated that Sundays are the only full day of the week that scroll is played. He said that the scheduling of replays would change with the implementation of digital equipment around the first of the year.

Mr. Harry Black stated that he would like the Commission to reimburse Commissioner Blush for her mileage related to the recall in the amount of \$64.44. He also asked the Commission to pursue the court costs in the amount of \$4,454.07

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from Ms. Donna Boren, chairman of the recall committee. Mr. Black indicated that if the Commission does not pursue recovering the court costs, it sends a message that people will not be held responsible for initiating petitions like this.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution – Referring Ordinance for LDR Variance Criteria Revisions to Planning & Zoning Board –

After hearing the reading of the resolution referring proposed amendments to Chapter 70 of the Land Development Regulations of the City of Treasure Island to the Treasure Island Planning and Zoning Board for review and recommendation; providing a time period for the Planning and Zoning Board to report to the City Commission, providing for the holding of advertised public hearings on such proposed ordinance; providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Blush stated that the Planning & Zoning Board is being asked to provide its recommendation to the Commission in 60 days.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Resolution – Authorizing Treasure Island Voters Watch to use the City Auditorium for a Presentation by the Supervisor of Elections –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing free use of the Treasure Island Auditorium by the Treasure Island Voters Watch for Wednesday evening, September 24, 2003, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Resolution – Agreement for Causeway Historic Preservation Design -

After hearing the reading of the resolution approving a contract with Woodroffe Corporation Architects for final design of the Causeway Bridge Historic Preservation Project in the amount of \$41,300, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he submitted information regarding grant money available for historic preservation for matching funds and that the Commission will be looking into the matter.

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Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Resolution – Appointments to City Boards & Committees -

After hearing the reading of the resolution appointing individuals to serve on the Library Board, Beach Stewardship Committee, Personnel Advisory Board, Code Enforcement Board, Beautification Committee and the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Treasure Island; setting forth terms and conditions, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Kraus stated that there were two appointments to the Personnel Advisory Board that were not yet made. Commissioner Blush stated that the large appointment to the Personnel Advisory Board would be Mr. John Barr and Commissioner Collins nominated Ms. Sandra Fiber to continue serving on the Personnel Advisory Board.

City Manager Chuck Coward stated that the term for Mr. Richard Slezak on the Library Board should be 2 years ending on 8/31/05.

Commissioner Blush asked if an amendment to the motion was necessary. City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that if the Commissioners that made the motion and seconded the motion accepted the changes, no further motion was necessary. Commissioner Kraus and Commissioner Ellsworth accepted the changes.

Commissioner Blush read the appointments to all boards and committees.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Specifications for Beach Pavilion Restaurant and Staffing Services –

The City Manager stated that specifications were included in the Commissioners' packets for private concessionaires. He stated that the specifications are modeled after the contract used by the City of St. Pete Beach for their concessionaires at Upham Beach and Passe-A-Grille and adopted for use at the Beach Pavilion. He stated that the RFP could be advertised with a 30-day response period if the Commission was so inclined.

Commissioner Collins asked to have the response period for the RFP extended to 45 to 60 days and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

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Commissioner Collins asked what the cost would be to operate the facility as an open park with minimal staffing and no leasing. The City Manager stated that he would provide Commissioner Collins with those figures.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to direct staff to issue the RFP with a 60 day response period.

2. E-Government Citizens Survey –

The City Manager reported that Mr. Mark Santos, Information Technology Coordinator, prepared the E-government survey with input from Commissioner Collins.

Commissioner Collins requested that a question be added to the survey regarding whether an individual:

- wanted his/her address to become a public record.
- would like to have the City's Web site updated on a weekly basis.
- Would like to be able to inform the City online of any problems with the infrastructure.

The City Manager stated that a "Push/Pull" dilemma exists. He said that there are significant issues with "pushing" information via e-mail and that it is preferable to be in a "pull" situation by posting information to the Web site.

Commissioner Blush stated that the City provided e-mails in response to a public records request recently and that people were appalled to find out that their e-mails were included.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that the City would save money by adding a question 5a to the survey where citizens could indicate if it would be acceptable for their e-mail addresses to be added to the Police Alert mail list and if so, they could respond to the survey and e-mail it to the Police Department. The City Manager stated that because this is a preliminary survey, it should not be tied to any particular program.

Commissioner Blush stated that she was surprised to learn that it would cost \$1,100 to distribute the survey. She suggested that the Commission consider saving the cost of \$1,000 to mail the surveys by asking the civic associations to include them in the newsletters and by having stacks of them available at City Hall.

Mr. Frank McConnell indicated that the manner of distribution depends on whether the survey is to be treated as a casual throw-in or a high profile item.

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Commissioner Blush stated that 3 years ago the Beach Stewardship Committee sent out 5,000 surveys and received only 95 responses.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked for confirmation regarding a 10% return rate for surveys and the City Manager stated that 10% would be a very good response.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked to place the E-Government survey on the next workshop so that the Commission could gain input from the civic associations on distributing the survey.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he would like the City to mail out the surveys and Commissioner Collins stated that the City should mail out the surveys to ensure accurate response.

Mr. Dobyms indicated that the civic associations do not distribute newsletters to all of the areas within Treasure Island.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to direct staff to distribute the surveys by mail with the changes as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

G. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney asked the Commission for clarification as to whether he should prepare an ordinance for Planning & Zoning Board term limits to include 2 or 3 full three-year terms plus a partial term. Commissioner Collins stated that the ordinance should include 2 three-year terms plus a partial term.

The City Attorney responded to Mr. Black's comments and stated that the Commission addressed recovering court costs in the amount of \$4,454.07 and that the Commission determined that it would not be a prudent expenditure of taxpayers' funds to pursue the matter.

The City Manager stated that drainage improvements would continue at the east bridge on Tuesday, August 26th and Wednesday, August 27th during the nighttime hours.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Jim Phillips of E.C. Driver would present the design elements for the emergency repairs to the bascule bridge at next week's meeting.

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The City Manager stated that he received an e-mail indicating that Ms. Debbie Stambaugh is resigning as president of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. The City Manager stated that he would like to thank Ms. Stambaugh for all she has done for the Gulf beaches.

The City Manager reported that he read Ms. Bonnie Williams' draft of Treasure Island's history. He commended Ms. Williams for her efforts thus far and thanked her for taking on the task. He stated that he expects to have the finalized history in early October.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like the itinerary for Treasure Island's participation in the FAST trip to Washington, D.C. to be discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Collins requested that the City Manager address the bubble at the clock tower. The City Manager stated that Mr. Jerry Dabkowski, Traffic Engineer, has provided the City with a preliminary design and a cost estimate in the amount of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to make modifications to the bubble. Commissioner Blush asked if the clock tower bubble would be addressed by Mr. Dabkowski as part of the Downtown Master Plan and the City Manager responded affirmatively. Commissioner Blush suggested that the Commission look at the Downtown Master Plan before taking action. Commissioner Ellsworth stated that traffic at the bubble is only a problem because people are not obeying the speed limit. Commissioner Blush stated that the Commission would discuss the clock tower bubble in more detail at the Commission Workshop meeting on Tuesday, September 16th.

Commissioner Kraus reported that the City ran out of raccoon traps and that there should be some available by the end of the week and asked that citizens contact Public Works for more information.

Commissioner Kraus reported that he spoke with Mr. Toby Burke, Special Assistant to the President regarding funding for the causeway drawbridge. Commissioner Kraus stated that Mr. Burke assured him that would make telephone calls to help Treasure Island acquire funding for the bridge.

Commissioner Blush stated that she misspoke regarding the wreath placed by the memorial monument at the Community Center Park on Memorial Day. She said that she would like to thank former Commissioner Stephanie Lavino and the Historical Society for placing the wreath in the park.

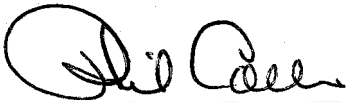
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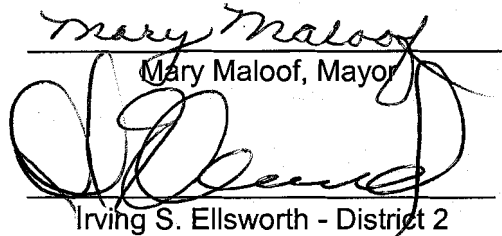
Mr. Ed Gayton stated that he has seen 5 accidents take place at the clock tower bubble. He indicated that the Commission earmarked \$25,000 to make adjustments the bubble in this year's budget and that it needs to be addressed.

Ms. Ruth Bartlett stated that the Isle of Capri Civic Association mails newsletters to property owners. She stated that Paradise Island Civic Association sends newsletters from the east bridge to the drawbridge. Ms. Bartlett stated that half of the newsletters sent to the condominiums come back as undeliverable. She stated that in Paradise, 925 newsletters are mailed out and 200 to 300 of them come back.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

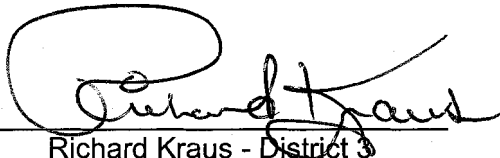


Phil Collins - District 1

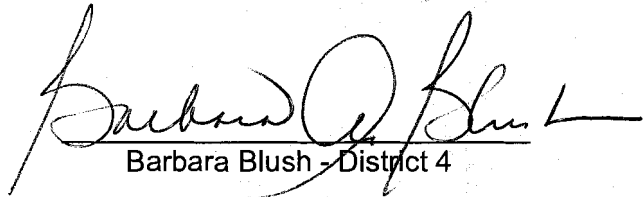


Mary Maloof, Mayor

Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2




Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk