

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
October 7, 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:

None.

III. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Blush noted the word "sewer" should be deleted from #7 under the Items of Business and a Scribner's error in the spelling of the word "trees" on page 6. Commissioner Kraus noted that the word signs should be singular on page 5. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous,

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Treasure Island History – Bonnie Williams –

Ms. Bonnie Williams presented the Commission with a booklet on the history of Treasure Island that she authored. City Manager Chuck Coward stated that Ms. Williams was commissioned to write the history of Treasure Island, in addition to, training the current Deputy City Clerk and providing support during the 2003 Municipal and Runoff elections. He suggested that the Commission review the booklet and discuss its publication at the next workshop meeting. The City Manager thanked Ms. Williams for working on the project and creating an excellent finished product. Mayor Maloof stated that Ms. Williams is more than qualified to write Treasure Island's history after spending 35 years working for the City. She thanked Ms. Williams for her time and effort. The City Manager read the acknowledgements listed on the first page of the document. Former Commissioner Stephanie Lavino and the President of the Historical Society were recognized for their efforts in preserving Treasure Island's history.

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Mayor Maloof indicated that the Commission would discuss the City's options for distributing the booklet at the next workshop.

2. Treasure Island Holiday Parade – Special Events Permit –

The City Manager stated that the organizers of the Treasure Island Holiday Parade would like to move the parade date to November 29th. He said that he discussed using an alternate route (104th Avenue to 107th Avenue) for the parade due to the bridge construction at the St. James limiting the causeway to 2 lanes.

Mayor Maloof stated that the participants in the parade would prefer to use the causeway route because it is longer. She directed the City Manager to prepare a resolution for the date requested and she asked him to see if the organizers would consider changing the date for the parade.

3. Library Survey Results –

The City Manager discussed a memorandum detailing the results of the library survey. Commissioner Blush asked how many surveys were sent out and the City Manager said that approximately 5,000 surveys were distributed. Commissioner Collins asked if the number of completed surveys received by the City was around 140 and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

4. Gulf Beaches Library Agreement for FY 03-04 –

Mayor Maloof discussed a memorandum she wrote to the other Commissioners that was included in their agenda packets. She stated that the other cities are willing to meet and discuss the matter. Mayor Maloof said that the library partners still want Treasure Island to pay \$95,790 but that a new retroactive formula would be worked out.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the library partners have refused to discuss the formula with Treasure Island for the past two years which does not show good faith on their part. He said that Treasure Island has already increased the payment amount from \$60,000 to \$80,883. Commissioner Kraus stated that the Commission voted unanimously to pay \$80,883 and that they should stick with that. Mayor Maloof stated that the library partners rejected the payment of \$80,883 because the library budget has already been adopted for the upcoming fiscal year and a shortfall would be created.

Commissioner Collins stated that he concurred with Commissioner Kraus' comments and said he would like to see the document that the library partners claim Treasure Island signed.

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The City Manager stated that the Commission has directed staff to pursue the City's legal options as well as the possibility of joining another library system. He said that he would obtain proposals from attorneys as well as check with St. Pete Beach and the Pinellas County Library Board.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked what the payment schedule is and the City Manager stated that Treasure Island makes payments on a quarterly basis. He asked if Treasure Island could refrain from making future payments after paying the first quarterly payment. The City Manager stated that the Commission could make the first payment and reserve the right not to make future payments.

Mr. John Wolbert indicated that he was present when a handshake agreement was reached between the library partners in 1993. He stated that there is also an interlocal agreement with Pinellas County that established the library cooperative. Mr. Wolbert said that the interlocal agreement is in force until 2023. He stated that there is an agreement and that there is a second page to it. The City Manager indicated that the document Mr. Wolbert referred to is not a contract or agreement but that Treasure Island is missing the second page to the document if it in fact exists.

Mr. Michael Daughtry suggested that the Commission pay the figure of \$80,883 that was voted on and re-negotiate for a new formula rather than paying the full amount and then trying to work out a new formula with the library partners.

Mr. Frank McConnell recommended that the Commission vote to pay the first quarterly payment.

Mr. J.D. Hadsall suggested that the Commission hold off on hiring legal representation until after speaking with the library representatives.

Commissioner Kraus recommended that the Commission make the first quarterly payment based on \$95,790 and future quarterly payments based on \$80,833.

Mayor Maloof directed the City Manager to draft a resolution for a quarterly payment based on \$95,790 with a reservation of rights for future payments.

5. Report on Bridge Funding Activities – Washington, D.C. –

The City Manager discussed his report on the recent trip to Washington, D.C. to lobby for Causeway Bridge funding. Commissioner Ellsworth also reported on the details regarding the trip. The Commission discussed hiring the lobbyist, Alcalde & Fay.

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The Commission will consider a resolution retaining Alcalde & Fay as federal lobbyists according to the contract at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 14th.

6. Causeway Toll and Pass Rates for 2004 –

The City Manager stated that the funds received from the causeway tolls are the primary funding source for the bridge. He stated that toll funds would need to be raised to support the issuance of a \$25 million toll revenue bond. The City manager said that annual causeway passes will need to be increased to between \$60 and \$100 and the individual toll rates increased to \$1.00 in order to generate enough revenue for the bond. He recommended that the Commission make a decision in October so that the annual passes can be adjusted when they go on sale in December for 2004. The City Manager also stated that a six month period of revenue collection at these new amounts will be used by the raters to establish the total bond amount that can be issued.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked what the impact was for issuing a bond with an annual pass at \$60 versus \$100. The City Manager stated that at \$60 there would be no margin for error in the financial markets. He stated that the Commission could choose to place the pass amount anywhere between \$60 and \$100 and that the margin for error would adjust accordingly. Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there was approximately \$1 million dollars more projected for each \$10 increase in the pass price. The City manager stated that it is a projection and not a literal interpretation.

The City Manager recommended that the Commission pass a resolution setting the amounts for the toll rate as well as annual passes by the end of the month.

The Mayor stated that a public discussion would be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 14th.

7. Beach Pavilion Revised Staffing Report –

The City Manager stated that Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke would be available to address the Commission regarding the Beach Pavilion.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City would save \$52,500 by reducing staffing to two part-time employees and the City Manager concurred. The Recreation Director stated that with two part-time employees, the Pavilion would be staffed Wednesday through Sunday.

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The Recreation Director stated that 11 RFP's were picked up by potential vendors but that no proposals have been submitted as of yet.

Commissioner Collins suggested that the deadline for responding to the RFP be extended. Mayor Maloof suggested that the Commission wait until November 5th to determine if enough proposals have been submitted.

8. American Stage Children's Event –

Commissioner Collins discussed a memorandum submitted by Mr. Joel Manings regarding the City hosting the American Stage Theater for its rendition of the children's book *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*.

The City Manager indicated that there would be a charge of \$428 for a non 501-c3 corporation and \$268 for a 501-c3 corporation to rent out the Community Center for the event and that a date would need to be scheduled with the Recreation Department.

Mayor Maloof asked Commissioner Collins to obtain more information on the event and report back to the Commission.

9. Ord. – Amending Qualification Period for Municipal Elections –

The Commission will consider this ordinance for 1st reading on Tuesday, October 14th.

10. Ord. – Setting Second Tuesday in March for Municipal Elections –

The Commission will consider this ordinance for 1st reading on Tuesday, October 14th.

11. Ord. – Setting First Tuesday in April for Municipal Runoff Elections –

Commissioner Kraus noted that the title should read the "fourth" Tuesday following the regular or special election instead of the "fifth" Tuesday.

The Commission will consider this ordinance for 1st reading on Tuesday, October 14th.

12. Ord. – Five Foot Structure Height Increase (Referral to LPA) –

The City Manager stated that he had not had the opportunity to discuss the matter with the City Attorney and that he would be prepared to present a draft ordinance to

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the Commission at the next Workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 21st.

13. City Attorney RFP's –

The Commission agreed that the RFP should require 10 copies of the proposals to be submitted.

Commissioner Collins stated that the RFP should require that all proposals be word-processed and accompanied by a CD-Rom.

Mayor Maloof asked for the Commission's input regarding the deadline for proposals to be submitted in response to the RFP.

Commissioner Collins suggested that the Commission advertise the RFP for November 1st and set a submission date of February 2nd which would allow for a 90 day response period.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that the Commission insert "the Planning & Zoning Board and any other additional meetings as requested" on page 5 item #6.

V. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

The City Manager reported that Mr. Jeff Jensen was hired as the part-time Information Technology Assistant. He stated that Mr. Jensen will bring creativity and energy and make an excellent compliment to Information Technology Coordinator Mark Santos. He stated that Mr. Jensen will focus on the upcoming TITV programming upgrade as well as the City's Web site.

VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins asked how many E-government surveys had been received by the City thus far and the City Manager stated that Staff was still tallying those that have been returned. Commissioner Collins asked if it was possible to extend the deadline for submitting the surveys and the City Manager stated that the City will continue to accept the surveys after the deadline and that eventually the number of surveys returned would taper off. Commissioner Collins asked to have a message on TITV reminding the public to return their E-government surveys to the City and the City Manager said that it would be added to the scroll.

Commissioner Collins asked if there was any feedback from staff regarding the E-Civis Web site. The City Manager stated that a two-week trial period had just been extended to October 9th. He said that department heads are using the Web site and that he would report the department heads findings to the Commission at the next

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Workshop meeting.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he attended the BIG-C meeting on September 24th. He said that Commissioner Karen Seal presented the new designs for the Gulf Boulevard mile markers. Commissioner Kraus stated that the voting members approved the designs and that they should be ready in 2 to 3 months.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Pinellas County Commission will discuss Sunday sales of alcohol at the County's Commission meeting tonight.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Senator Dennis Jones spoke regarding the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association's annual meeting and emphasized the importance of keeping the \$30 million in doc stamp funds for our beaches.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Senator Jones also suggested a free parking program for Purple Heart recipients that will be considered.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Voters Watch held a meeting in the City Hall Auditorium on September 24th. He said that Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark was the guest speaker.

Commissioner Kraus reported that he met with Representative Leslie Waters on October 2nd to discuss bridge funding and left several replacement flyers with her. He said that she is very interested in hearing the details regarding the FAST trip to Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club's annual Morgan Regatta was held on October 4th and that there were 39 to 40 participants.

Commissioner Kraus stated that there is a beach cleanup scheduled for Saturday, October 11th. He asked anyone that is interested in participating to meet at Robby's at 7:45 a.m.

Commissioner Blush stated that Mr. Mike Nadeau was elected as our representative to the Pinellas County Contractors' & Licensing Board.

Commissioner Blush stated that the Beach Stewardship Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 1:30 p.m. She said that there will be a presentation on *Sustainable Solutions for Beach Renourishment* by Ms. Ramona Updegraff.

Commissioner Blush gave an update on the Drum Circle and reported that the Drum Circle Web site is asking people to stop drumming at 10:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Blush reported that she met with Public Works Director Don Hambidge, Pinellas County Utilities' representatives and a contractor for the Reclaimed Water Project to discuss damage to residential properties that still needs to be addressed. She said that she hoped to have more information to share within 10 days.

Commissioner Blush read a letter from Dr. Bob Minning, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee regarding a Beach Wildlife Management Plan. She requested that the item be placed on the next agenda as a discussion item and the Commission concurred.

Mayor Maloof reported that she attended the BIG-C Coffee, Mayor's Council meeting and the Mayor's Coffee with the Chamber. She reported that she met Ms. Jan Zach who will serve as the St. Petersburg Chamber representative for the beaches.

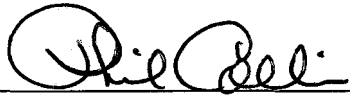
Mayor Maloof stated that St. Petersburg College is undertaking a study of the economic impact of hotel loss when replaced by condominium development.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Mayor's Council has indicated that it will support the gas tax only if it is made clear how much money will go towards the Gulf Beach Beautification Project.

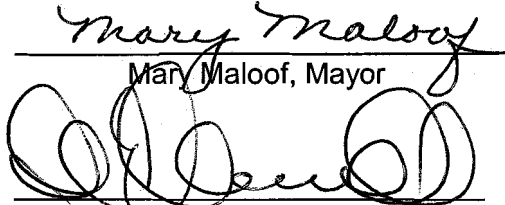
Mayor Maloof stated that there will be a meeting on the DEP Piney Point Phosphate Plant matter at 1:30 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council offices.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT:

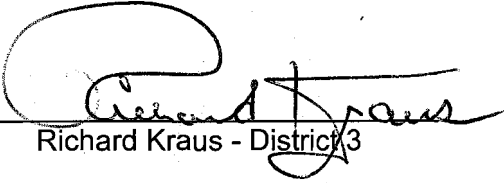


Phil Collins - District 1

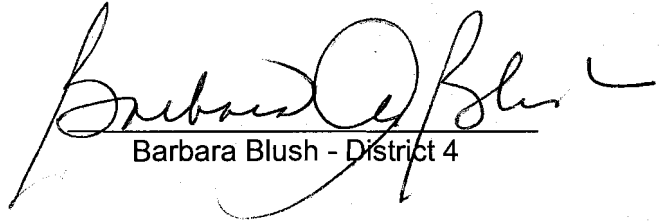


Mary Maloof, Mayor

Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2



Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk