

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
November 4, 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:**

Mr. Bob Dowling stated that the Oktoberfest festivities raised \$3,005.82 for the civic associations. He stated that \$500 would remain in the account to fund dinner for the Canadian band next year. Mr. Dowling said that he appreciated the support and cooperation from the City and the civic associations. He asked the Commission to put this item on a future workshop for discussion regarding the City supporting the event more next year.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Oktoberfest festivities would be scheduled for a future workshop.

Mr. Ed Gayton made comments regarding the Attorney General's Opinion that addressed whether the Commission may "add topics to the agenda of a regularly noticed meeting while that meeting is being conducted and take formal action on those matters". He asked the Mayor to put the item on the agenda for the Commission to vote on at the next workshop meeting.

**III. MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 21<sup>st</sup> as written. Commissioner Kraus noted errors on pages 3 and 5 of the minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the amended minutes was unanimous.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Para-light USA Request for Special Event Permit –**

Mr. Jim Jackson of Paralite USA, LLC requested permission to use a section of the

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beach in front of the Bilmar Hotel to host a para-motors "New Year's Fly-In" January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush asked if the City would be named as an insured on the insurance policy for the event and Mr. Jackson responded affirmatively.

The Commission will consider this resolution on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Ord. – Modifying LDR Variance Criteria –**

City Planner Lynn Rosetti went over changes to the ordinance modifying LDR variance criteria made by LPA. She stated that the ordinance is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> reading & public hearing on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading & public hearing on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Kraus asked if this ordinance would conflict with the Citizen Initiated Referendum in any way. City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that the ordinance changes variance criteria and that the referendum would not affect the ordinance.

**3. Ord. – Modifying Hours of Liquor Sales on Sunday –**

Mayor Maloof stated that Pinellas County passed an ordinance changing the time for the sale of alcoholic beverages to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. She said that, as a result, the Commission is considering this ordinance to switch from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for alcoholic beverage sales on Sunday.

Commissioner Blush stated that she informed Madeira Beach Mayor Tom De Cesare that Treasure Island has placed this ordinance on the agenda and he said that Madeira Beach will most likely follow suit by passing an ordinance for 11:00 a.m.

The Commission will consider this ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading & public hearing on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Ord. – Concerning LDR Super Majority Voting Requirements for Height and Density Issues –**

The City Attorney stated that he would have the ordinance ready for the Commission's review at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Causeway Bond Underwriter RFQ –**

The City Manager stated that the Commission has been provided with a copy of the

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Causeway Bond Underwriters RFQ. He said that the RFQ will be issued on November 15th and proposals are due by December 15th. The City Manager indicated that the Commission would conduct interviews and make a final selection. He noted an error in the timetable on page 5 that should read "Jan./Feb., 2004. The City Manager stated that there is no action required on the part of the Commission at this time.

#### **6. E-Government Survey Results –**

The City Manager highlighted the results of the E-Government Survey. He stated that (the largest majority) approximately 1/3 of the residents that responded prefer to get city-related information from the newspaper and TITV channel 15 represents the second most popular information source.

Commissioner Collins stated that 19% of the residents (approximately 1,000 people) would like to receive e-mails from the City and that the City should provide that service to them.

The City Manager stated that there is a "Push/Pull" technology issue with providing residents with City-related information. He said the City is assuming liability when pushing information and that a new and evolving area of law exists regarding this issue. He suggested that information be provided to the public via the City's Web site where they can go and retrieve the information.

Mr. Jim Dobyms stated that the City should provide e-mailed information to the 19% (or approximately 1,200) residents that have expressed an interest. He said that the City could refrain from sending e-mails to the 66% of residents that do not wish to share their e-mail addresses. Mr. Dobyms stated that the City can require residents to sign a document waiving their rights to litigation for those that wish to receive information via e-mail.

#### **7. Library Negotiations –**

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission has received copies of the legal opinion from Attorney Timothy Driscoll. She said that the ad hoc library committee has made a proposal and that she is to deliver the City's answer at the library meeting on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Commissioners agreed that more time was needed to review the legal opinion before responding to the ad hoc library committee's proposal.

Mr. Kenneth Jacobsen stated that, while it appears that Treasure Island residents are not using the library as much as Madeira, the card count is skewed mostly due

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to the large number of time shares in Madeira Beach. He said that a population-based formula is the only fair and reasonable solution.

Mayor Maloof stated that she and the City Manager would attend the library meeting on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The City manager stated that a special meeting could be scheduled with Attorney Driscoll to discuss the legal opinion. Mayor Maloof directed the City Manager to schedule a special workshop meeting prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Letter from CINA re: Causeway Toll Facility –**

The City Manager spoke regarding a letter received from the Causeway Isles Neighborhood Association (CINA). He stated that the association would like the toll plaza moved from Causeway Isles and if it is not moved the association would prefer that no changes are made to the existing facility or the number of lanes.

The City Manager stated that final design issues for the causeway bridge and the toll facility will come before the Commission on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The City Manager stated that St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker and Councilman Richard Kriseman asked the City to consider building infrastructure to support 6 lanes in the future but only incorporating 4 lanes immediately.

Ms. Sue Massanari, a Causeway Isles resident, asked the Commission to consider the people living close to the toll plaza. She said that the association is against any increase in square footage of the toll facility building, any increase in the width of the roadway and any rezoning.

Mr. Larry Tieman, a Causeway Isles resident, stated that moving the office functions to a structure above the toll facility would be an encroachment into the Causeway Isles neighborhood. He said he is also concerned about potential traffic safety issues with a six-lane toll facility where 6 lanes merge into 2 lanes.

Mr. John Burke stated that the causeway toll facility existed before the area became residential. He said that Causeway Isles property owners knew the bridge and the toll facility existed when they purchased their homes.

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

**1. Federal Agents -**

The City Manager highlighted the six programs the City is submitting to Alcalde &

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Fay for grant funding consideration at the federal level. He said that the firm responded within 24 hours and made several comments in addition to requesting more information.

The City Manager stated that he provided the Commission with a timeline for the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project that details project elements occurring between October 2003 and February 2005. He said that construction is slated to begin in February 2005 but that it could begin as early as December 2004.

The City Manager reported that repairs to the bascule bridge should be completed by Thanksgiving and that all 4 lanes should be open by then.

The City Manager reported that the decking is in place on the St. James Bridge and that traffic should be moved to the other side of the bridge by January 2004.

The City Manager reported that an offer was made to hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. He said that the addition of this officer will provide the city with a 7-day code enforcement operation.

Mayor Maloof read item #6 of the Treasure Island Causeway Facts Sheet.

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

Commissioner Ellsworth commented that there is a significant amount of disinformation circulating within the community. He urged citizens to contact their Commissioners to get answers regarding information that is discussed at Commission meetings.

Commissioner Kraus spoke regarding the speed limit on the causeway between the bascule bridge and the east bridge. He said that 51 citations were issued due to a 20 mph speed limit sign that was recently placed in that area. Commissioner Kraus stated that a St. Petersburg official informed him that the 20 mph speed limit sign was placed in the wrong area and that it should have been placed in the construction zone. He said that the City of St. Petersburg has said that they are looking at the citations that were issued and that they will "fix them". He asked for anyone that has received a citation to contact Staff or himself for more information.

The City Manager stated that changes to traffic signage require professional studies to be conducted and must be certified by a traffic engineer. He said that the speed limit for this roadway was 35 mph for the past 30 years or longer and that no study was conducted prior to changing the speed limit.

Commissioner Kraus congratulated Mr. John Smith and his fishing team for winning

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the \$30,000 Southern Kingfish Association Tournament.

Commissioner Kraus stated that a beach cleanup would take place on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and that anyone interested should meet at Robby's Pancake House at 7:45 a.m.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended a BIG-C meeting last week. She said they voted unanimously to pass a resolution in support of continued beach management funding in the amount of \$30 million annually from documentary stamps. Commissioner Blush stated that this resolution is very similar to the resolution passed by Treasure Island in September.

Commissioner Blush stated that the BIG-C voted to establish a media relations committee to keep the cities up to date with the media regarding renourishment issues.

Commissioner Blush stated that a representative from the Army Corps. of Engineers was present at the BIG-C meeting to discuss Pinellas County renourishment projects. She said the representative indicated that the renourishment of Sunset Beach is now tied with the Upham Beach Project for next year (May through September).

Commissioner Blush stated that the BIG-C discussed seeking a seat on the MPO and that each city is asked to pass a resolution on the matter. The Commission will discuss a resolution supporting BIG-C representation on the MPO at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush stated that the BIG-C also discussed taking up membership with the Beach Watch Group. She said that membership would total \$5,000 that would be split among the cities. Treasure Island's share would amount to \$500. The Commission will discuss a resolution supporting BIG-C membership in the Beach Watch Group at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush stated that Florida Senator Dennis Jones is sponsoring free parking for Purple Heart recipients. She stated that the BIG-C is recommending that cities check with the County before implementing this.

Commissioner Blush stated that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a mixer for members at the Treasure Island Holiday Inn on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush thanked Recreation Director Cathy Hakduke and the Recreation Department for the Children's Spooktacular held on Halloween night.

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Commissioner Blush reported that the Drum Circle started around 5:00 p.m. last Sunday. She said the sound from the drums reverberated off the glass penthouse nearby causing the sound to travel along the hotels in between the Drum Circle and the penthouse. She stated that the Drum Circle ended playing at 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Blush read a memo from Public Works Director Don Hambidge that addressed Ms. Daughtry's concerns regarding barricades on Sunset beach as well as the boardwalk by Mansions of the Sea.

Mayor Maloof reported that she attended the first annual Pinellas County Environmental Foundation awards banquet last Friday.

Mayor Maloof stated that she attended a special emergency committee meeting of the Agency on Bay Management where the agency voted unanimously to request that DEP extend the permit allowing the dumping of treated water from the Piney Point Phosphate Plant.

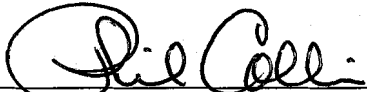
Mayor Maloof stated that the Gulf Beaches Elementary School's 73<sup>rd</sup> annual Fish Broil would take place on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

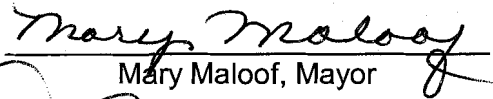
Mayor Maloof thanked the Treasure Islettes for helping with the Children's Spooktacular event.

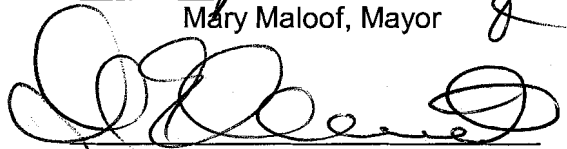
Mayor Maloof stated that her husband, Ed Maloof, contacted the Bond Department in New York City to ask about the importance of a unanimous vote from the Commission as it relates to issuing bonds. She stated that the department concurred with Mr. John White's comments that a unanimous vote from the Commission shows the community and the Commission's level of commitment.

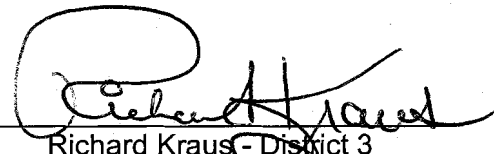
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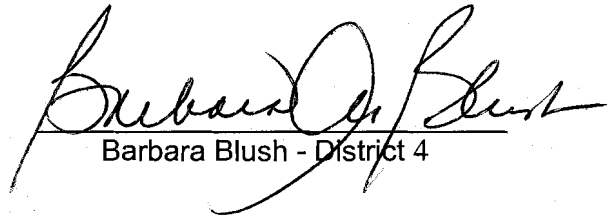
**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

  
Phil Collins - District 1

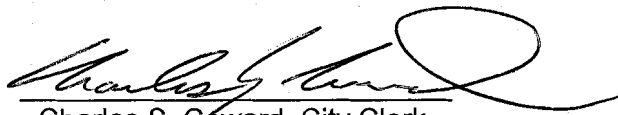
  
Mary Maloof, Mayor

  
Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

  
Richard Kraus - District 3

  
Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Charles S. Coward, City Clerk