

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
SPECIAL COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION  
November 18, 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. DISCUSSION – GULF BEACHES LIBRARY ISSUES:**

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission declined to discuss the ad hoc library committee's proposal at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting in order to review Attorney Tim Driscoll's legal opinion and meet with him to discuss Treasure Island's options regarding the Gulf Beaches Library, Inc.

Attorney Driscoll stated that Treasure Island has the right to withdraw from the GBLI and that no perpetual funding agreement exists. He said that a unanimous vote of all 5 cities is necessary to change the funding formula. Attorney Driscoll stated that the GBLI's legal structure leaves room for improvement and suggested that the 5 cities draw up a new agreement based on Chapter 163.01 Florida Statutes and similar to the agreement used by the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC).

Commissioner Kraus asked what the basis was behind the requirement for unanimous consent in order to change the funding formula. Attorney Driscoll stated that the articles of incorporation require the unanimous consent of all 5 cities to change the funding formula.

Attorney Driscoll recommended that the Commission sign an agreement for the current fiscal year and add a paragraph stating that Treasure Island is not committing to future payments after the fiscal year has ended.

Mayor Maloof stated that Treasure Island will request that a new funding formula be established by April 1, 2004, and that if no new formula is reached at that time, Treasure Island will consider its options.

Commissioner Collins, Ellsworth and Blush were in agreement that the Commission should sign the agreement for this fiscal year and look at alternative ways to provide library services in the event that a new funding formula is not in place for next fiscal year.

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City Manager Chuck Coward recommended that the Commission pass a resolution at the special meeting (directly following the special library workshop meeting) adopting a modified library agreement for fiscal year 2003/04.

Library Trustee Susan Pianfetti stated that there is an easel in front of the Gulf Beaches Library informing Treasure Island residents that Treasure Island will not be part of the cooperative as of January 1, 2004 and that they will be required to pay \$100 to join the library.

Library Trustee Richard Slezak stated that the funding formula should be proportionate. Attorney Driscoll said that in addition to per capita, circulation and cards are options for funding. He stated that an empirical hybrid of the options is also possible.

The City Manager recommended that the Commission consider adding the library agreement as Action Item #2 on the special meeting agenda.

Commissioner Kraus asked if there would be a conflict with the Commission voting on the agreement at the special meeting based on the recent Attorney General's Opinion (AGO). The City Manager stated that there is a level of urgency because the Mayor is expected to have the agreement ready for the library negotiating meeting on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> if Treasure Island plans to remain part of the GBLI. Commissioner Blush added that a payment is due to the Gulf Beaches Library on December 1<sup>st</sup>. City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that based on the AGO, the Commission has the authority to consider this item at either a workshop or special meeting if it is deemed appropriate.

Mayor Maloof stated that she has received several telephone calls and e-mails on the issue and the community wants to be sure that library services are available to Treasure Island residents.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he received several telephone calls from residents that do not favor the Commission paying \$95,790 to the Gulf Beaches Library.

Mayor Maloof stated that it would be appropriate for the Commission to vote on this item due to the time sensitivity that exists with the library meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and the payment that is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

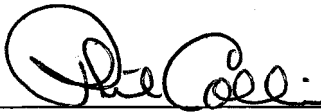
Commissioner Collins requested that Mayor Maloof ask the Gulf Beaches Library to remove the easel it has posted in front and she agreed.

The Commission will consider a resolution adopting an a modified agreement for

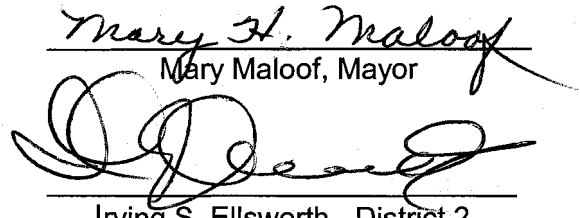
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library services for fiscal year 2003/04 at the Commission Workshop & Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 18th.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:**

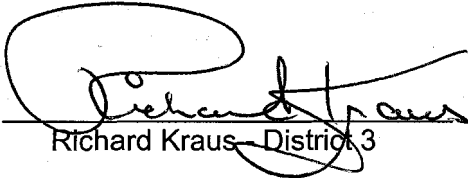


Phil Collins - District 1

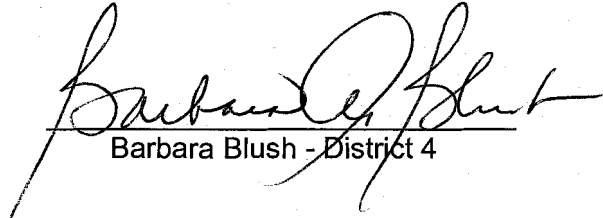


Mary Maloof, Mayor

Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

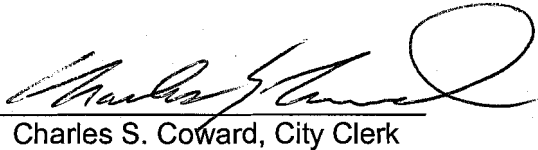


Richard Kraus - District 3



Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Frank McConnell spoke in favor of placing more City-related information online for public access via the Internet.

Commissioner Kraus asked if there a ruling expected regarding Push/Pull E-government technology. The City Manager stated that it is an evolving area of the law. He said there have been some court cases on the subject. The City Manager said that the City fully endorses E-government and that staff plans to place more information on the Web in the near future. He said that staff advises against e-mailing unsolicited information to the public unless a specific request has been made to prevent the City from assuming liability.

Mr. Chris Hearn thanked Mr. Tony Amico for letting the beach cleanup team meet at his establishment.

Mr. Hearn stated that the City is already pushing information out to the public when a sign is put up or postings are made to the bulletin boards throughout the community.

Mr. Hearn indicated that closed circuit television does not require constant monitoring and that monitoring is only necessary when an incident has occurred.

Mr. Richard McLean read a letter he wrote regarding the Gulf Beaches Library in which he recommended that Treasure Island pay the fiscal year 2003/04 library assessment. He also suggested that the 5 cities consider pledging a proportionate amount of the Penny for Pinellas funds in order to provide for improvements to library services.

Ms. Sue Jacobs expressed her support for Treasure Island paying the full amount required by the Gulf Beaches Library for fiscal year 2003-04.

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Mr. Harry Black stated that the Gulf Beaches Rotary is looking for fruit donations to be sold at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. He said that the proceeds will be used in support of children's projects. Mr. Black asked anyone that is interested to call him to arrange for the fruit to be picked up on Friday.

Mr. Ed Gayton stated that the Commission would not be giving the public proper notice by adding the Gulf Beaches Library agreement to the agenda at tonight's meeting. He recommended that the Commission put off discussion on the topic until the next workshop meeting.

Ms. Marty Doyle stated that she frequently uses the Gulf Beaches Library and she expressed her support for Treasure Island continuing to be part of the Gulf Beaches Library Cooperative.

Ms. Mary Daughtry thanked the City for looking into the issue with the boardwalk at Mansions by the Sea. She stated that the barricade at Harrell Avenue and Gulf Boulevard still remains and asked if the City can make arrangements to have it removed.

Ms. Daughtry expressed her concern regarding the means for collecting the new one dollar toll. She suggested that the City consider having slots for one dollar bills.

Ms. Daughtry stated that a two story toll facility and a 10 foot walkway are not necessary and she suggested that the City consider cutting expenses relating to the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that pass only lanes existed at the toll plaza prior to 1983 when the plaza was redesigned. She expressed her support for providing Treasure Island residents with pass only lanes and asked Treasure Island to work with St. Petersburg to accomplish this.

Ms. Roseanne Petit stated that she and her husband would like to thank the Commission, the City Manager and the City Attorney for listening to the comments from the public and for their good performance.

Ms. Kathy McCreary stated that she agrees that Treasure Island should fund the library system and that it is important that Treasure Island residents have the right to use the library at no charge.

Ms. McCreary stated that backups will still occur at the toll facility with pass lanes because there will be drivers that are unaware that a pass is necessary to use the designated lanes.

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**III. MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Blush and seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth to approve the minutes as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Res. – Special Events Permit for Paralite, USA –**

After hearing the reading of the resolution granting a special events permit for the Paralite, U.S.A., LLC to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual New Year's Fly-In on the Treasure Island beach in front of the Bilmar Beach Resort from January 2-4, 2004, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**2. Res – Gulf Beaches Library Service Agreement -**

Mayor Maloof added this item to the agenda.

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing Mayor Mary H. Maloof to enter into a Gulf Beaches Library contract for fiscal year 2003-04 and authorizing payment to said library in the amount of \$95,790.00 from funds budgeted in the 2003-04 fiscal budget, motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission held a special library meeting with Attorney Tim Driscoll at 5:30 p.m. that evening. She said that Attorney Driscoll recommended that Treasure Island sign an amended agreement for fiscal year 2003-04 and pursue its attempts to obtain a new funding formula with the Gulf Beaches Library Cooperative.

Commissioner Collins stated that by signing this agreement, the residents of Treasure Island will be able to use the library free of charge throughout the remainder of fiscal year 2003-04.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

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**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Causeway Bascule Bridge – Final Design Issues –**

Mr. Jim Phillips of E.C. Driver presented the Commission with the following final design issues for the Commission's consideration:

1. Bridge Construction Progress
2. Bascule Design
3. Bascule Delivery Method

Public Works Director Don Hambidge passed out a letter from FDOT regarding the multi-use trail's eligibility for \$3 to \$4 million in CMAQ funding. He stated that Treasure Island will be required to obtain a Local Area Program (LAP) certification in order to obtain this funding.

The Public Works Director stated that City staff is recommending a qualification based selection and design-build for the delivery method.

The City Manager stated that the Commission has made decisions on the 4 categories of design based on the community's input. He said that if the Commission does not wish to make any changes that no action is necessary.

The City Manager stated that the Commission's decisions regarding changes in the design elements need to be made by December 1st because E.C. Driver will require 30 days to make any changes to the design.

Commissioner Blush asked when the City would find out if the CMAQ grant funds are to be awarded for the multi-use trail. The Public Works Director stated that the City must become LAP certified before the monies can be awarded.

Commissioner Blush asked if the City would no longer be eligible for CMAQ funds if the width of the bridge walkway was reduced to 5 feet and the Public Works Director concurred.

The City Manager stated that the CMAQ funds would only cover the cost of the bridge walkway at the 10 foot width.

Commissioner Collins asked if the Commission could postpone deciding on the width of the walkway for two to three months and the Public Works Director stated that the width of the sidewalk needs to be determined right away because it is a critical part of the bridge permitting and design.

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Mr. Phillips stated that the City is already pressed for time due to the length of the permitting process and the fact that construction is slated to begin in January 2005.

Commissioner Kraus stated that, according to E.C. Driver's presentation, level 1 of the aesthetics comparison for the causeway bridge design would cost \$43 million and last has a design life of 50 years while level 2 would cost \$50 million with a design life of 75 years. Mr. Phillips stated that level 2 uses piers in addition to pile bents which gives the structure extra protection and a longer lifespan.

The City Manager stated that level 2 includes \$1.8 million in aesthetics such as color and texture.

The City Manager stated that with the recommended design/build methodology, the actual cost of the design elements will be known before construction takes place and the Commission can make decisions regarding those elements during the final design.

Commissioner Collins asked if the \$50 million for level 2 includes \$1.8 million in aesthetic elements and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Collins asked if the 6 lane causeway bridge design includes a 2 story toll plaza. Mr. Phillips stated that both the 4 and 6 lane toll plazas include a 2 story toll facility.

Commissioner Collins asked how much money would be saved by constructing a 1 story toll facility. The City Manager stated that the facility must be 2 stories to house the new technology including cameras and computers as well as personnel. He said the bond purchasers will require a level of cost/design. The City Manager stated a variance is not necessary for the 2 story facility because St. Petersburg allows structures in the area to be 35 feet in height.

The Commission agreed to select the level 2 design in order to increase the lifespan of the bridge from 50 years to 75 years at an additional cost of \$7 million.

Mr. Harry Black stated that the beaches are getting more crowded and that he is in favor of a 10 foot wide walkway to support the increase in the number of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Mr. Black stated that he would prefer the level 2 causeway bridge design in order to provide for the aesthetic elements. He said that the Commission should hold off on making cuts to the bridge because the possibility of obtaining grant funds has not yet been exhausted.

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Commissioner Kraus asked what elements the Commission must decide on right away and the City Manager stated that the Commission must select the width of the walkway and the number of lanes for the toll facility. He stated that if the Commission decides to go with the recommended 10 foot walkway, no action is necessary. The City Manager stated that if the Commission selects the expandable 4 lane toll facility, the City would realize a savings of \$400,000 and if a permanent 4 lane facility is selected, the City would save \$1.2 million. He stated that the Commission would need to pass a resolution to select the 4 lane expandable toll facility.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Causeway Isles Neighborhood Association is against a 6 lane toll facility and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker and Councilman Rick Kriseman are recommending an expandable 4 lane toll facility.

The City Manager stated that the City could have pass only lanes in a 4 lane toll facility configuration due to the fact that the bridge openings will be reduced by 1/3 thereby reducing the backups that occur currently.

Commissioner Ellsworth stated that he is favor of the 4 lane expandable toll facility.

Commissioner Collins asked how much it would cost to expand to 6 lanes in the future and the City Manager indicated that the projected cost would be approximately \$400,000.

The City Manager stated that the City of St, Petersburg will demand a traffic study in order to go to a 6 lane facility. He said that the experience of the 4 lane facility will better support that posture if it is necessary in the future.

Ms. Heidi Horak expressed her support for a 10 foot wide walkway to support the increase in the number of bicyclists using the causeway bridge.

Ms. Horak stated that she is in favor of the level 2 design option because the bridge's lifespan is increased by 35 years at a cost of \$7 million.

Ms. McCreary stated that she is in support of a 4 lane expandable toll facility, the level 2 design option and a 10 foot wide walkway. She complimented the City on doing a "great job".

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that he hopes that if a 4 lane expandable toll facility is selected that an agreement with St. Petersburg will be reached to increase the toll facility to 6 lanes if necessary.

The City Manager stated that staff will draft a resolution changing the toll facility to a

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4 lane expandable facility and that the design elements will remain unchanged. He thanked staff, E.C. Driver and Public Works Director Don Hambidge for their efforts as well as the community for its input.

**6. Causeway Toll Rate – Multi Axle Fees –**

The City Manager stated that fees are going up at both the Skyway and Bayway bridges. He stated that a resolution raising the fees to \$.50 for extra axles will be brought before the Commission at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2. LDR Super Majority Issue – Proposed Modifying Ordinance –**

City Attorney Jim Denhardt stated that he prepared an ordinance on the LDR super majority for the Commission's review. He stated that the 5 foot height variance ordinance would need to go before the electorate at the November 5, 2004 election because the deadline for submitting the ballot language for the March 9, 2004 election is January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that two separate ordinances for height and density be created that address the LDR super majority issue and the City Attorney stated that he would draft the ordinances as requested.

Commissioner Collins stated that he feels the LDR super majority ordinance should be a City Charter amendment. The City Attorney stated that it is possible to do that but that it would still need to go before the electorate as a referendum.

Mayor Maloof stated that she would like to place this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next workshop meeting.

Ms. Horak stated that the Commission's constituents were well informed on this issue when they voted on the referendum requiring a super majority of the registered voters to make any changes to the land development regulations. She stated that those same citizens will come out and vote on the 5 foot height variance ordinance.

The City Manager stated that the ordinances would come before the Commission again at the workshop meeting on December 16th.

**3. Beach Pavilion Concessionaire Proposals –**

Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke stated that no formal proposals were received in response to the RFP other than a non-responsive letter from Mary and Ronald

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Commissioner Blush stated that she would like to see if the DiBiases' would be willing to submit a formal proposal.

Mayor Maloof instructed staff to contact the DiBiases' and allow them 30 days to submit a formal proposal.

Mr. Black suggested that the City lease the facility to people for weddings and allow them with food warmers, ice machines, etc.

The Recreation Director indicated that a good portion of the current revenue is generated from rentals and that the Commission has not allowed cooking at the facility in the past.

The City Manager stated that staff would report back to the Commission on the matter in 30 days.

**4. Employee Rules and Regulations – Annual Updates –**

Personnel Director Fred Turner reported that ½ day holiday has been added for Christmas Eve and that the definition of a retired employee has been changed. He also stated that a part-time Code Enforcement Officer has been added to provide 7 days of code enforcement coverage.

The Commission will consider this resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Employee Contract for Treasure Bay Golf Professional –**

The Recreation Director stated that the Golf Pro has requested a contract similar to the contract the City has with the Tennis Pro.

The Commission will consider a resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Recreation Director stated that the city is instituting an aggressive program with Aquagenics to eliminate cat tails from the golf course at Treasure Bay.

**7. Res. – Supporting BIG-C Representation on the MPO –**

Commissioner Blush stated that she asked to have this item on the agenda and that Mayor Beyroutti has urged the BIG-C member cities to pass a resolution for voting

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membership on the MPO.

The Commission will consider a resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Res. – Supporting BIG-C Representation in the Beach Watch –**

Commissioner Blush stated that the BIG-C member cities would split the \$5,000 cost of membership to Beach Watch for lobbying regarding beach renourishment at a cost of \$500 to Treasure Island.

The Commission will consider a resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

The City Manager stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing for the variance criteria ordinance is the only item on the agenda for the December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He suggested that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing be moved to January 13<sup>th</sup>. And the Commission concurred.

The City Manager stated that the City has now implemented a 7 day code enforcement program with the addition of a second part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

The City Manager stated that mast arm traffic signals are being installed at 112<sup>th</sup>, 113<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Gulf Boulevard. He said that the new signals should be completed by the first week in January.

The City Manager reported that construction of the new room for CATV Channel 15 should be complete by the end of November and that the City will be ready to convert to digital by January.

**VII. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Collins asked the city Manager if the meeting he has with Traffic Engineer Jerry Dabkowski on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> would pertain to traffic around the clock tower. The City Manager stated that the meeting pertains to the Downtown Master Plan and that the traffic around the clock tower would be part of the overall plan that will be presented to the Commission on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce retreat last week. She stated that as the incoming chair for the

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government committee, the first goal established is to promote the economic impact study. Commissioner Blush said that the second goal of the committee is beach renourishment and funding.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended the Hotel/Motel Association meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. She congratulated the new board as well as President Harry Black.

Commissioner Blush reported that she attended the Beach Stewardship Committee meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Dr. Ping Wang from the University of South Florida presented and discussed his report on beach performance with Treasure Island.

Commissioner Blush gave a status on the sand sharing project and stated that Nicole Elko of Pinellas County Coastal Management will be working with Dr. Truitt to supply additional data that has been requested by DEP.

Commissioner Blush reported that it appears that a working consensus has been reached with the Drum Circle. She said that the Drum Circle has been ending at 10:00 p.m. for the last few weeks and the only complaints now appear to be regarding the duration of the drumming.

Mayor Maloof reported that the Executive Committee of the Agency on Bay Management and the Regional Planning Council are supporting the extension of the permit for the dispersal of treated water from the Piney Point Phosphate Plant into the Gulf.

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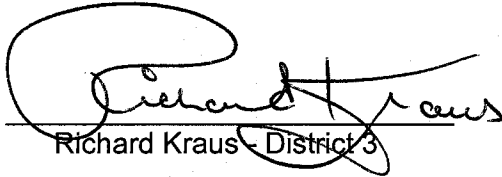


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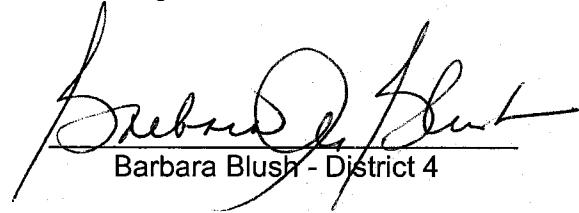
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Charles S. Coward, City Clerk