

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
December 2, 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. Frank McConnell stated that the community should show their thanks and appreciation to all those involved that worked to secure the \$50 million grant.

**III. MINUTES:**

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

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Beautification Awards –**

Ms. Carol Malkin, the Beautification Committee Chairperson and Mayor Maloof presented beautification awards as follows:

Commercial Award Allied Insurance  
10451 Gulf Boulevard

Residential Award Nick & Stephanie Delcorso  
3 Bellevue Drive

Ms. Malkin stated that holiday beautification award nominations are due by December 15<sup>th</sup> and ask that they be submitted to the Deputy City Clerk.

Ms. Malkin stated that the signs are on order for the new property improvement award category. She mentioned several properties that are being considered for this award including; Caddy's, Fisher's building, Gigi's, Gulf Golf, Ka'Tiki, the Bungalows, the Satellite Motel, and the Delacado.

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Ms. Malkin stated that a beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and that anyone interested should meet at Robby's Pancake House at 7:45 a.m.

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

The Commission noted that the first reading and public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Ord. – Modifying Sunday Liquor Sales –**

The Commission noted that the second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Causeway Bridge Toll Rates –**

The City Manager recommended that the Commission direct staff to prepare a resolution rescinding Resolution #03-89.

The Commission will consider the resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Donation of an ATV for Police Beach Patrol –**

The Commission will consider a motion to accept the ATV at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Donation of Video Tapes – Anonymous –**

The Commission will consider a motion to accept the videotapes at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

The City Manager stated that the following events are taking place in December:

1. Holiday tree lighting at the Community Center on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
2. Holiday Boat Parade on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 p.m.
3. Downtown Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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The City Manager stated that the Recreation Department is holding its holiday recreation camp from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The City Manager stated that there will be a presentation on the Downtown Master Plan – Phase II at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The City Manager stated that the Treasure Island History Report is on sale for \$3.00 at City Hall and at Treasure Bay.

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

Commissioner Collins asked if the Commission voted to accept the microphone donated by Olivia Cox on behalf of the *Treasure Island Citizens for Responsible Progress*. The City Manager stated that the item would be included on next week's agenda.

Commissioner Ellsworth reported that he observed the deck being poured on the first half of the St. James Bridge and asked when the second half of the pour would take place. The City Manager responded that it would occur next Thursday.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked what the cure time is for the concrete platform foundations that will support the mast arm traffic signals and the City Manager responded that 30 days of cure time would be required. He said that the concrete platform stands should be ready for the mast arm traffic signals by early January.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club's Holiday Boat Parade will take place on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that the yacht club will be open to the public but the 450 and 500 buildings are private property.

Commissioner Blush thanked everyone that made comments to her regarding the \$50 million grant.

Commissioner Blush thanked the Public Works Department for maintaining the beach by raking it regularly and removing sand spur patches.

Commissioner Blush thanked Public Works Director Don Hambidge and Assistant Public Works Director Hal Bruce for taking her on a tour to view the decking being poured on the St. James Bridge.

Mayor Maloof reported that she received a call from Ambassador Mel Sembler congratulating the City of Treasure Island regarding the \$50 million grant. She said that he indicated that he was happy to have played a small part in Treasure Island

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securing the grant.

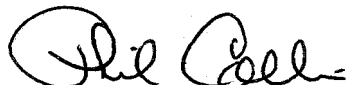
Mayor Maloof stated that St. Petersburg Councilman Richard Kriseman was elated to hear the news of the \$50 million grant and also wished to congratulate the City.

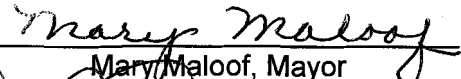
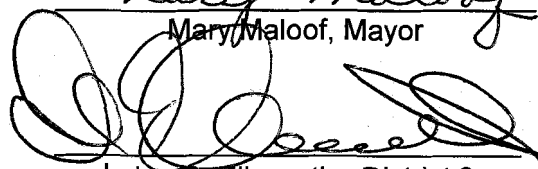
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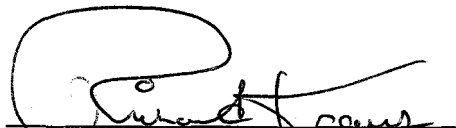
Mr. Glenn Saraydar, a resident of Causeway Isles, thanked the Commission for its efforts in securing the \$50 million grant and offered to help (in any way possible) to see that the bill gets passed.

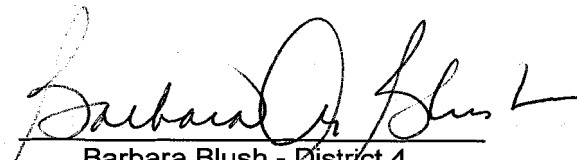
Mayor Maloof stated that the City will write a letter to Congressman Bill Young thanking him for including \$50 million for construction of the bridge in the Omnibus Transportation Bill and she asked that residents give any input they may have to the City Manager for consideration.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

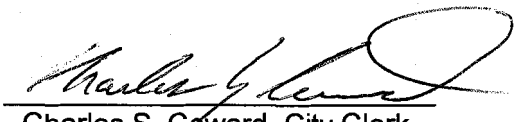
  
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Phil Collins - District 1

  
Mary Maloof, Mayor  
  
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Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2

  
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Richard Kraus - District 3

  
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Barbara Blush - District 4

**ATTEST:**

  
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Charles S. Coward, City Clerk

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**II. DISCUSSION – TREASURE ISLAND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE**

Mayor Maloof stated that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss Congressman Bill Young's offer of \$50 million for the construction of the Causeway Bridge.

City Manager Chuck Coward presented the issues surrounding the \$50 million included in the Omnibus Transportation Bill for the construction of the bascule bridge. He stated that acceptance of the grant would require Treasure Island to remove the tolls permanently and the Commission would be required to rescind the resolution increasing the toll and annual pass fees.

The City Manager stated that there are two fundamental changes that will take place with the acceptance of the \$50 million grant:

1. With the removal of the toll facility from the Causeway, there will be a free flow of traffic to and from Treasure Island.
2. The City budget will no longer include a Causeway Enterprise Fund and therefore will have to be restructured.

The City Manager stated that the \$.50 tolls and \$30 annual passes will remain in affect until the traffic is moved over to the new half of the Causeway Bridge (approximately three years from now).

The City Manager stated that there is a risk factor associated with rescinding Resolution #03-89 prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> (the date the annual passes go on sale for 2004) because it is unlikely that the Omnibus Transportation Bill will be passed by the House, the Senate and signed by the President at that time.

The City Manager stated that the Commission would need to decide whether to accept the grant. He said that if the grant is not accepted that it would be unlikely

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that the City would receive other funds at the state or federal levels. The City Manager stated that the Commission (by motion) would need to direct staff to begin the process to accept the grant after it is signed by the President.

Commissioner Blush asked if having the grant funds funneled through FDOT would have any bearing on the project. Public Works Director Don Hambidge stated that the project meets the State's requirements.

Commissioner Ellsworth asked if there would be an issue with accepting the grant if the City must first become LAP certified. The Public Works Director responded that there is a process to become LAP certified but that it would not interfere with accepting the grant.

Commissioner Collins asked how it might be possible to turn the bridge over to the County or the State once the project is complete. The City Manager stated that although the bridge is locally owned, it will be 100% paid for with a 75 year life expectancy. He said that it would make an excellent addition to the State's bridge system.

Commissioner Collins asked what the likelihood is that the State or County would take the bridge and the City Manager said that there is a 50/50 chance that the State or County would accept ownership of it.

Mayor Maloof stated that Florida State Representative Leslie Waters indicated that she would speak to Mr. Ken Hartman, FDOT District 7 Secretary, regarding the bridge becoming part of the State's transportation system.

The City Manager stated that lobbyists at both the state and federal levels would still be necessary throughout 2004 in order to help the City with the process of acquiring the grant funds.

Commissioner Blush asked what the timeline is for the Omnibus Transportation Bill to be signed and the check delivered. The City Manager stated that while it is difficult to predict the timeline of Congress, the bill should be signed by the end of December.

The City Manager stated that the City would no longer need to pursue the following:

1. Designing and constructing the toll facility and lane structure.
2. Maintaining bond underwriters and bond counsel.
3. First Southwest for debt elements of financing.
4. CMAQ grant for walkway.



