

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
December 16, 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	Absent
Commissioner Richard Kraus	Present
Commissioner Barbara Blush	Vice-Mayor Present

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Frank McConnell, President of Voters Watch, stated that February 21st has been tentatively set for the candidate debates. He asked the Commission to place the item on the next workshop agenda to discuss holding the debates in the City Hall Auditorium and broadcasting them on TITV channel 15.

Mr. John Burke thanked Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Kraus for participating in the beach cleanup that took place on Saturday, December 13th.

III. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Blush to approve the minutes as written.

Commissioner Kraus noted that the first sentence on page four of the Special Bridge Workshop Session should read "walkway to the bridge" rather than "bridge walkway".

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Beach Pavilion Concessionaire and Staffing –

Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke stated that she spoke with Ronald and Mary DeBiase and reported that they decided not to submit a proposal in response to the RFP. She offered limited staffing options for the Beach Pavilion that included the current setup plus either a five day or seven day work week from noon until sunset. The Recreation Director said that staff is recommending a limited seven day work week.

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Commissioner Blush stated that this time of year is a good time to make changes to the Beach Pavilion staffing. She said that staff may also want to consider offering flavored coffees and fruit smoothies if there is an interest in the community.

Commissioner Collins stated that he preferred the five day work week option because the City would save an additional \$10,000 over the seven day work week. He said the hours of operation could be expanded during the summer. Commissioner Collins suggested that the City continue offering the RFP to see if more interest can be generated.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he too preferred the five day work week with the option of adding staff later as needed.

Commissioner Blush asked the Recreation Director for her opinion regarding staff's recommendation to go with a seven day work week. The Recreation Director said that staff recommended a seven day work week due to upkeep and maintenance of the facility. She also said that it is less of a burden to lock and unlock the facility if it staffed on a seven day basis.

Commissioner Collins suggested that the City advertise renting out the pavilion.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission would discuss the Beach Pavilion staffing options further at the next workshop meeting.

2. LDR Super-Majority Voting Issue –

City Attorney Jim Denhardt reported that he prepared a revised ordinance to amend the Citizen Initiated Referendum passed by the electorate. He recommended that the ordinance not be split into two separate ordinances because the referendum was passed as one ordinance.

The City Attorney stated that he could find nothing that prohibits the Commission from making an amendment to the City Charter instead of passing it as an ordinance.

City Planner Lynn Rosetti stated that the Commission could choose to make an LDR ordinance more restrictive as long as it complies with Florida Statutes.

Mayor Maloof stated that Ms. Lynn Tipton from the Florida League of Cities advised her that the Charter should be broad-based because conditions may change and require a change to the Charter as a result.

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Commissioner Collins stated that he suggested making the ordinance a Charter amendment to remove any gray areas.

The City Attorney stated that the ordinance would have to be changed by the electorate because it was originally enacted by the electorate.

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like to make the ordinance a Charter amendment to allow the citizens to vote on it rather than leaving it up to the Commission.

The City Attorney stated that he would be happy to make the ordinance a Charter amendment but he said that it would be unusual to enact a specific LDR ordinance by Charter.

Commissioner Blush stated that because the original ordinance was enacted by the electorate, this ordinance should also be enacted by the electorate.

Commissioner Collins stated that making the ordinance an amendment to the Charter would give citizens the opportunity to vote rather than future commissions.

The City Attorney stated that the Charter usually establishes policy while ordinances address specifics. He said that he was not sure there is any benefit to enacting the ordinance as a Charter amendment.

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that the ordinance is not an LDR and that it deals with general policy. He indicated that if the ordinance must go before the electorate then the Commission should consider making it a Charter amendment.

The City Attorney stated that the citizens could have proposed the ordinance as a Charter amendment but they requested an ordinance instead.

Mayor Maloof asked if changes in Florida Statutes could affect the ordinance if it was enacted as a Charter amendment. The City Attorney said that some laws could pre-empt the Charter and that the Charter must be in compliance with Florida Statutes.

Commissioner Blush stated that she was in favor of passing the ordinance but she felt that it was inappropriate to pass it as a Charter amendment.

Mr. Chris Hearn stated that it appears that Commissioner Blush wants to take away the voice of the people by not making the ordinance a Charter amendment.

Mayor Maloof stated that she would contact the National Civic League to obtain

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more information on the matter and that the Commission would discuss the ordinance further at the next workshop meeting.

Commissioner Blush stated that Mr. Hearn misinterpreted what she said and that she is not trying to take away the voice of the people; she is only recommending that the Commission proceed with caution before enacting a Charter amendment because so many changes are taking place right now.

3. LDR Building Height Amendments – Set Public Hearing Schedule –

The City Planner reported that the Planning and Zoning Board approved the ordinance allowing a five foot building height variance in all land use districts on November 20th. She suggested that the Commission set the public hearings for January 13th and January 27th and the Commission concurred.

4. Grants Authorized and Received –

The City Manager provided a report listing the grants that have been awarded since 1997 to the City of Treasure Island as well as the status of money actually received for each grant. The total grant awards exceed \$61 million.

IV. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

V. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kraus stated that the City could advertise the RFP for legal services in the Florida Bar News at a cost of \$70.

Commissioner Blush stated that Brian Smith, Chair of the Pinellas County MPO, and David Healey, Executive Director of the Pinellas Planning Council, gave an overview of a study that will be conducted to establish the economic value of tourism in the community at the BIG-C meeting last week.

Each of the Commissioners wished the residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

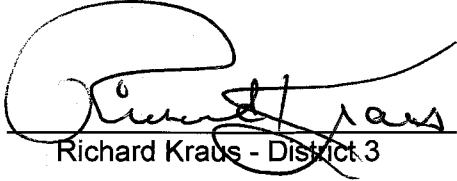
Heidi Horak suggested that the Commission table the super majority voting issue until the Commission can find a solution that everyone agrees with.

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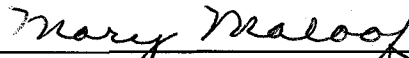
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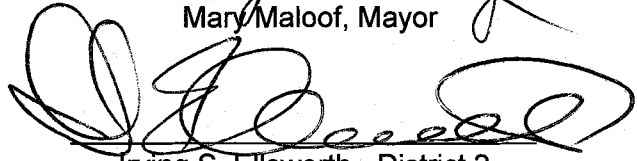
Phil Collins - District 1



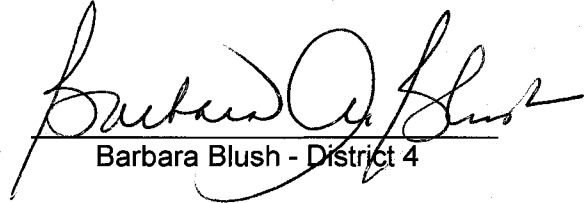
Richard Kraus - District 3



Mary Maloof, Mayor

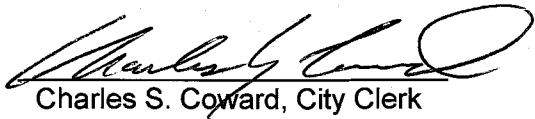


Irving S. Ellsworth - District 2



Barbara Blush - District 4

ATTEST:



Charles S. Coward, City Clerk