

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice-Mayor Kraus

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Absent
Commissioner Phil Collins		Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton		Present
Commissioner Richard Kraus	Vice-Mayor	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz		Present

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that the sand has arrived for the sand sculpture project. She said the molds are now being prepared and that the final touches will be complete for the Causeway bridge ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 28th. She said the sand sculpture is located at in front of the Community Resale shop.

Ms. Dona Beasley asked for a status report regarding the issue of pedestrian and bicycle safety during the construction of the bascule bridge. Commissioner Kraus stated that the City had looked at relocating the north side aluminum walkway to the south side during construction but it turned out not to be a feasible option. He asked the City Manager if he had any information on the matter.

City Manager Ralph Stone stated that the issue would be addressed with the contractor and the CEI firm once they are selected for the project.

Commissioner Gayton stated that EC Driver wrote a letter, dated September 9, 2004, to a resident indicating that there were no plans to provide for pedestrians and bicyclists during the construction of the Causeway bridge. The City Manager stated that he had not received a copy of this correspondence.

Commissioner Gayton asked who will be making the final decision regarding providing a pedestrian walkway during construction. The City Manager stated that Public Works Director Don Hambidge, the contractor, the design engineer and he will discuss the feasibility of a pedestrian walkway once the firms have been hired.

Dr. Bob Minning stated that re-vegetation of the beach will occur on Saturday, October 30th starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Beach Pavilion. He said that volunteers are needed to plant 25,000 sea oats. Dr. Minning asked volunteers to wear proper attire and bring trowels and shovels to assist in planting. He asked the Commission to

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consider allowing people to park in the area without having to pay the parking meters. Dr. Minning indicated that 25,000 more sea oats will be delivered either next weekend or sometime through December 1st.

Dr. Minning stated that he is disappointed in the wording of the referendum question regarding term limits for boards and committees on the November 2nd ballot. He urged people to vote against term limits since the City already has a mechanism for appointing and removing board and committee members.

Commissioner Kraus asked if it was possible to allow the volunteers to park without paying the parking meters and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the parking meter issue could be handled without Commission action and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

D. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 24, 2004 as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance – General/Runoff Election Dates - 1st Reading –

After hearing the first reading of the ordinance pertaining to elections; amending Section 5.04 of the Charter of the City of Treasure Island, Florida pertaining to elections and amending Sections 14-3 (A) and 14-3 (B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, pertaining to general and special elections; changing the date of the regular city election from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in March of each year; providing that any required runoff election is conducted on the fifth Tuesday following the regular or special city election; providing for the inclusion of such amendments in the Charter and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida; providing for an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Ord. - Early Voting - 1st Reading -

After hearing the first reading of the Ordinance of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, pertaining to elections; adding a new section in Chapter 14 of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida", pertaining to elections; providing

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that the provisions of the Florida Election Code pertaining to early voting shall not be applicable to any regular or city election, providing for the inclusion of such amended ordinance in the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida", providing for severability; providing for an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Authorizing 50th Anniversary Poster –

After hearing the reading of the resolution approving local artist Ruth Philipon to prepare a poster commemorating the City's 50th Anniversary, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked what would happen if there were any leftover funds from Mr. Amico's donation. The City Manager stated that he would contact Mr. Amico and let him decide what he would like to do with any leftover funds.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Res. – Authorizing Purchase of Causeway Bridge Lighting –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to contract with Progress Energy to furnish and install 22 light fixtures on the approaches to and on the fixed end bridges at a cost not to exceed \$120,000, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the Causeway fund or the Penny for Pinellas fund would be used to finance this purchase. The City Manager stated that he would prefer to use Causeway funds because the sales tax funds allow for wider discretion in their use. He suggested the City first absorb the targeted costs through the Causeway fund then look at using other resources.

Commissioner Collins asked the City Manager to clarify the reason that funds from the \$50 million grant are not being used for this purchase. The City Manager stated that the encumbrance of funds from the grant has not yet been authorized by the Commission.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Res. – Modification to Dock Variance Procedures –

After hearing the reading of the resolution recommending the City Commission forward the revisions to the Dock Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning for the LPA to review, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. – Authorizing Staff to Execute Disaster Funding Agreements –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute disaster relief funding agreements on behalf of the City of Treasure island, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Res. – Veterans Boat Parade –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the City of Treasure Island to donate \$300 as a co-sponsor of the Veterans Day Boat Parade, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Res. – Granting Use of the city Copier by Commissioner Gayton –

After hearing the reading of the resolution granting Commissioner Ed Gayton the use of the City copier for the publication of a Treasure island Restaurant, Bar and Deli Guide, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked how many copies of the publication will be made. Commissioner Gayton stated that he intends to start with 2,000 copies and that he is providing the materials and labor.

Commissioner Bildz asked how the publications will be delivered to residents. Commissioner Gayton said that he intends to deliver them door-to-door.

Mr. Michael Daughtry applauded Commissioner Gayton for taking on this project and offered his help.

Upon roll call, the resolution passed with the following vote:

Commissioner Collins	Aye
Commissioner Gayton	Abstained

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Commissioner Kraus Aye
Commissioner Bildz Aye

9. Motion - Accept Donation Fire Dept. Equipment – from Memorial Fund -

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the generous donation of from the Treasure Island Memorial Fund for the purchase of a gas detector capable of detecting levels of combustible gases, oxygen, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen sulfide in the amount of \$1,720.00 for use by the Fire Department and to request that the Mayor send a thank you letter. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

10. Motion - Accept Donation – Fire Dept. Equipment – from TI Volunteer Fire Dept. –

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to accept the generous donation from the Treasure Island Volunteer Fire Department to the Fire Department for the purchase of two Stihl rescue chain saws, two Stihl Cutquik cut-off saws, Six 500-watt quartz floodlights, and one portable pump in the amount of \$6,900 and to request that the Mayor send a thank you letter. Upon roll call, the vote to accept the donation was unanimous.

11. Motion - Accept Donation - Tony Amico – 50th Anniversary Poster -

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the generous donation of \$6,000 from Tony Amico, owner of Caddy's Waterfront Restaurant, to assist in the creation of a poster for the city's 50th Anniversary and to request that the Mayor send a thank you letter. Upon roll call, the vote to accept the donation was unanimous.

12. Motion - Accept Donation – Recreation Dept. - from Isle of Palms Civic Association -

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to accept the generous donation from the Isle of Palms Civic Association in the amount of \$200 for use by the Recreation Department towards the summer camp scholarship fund and to request that the Mayor send a thank you letter. Upon roll call, the vote to accept was unanimous.

F. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

1. Commission Meeting Schedule –

The City Manager recommended that the Commission hold a special Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 30th to address the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to hold a special Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 30th to address the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The City Manager also recommended that the Commission consider canceling the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 28th and possibly the Commission workshop on Tuesday, December 21st due to the Christmas holiday.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to cancel the Commission meeting on December 28th and to hold a special Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 21st. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The City Manager stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the west fixed bridge would be held on Thursday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. commencing at the Community Center with the ribbon cutting at the west fixed bridge thereafter.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the residents are invited to attend and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

G. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bildz reported that he spoke with Mr. Ronnie Duncan, a candidate for County Commissioner – District 1, regarding the issue of County-wide participation in the PSTA. He said that Mr. Duncan indicated that he feels the communities affected by this should be allowed to have input on the issue.

Commissioner Bildz reported that he spoke with Mr. Norm Roche, a candidate for County Commissioner – District 1, about his concern regarding adding fluoride to the drinking water. He said that Mr. Roche is also opposed to this.

Commissioner Kraus stated that a BIG-C meeting would be held in Belleair Shores on Wednesday, October 27th.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Paradise Island garage sale would be held on

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Saturday, November 6th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Michael Daughtry stated commended Commissioner Kraus on the manner in which he conducted this Commission meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Maloof, Mayor

Phil Collins - District 1

Ed Gayton - District 2

Richard Kraus - District 3

Alan Bildz - District 4

ATTEST:

Ralph Stone, City Clerk