

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
November 2, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

I. SILENT ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK:

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

III. MINUTES:

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

Commissioner Bildz thanked everyone who participated in the sea oats planting that took place on Sunset Beach. He said there are 2,000 seedlings left to be planted and that 10,000 more plants are expected to be delivered.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Ord. – Reduce Quorum Requirement for the Planning & Zoning Board (1st Reading & Public Hearing 11/9/04) –

City Planner Lynn Rosetti reported that the LPA has found the ordinance to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. She said that staff is recommending that the first reading and public hearing be scheduled for November 9th.

Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification regarding the proposed reduction in quorum. The City Planner stated that the proposed language changes the quorum requirement to a minimum majority of the seated board membership.

Commissioner Gayton read Resolution No. 04-47 pertaining to condo/hotels and Resolution No. 04-57 pertaining to the Special Exception approval process. He said the LPA was given two extensions to complete its review of these items and report back to the Commission by the end of the year. Commissioner Gayton said that at the last LPA meeting, the LPA voted to send the condo/hotel issue back to the

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Commission. He said he feels the LPA has not completed its review of the condo/hotel issue.

Commissioner Kraus asked why the LPA chose not to use the extension granted until the end of the year for its review of the condo/hotel issue and the Special Exception approval process. The City Planner stated that she provided the LPA with draft ordinance language for both the condo/hotel issue and the Special Exception approval process. City Attorney Maura Kiefer stated that the LPA voted to refer the draft language back to the Commission for its review in the interest of expediency.

Mayor Maloof asked if the points that are addressed by the draft condo/hotel ordinance are being addressed in developers' agreements for condo/hotels. The City Planner responded negatively and stated that condo/hotels are currently being considered as hotels. She said that she is attaching a number of conditions of approval to the site plans for condo/hotels that include most of what will be included in the section of the Code that will address condo/hotels.

Commissioner Gayton stated that on May 11th the Commission passed a resolution regarding Special Exceptions and the Commission attached a letter from the former City Attorney (dated April 27th) asking the LPA to indicate the following:

1. Which of the proposed options are most consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
2. Whether the Planning & Zoning Board wishes to recommend an approval process and new criteria.

Commissioner Gayton said the LPA never discussed or voted on these issues relating to Special Exceptions. He further said the purpose of the Commission sending the condo/hotel issue and the Special Exception approval process to the LPA was to allow the LPA to provide the Commission with proposed language for changes to the regulations.

The City Planner stated that the LPA was provided with staff's recommended language and the memorandum from the former City Attorney. She said that it is her understanding that the LPA is in support of staff's recommended language.

Mayor Maloof suggested that Commissioner Gayton meet with the City Manager and the City Planner to discuss these issues in more detail and Commissioner Gayton concurred.

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that he is a new member of the Planning & Zoning

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Board. He indicated that he does not feel the LPA has spent enough time reviewing the condo/hotel and the Special Exception approval process issues. He said there have been specific objections to the language prepared by staff that have not been addressed. He recommended that the City Administration put sufficient priority on these issues so the LPA can properly address them.

The City Attorney stated that she disagreed with Mr. McConnell's comments. She said that the LPA had staff's recommended language months ago and that the board took a vote on these issues. The City Attorney stated Mr. McConnell has only been a member for three meetings and that the LPA has discussed these issues previous to his attendance at the meetings.

The ordinance reducing the quorum requirement for the Planning & Zoning Board is scheduled for first reading and public hearing on Tuesday, November 9th.

2. Ord. – General/Runoff Election Dates (2nd Reading & Public Hearing 11/9/04) -

This ordinance is scheduled for second reading and public hearing on Tuesday, November 9th.

3. Ord. – Early Voting (2nd Reading & Public Hearing 11/9/04) –

This ordinance is scheduled for second reading and public hearing on Tuesday, November 9th.

4. Special Events Permit for Paralite USA, LLC –

Mr. Jim Jackson of Paralite USA, LLC stated that the event was a big success last year and that he is looking forward to holding the event again in Treasure Island this year. He said the special events permit is being requested for the event to be held on December 31st, January 1st and January 2nd.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Bilmar has endorsed this event. He asked if any beverage vendors have been contacted and Mr. Jackson responded negatively. Commissioner Kraus said the resolution would need to include any vehicles or trailers that the group plans to have on the beach for this event. Mr. Jackson stated that only a trailer and a 20' x 30' tent will be placed on the beach during this event.

Commissioner Kraus read 14 CFR subpart (b) 103.15 and asked if all the paramotor operators will be made aware of this regulation and be required to comply as best they can and Mr. Jackson responded affirmatively.

The Commission will consider a resolution granting a special events permit to

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Paralite USA, LLC to hold its 4th annual New Year's Eve Fly-in at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 9th.

5. Local Mitigation Strategy –

Fire Chief Charlie Fant stated that staff is recommending that the Commission adopt the recently updated Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy. He stated that the purpose of the local mitigation strategy is to develop pre-disaster planning in order to mitigate and preclude damages from natural disasters where possible. He indicated that the City must continue participation in a local mitigation strategy in order to maintain its eligibility for mitigation funding.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy is available on the County's Web site in PDF format and Fire Chief Fant stated that hard copies are also available at City Hall.

The Commission will consider a resolution adopting the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 9th.

6. Donation from the Village of Paradise Island –

Mayor Maloof stated that the Village of Paradise Island has donated \$200 to the City. She said the funds will be used for the Recreation Department's summer program scholarship fund.

The Commission will consider a motion accepting the donation of \$200 from the Village of Paradise Island at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 9th.

V. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

City Attorney Maura Kiefer stated that the Charter Review Committee is making progress and that she anticipates at least three (3) proposed Charter amendments coming before the Commission so far.

The Fire Chief stated that the City Manager is attending the Urban Land Institute Conference in New York City.

VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins commended the City Manager and Mayor Maloof for their efforts in opposition to the PSTA imposing that the City be absorbed into a Countywide transit system and the PSTA requiring that the residents be taxed for participation in a Countywide transit system.

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Commissioner Collins asked the residents to help with watering the sea oats recently planted on Sunset Beach.

Commissioner Kraus gave a report on the BIG-C meeting of the previous week. He stated that Ms. Nicole Elko of Pinellas County Coastal Management reported on the impact of the hurricanes on the beaches. Commissioner Kraus also reported that the PSTA withdrew its application for participation in a Countywide transit system and that it is no longer included on the legislative agenda.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the annual Paradise Island yard sale will be held on Saturday, November 13th.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the sand sculpture on 107th Avenue is now complete for anyone that is interested in viewing it.

Commissioner Bildz reported that district 4 had only 5 voting machines at the Community Center for the Presidential Election held on November 2nd. He said the Supervisor of Elections advised him that the number of voting machines provided for each precinct was based on the percentage of voters that voted from that precinct during the Primary.

Commissioner Bildz stated that City Manager Ralph Stone and his wife, Julie participated in the sea oats planting.

Mayor Maloof thanked Commissioner Kraus for conducting the Commission meeting last week. She also thanked Fire Chief Fant for filling in for the City Manager.

Mayor Maloof stated that a Florida League of Cities' sponsored conflict resolution consortium for successful citizen advisory boards in Orlando on December 10th.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Pinellas Delegation will meet on November 9th from 9:00 am until noon.

Mayor Maloof asked Commissioner Collins to attend the Suncoast League of Cities' meeting in her place on November 20th and he responded affirmatively.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Mayor's Council met the previous week with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss items presented by the Pinellas Assembly. Mayor Maloof stated that the farmers market will start up again on Saturday, November 13th.

Mayor Maloof stated that Congressman Bill Young was a guest speaker at a luncheon she attended earlier in the day. She said it gave her and other Treasure

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Island residents another opportunity to thank him again for the \$50 million grant.

Mayor Maloof stated that she attended the Boy Scouts of America dinner last week and she said that Mr. Bill Stover, a resident, received an award.

Mayor Maloof stated that the City is still collecting CD players, CD's and gift cards to Wal Mart or Sam's for the wounded servicemen at Walter Reid Hospital throughout the month of November. She asked people to drop their donations off at City Hall.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Clara Lee Selby thanked the Treasure Island residents that participated in the hurricane relief efforts.

Ms. Selby asked for a status on the zip code issue. Mayor Maloof stated that the City will be sending out a survey to ask residents whether they would be in favor of a zip code designation for Treasure Island.

Commissioner Bildz stated that Mayor Maloof should also thank Congressman Bill Young for the beach renourishment fund since it is 80 percent federally funded. Mayor Maloof said she has thanked him for all of his efforts in obtaining funding for Pinellas County. She said Congressman Young has commented that Pinellas County has been left out of grant funding for many years and that he is making it his goal to turn that around.

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VIII. 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