

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
May 11, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Maloof

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**1. Resignation of the City Manager –**

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to have the resignation of the City Manager added as item 8 to the *Items of Business* and moved to the beginning of the agenda. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was as follows:

Mayor Maloof	Aye
Commissioner Collins	Aye
Commissioner Gayton	Aye
Commissioner Kraus	Aye
Commissioner Bildz	Nay

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to request that Mr. Chuck Coward consider staying on as the City Manager and that he be paid an annual bonus of \$8,000 payable at the end of the year for the duration of the bridge project.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that the bonus be made available after the City has obtained its LAP certification.

The City Manager asked what date the bonus would be payable and Commissioner Gayton indicated that it would be made payable annually on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Upon roll call, the vote to approve was as follows:

Mayor Maloof	Aye
Commissioner Collins	Aye
Commissioner Gayton	Aye
Commissioner Kraus	Aye
Commissioner Bildz	Nay

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to close discussion on this item for both the public and the Commission.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was as follows:

Mayor Maloof	Aye
Commissioner Collins	Aye
Commissioner Gayton	Aye
Commissioner Kraus	Aye
Commissioner Bildz	Nay

Commissioner Gayton asked the City Manager for his decision on the City Commission's motion to ask that he reconsider his resignation as well as the \$8,000 annual bonus. The City Manager stated that he appreciated the residents' support and words of encouragement. He asked if the Commission wanted his decision even though he had met with only four of the five Commissioners and the Commission responded affirmatively. The City Manager stated that the framework of the discussion he had with the Commissioners called for a bonus to be made available on June 1<sup>st</sup> rather than December 31<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that he did not feel there was a reasonable expectation that the City Manager/Commission relationship would change and, for this reason, his resignation would remain effective on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The City Manager stated that he would be happy to assist the Commission in recruiting a new City Manager. He then excused himself from the meeting.

Mayor Maloof and Beautification Committee Chair Carol Malkin presented the following beautification awards:

Property Improvement Award	Carmine Pici & Sue Heron 12217 123 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue
Commercial Award:	Claudia & Geri Kleneke The Delacado on Treasure Island 7963 Bayshore Drive

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Residential Award:

Martin Pozgay  
One Treasure Lane

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ken Brown commented that developers of condo/hotels have been erroneously referred to as "land grabbers". He provided a definition of condo/hotels as follows:

1. A condo/hotel is a facility that operates as a hotel except that the units are owned by individual investors and condo/hotels are operated by professional management companies that advertise globally.
2. Condo/hotels can only be built according to the density allowed by the zoning in that particular district.

He said that condo/hotels are replenishing the dwindling hotels throughout Treasure Island in order to keep the tourism here.

Commissioner Kraus asked how many units are at the condo/hotels in St. Pete Beach. Mr. Brown stated that the Vistas has 42 rooms and the condo/hotel across the street has about 80 rooms. He said that TRS manages several of these condo/hotels. Mr. Brown stated that the Island Inn is operated by a management company as a condo/hotel.

Mayor Maloof stated that Florida is dependent on tourist tax and that condo hotels provide Treasure Island with a viable alternative to keep tourism here in the area.

Mr. Brown stated that, as president of the Treasure Island Business Association, he wanted to thank Mayor Maloof for asking Chuck Coward to reconsider his resignation. He said that the community will miss the City Manager very much.

Mr. Bob Dowling stated that the Elnor Island Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and those interested should meet at Hubbard's Marina at 9:30 a.m. He said that more volunteers are needed. Mr. Dowling stated that it will take approximately 1 ½ hours to perform the cleanup. He asked the Commission for permission to visit the island every two days to deal with the rat problem.

Mayor Maloof stated that she would be unable to participate in the cleanup as she had a Suncoast League of Cities meeting to attend.

Ms. Marie Barba stated that the Commission should offer the Public Works Director

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a lucrative compensation package to ensure that he stays with the City.

Mr. Rick Taylor thanked the Commission for asking Chuck Coward to reconsider his resignation. He said that he felt that Chuck Coward was looking for support from the Commission and that he did not receive it. .

Ms. Kathy McCreary made comments about the meetings being televised and stated that she hopes the City Manager's accomplishments are not undone due to people who want to carry out their own agendas.

Mr. Ron DeBiase stated that he could not think of another City Manager that has done more for the City than Chuck Coward.

Mr. Carl Ystrom stated that the Commission is now going to pay \$40,000 to recruit a new City Manager instead of paying Chuck Coward the \$8,000 bonus in June.

Ms. Pauline Salzman stated that she did not feel that the Commission understands how the City Manager/City Commission form of government works.

Ms. Barbara Van Eycken stated that, if the intention of the Commission was to get the City Manager to stay, the motion did not achieve that result. She indicated that the impression was that the Commission wanted Chuck Coward to stay only for the completion of the bridge project.

Mr. Yorkie Knowles stated that this City has lost a great City Manager.

Ms. June Brown stated that she hopes a committee of residents is involved in the selection of a new City Manager.

Mr. Benjamin Hetrick commented that the Commission has not been supportive of Treasure Island business owners and stated that Mayor Maloof is the only Commissioner that has been to his store.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 14<sup>th</sup> as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**2. Ord. – Term Limits for Board and Committee Members –**

City Attorney Maura Kiefer stated that she could not recommend going forward with the ordinance due to its language. She said any LDR changes must be passed on to the Planning & Zoning Board before being placed before the electorate.

The City Attorney will make revisions to the ordinance and the Commission will discuss the ordinance at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Res. – Referring LDR Special Exception Issues to the Planning & Zoning Board –**

after hearing the reading of the resolution referring LDR special exception approval process options to the Treasure Island Planning & Zoning Board for review and recommendation; providing a time period for the Planning & Zoning Board to report to the City Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**4. Res. – Establishing 3-year Terms for Members of Certain Committees –**

After hearing the reading of the resolution establishing 3-year terms for the Beach Stewardship Committee, Mitigation Planning Committee and Marina Committee of the City of Treasure Island, 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.

**5. Res. – Formalizing Appointments to the Library Board –**

After hearing the reading of the resolution formalizing appointments to the Gulf Beaches Library Board by the City of Treasure Island, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**6. Res. – Appointments to Planning & Zoning Board –**

After hearing the reading of the resolution appointing Susan Keller and Chris Sierra to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Treasure Island; setting forth terms and conditions, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Mr. Ron DeBiase asked how board and committee members are chosen by the

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Commission. He said that he has had an application on file with the City for the Planning & Zoning Board since December 2001. Mr. DeBiase stated that he was never contacted regarding the appointment that was being made in his district. He suggested the Commission develop set procedures for appointing board and committee members.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**7. Res. – Authorizing Free Use of the Community Center for TIP –**

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing a one-time free use of the Treasure Island Community Center by the Treasure Island Citizens for Responsible Progress (TIP), 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.

**8. Motion – Accepting a Donation from Caddy’s for Community Center stage –**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to accept the generous donation of \$1,000 from Caddy’s Waterfront Café to assist in the purchase of a stage for the Community Center and request that the Mayor send a thank you letter. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**F. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

The City Attorney reported that she is reviewing the noise ordinances for Pinellas County, the City of Clearwater and the City of St. Pete Beach. She said that the noise ordinances of the County and the City of Clearwater have been recently revised and are quite involved. The City Attorney stated that she has recommendations for revisions that will fit the City of Treasure Island.

**1. St. Petersburg Wastewater True-up Refund –**

The City Attorney stated that she would like to review the contract for the True-up Refund before it is signed and the Commission concurred.

**G. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Mayor Maloof stated that she is a member of the Treasure Island Partnership which is a group that is committed to the redevelopment of the downtown area. She said that a business survey was mailed out to all residents. Mayor Maloof asked Mr. Ray Green to explain the survey in more detail.

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Mr. Ray Green presented the business survey to the Commission. He read the survey and stated that its purpose is to assist the Treasure Island Partnership in attracting the types of businesses that the residents would like. He said the survey is due back by May 28<sup>th</sup> and that \$500 cash and coupons will be awarded for filling out the survey.

Mayor Maloof asked anyone that would like more information regarding Treasure Island Partnership to contact her.

Commissioner Gayton stated that FDOT is proceeding with a six month project to widen Gulf Boulevard, add curbs and sidewalks and provide for underground plumbing from 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he was saddened and surprised at the end result of the Commission's motion to ask the City manager to reconsider his resignation.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he was also surprised at the City Manager's decision not to reconsider his resignation.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the Neighborhood Times recently ran an article regarding Upham Beach (St. Pete Beach) residents' request for a long term erosion fix. He said that he plans to address the issue of beach erosion at the next Beach Stewardship Committee meeting.

#### **H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Cathy Rezak commended the Commissioners for their actions in response to the City Manager's announcement of his resignation.

Commissioner Gayton requested that the Commission hold a meeting to set the parameters for City Manager recruitment. The Commission will hold a special workshop meeting on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

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**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Mary Maloof, Mayor

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Phil Collins - District 1

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Ed Gayton - District 2

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Richard Kraus - District 3

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Alan Bildz - District 4

**ATTEST:**

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Charles S. Coward, City Clerk