

CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING & WORKSHOP
May 4, 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:

Mayor Maloof presented Mr. Randy Elder with a proclamation declaring May, 2004 as Power Squadron Month.

Mayor Maloof read a statement she wrote regarding City Manager Chuck Coward's resignation and she asked the community to come together to ensure Treasure Island's success.

Mr. Chris Hearn stated that a beach cleanup of Sunset Beach will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ray Majewski stated that he spoke with Commissioner Kraus and the Police Chief regarding placing a plaque on one of the three bridges proclaiming it the "Chic Harding Memorial Causeway" in honor of Police Officer Charles "Chic" Harding. Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission would get in touch with him to discuss naming rights for the bridge.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that the Treasure Island Citizens' for Responsible Progress (TIP) has two consensus builders that will be available to make a presentation and answer questions on Monday, June 7th at the Community Center.

Mr. Benjamin Hetrick read a memo from the Beautification Committee regarding the clock tower bubble. He said the Beautification Committee strongly opposes making any changes to the clock tower bubble and all members voted unanimously against straightening the clock tower bubble.

Mr. Hetrick spoke regarding the St. James and said that residents cannot make a left turn coming out of the parking lot. He asked for information as to when and how the issue is going to be addressed.

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Ms. Ruth Philipon spoke in favor of the clock tower bubble remaining unchanged and said that we should be concerned with the safety of tourists and visitors who walk in the downtown area.

Mr. Rick Taylor stated that he was upset that the Commission did not show any concern regarding the City Manager's resignation. He said that he was also upset that the Commission did not do anything to keep the City Manager here. Mr. Taylor said the Commission should be discussing issues like the bridge instead of term limits.

Ms. Clara Lee Selby asked the City Manager to consider tabling his resignation for a few months until the Commission is able to find a replacement.

Ms. Pam Anderson thanked the City Manager for all of his hard work, courage, leadership and professionalism. She commented that the Commission did not ask the City Manager why he is leaving or thank him for the seven years he served the City. Ms. Anderson stated that she feels the Commissioners are putting forth their own agendas in front of the bridge project.

Ms. Alice Dunk stated that the exit and entrance into the St. James is very dangerous. She asked the Commission to do something before a tragedy occurs.

The City Manager stated that the City has an approved plan for both east and west access for the St. James that was developed with the homeowners' association last year. He said this plan will go into effect in the next few months as the City approaches the completion of the new bridge in September.

Ms. Betty O'Hearn said the Commission was rather shortsighted in not giving the City Manager the additional 2% raise because now it will cost the City more to find a replacement. Ms. O'Hearn stated that the City Manager leaves the City in excellent shape with a long list of accomplishments. She said she does not think the Commission understands the type of government the City has which is a City Manager/City Commissioner form of government.

Mr. William Kellow thanked the City Manager for all the work he has done, progress he has made and successes he has garnered on our behalf.

Ms. Valerie Palla thanked the City Manager for doing "an awesome job during the last seven years". She asked the Commissioners if they checked with their constituents before voting on a raise. Ms. Palla said the City Manager is responsible for the entire operations of the city including all personnel and all projects. She said the Commission has lost sight of what its job is.

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Mr. Butch Ellsworth thanked the City Manager for the six years he worked with the City Manager. He complimented the City Manager for all he was able to accomplish for the City in seven years.

Mr. Julian Fant stated that the City Manager has devoted a tremendous amount of time to this community and accomplished a lot in the last seven years. He wished the City Manager well in his future endeavors and thanked him for the years of service.

Mr. Ron DeBiase thanked the City Manager for everything he has done for the City and wished him well.

Ms. Barbara Blush stated that it was an honor and a privilege to serve with the City Manager. She said she found the City Manager to be an outstanding manager. Ms. Blush stated that she was very disappointed in the Commission's decision regarding the City Manager's pay raise considering that he was responsible for two full time jobs in the past year. She thanked the City Manager for the parks and beautiful facilities throughout Treasure Island.

Mr. Glenn Kaisner said that Chuck was "the best thing to ever happen to this City". He stated that the Commission should be concentrating on the bridge rather than the clock tower bubble and "Children at Play" signs.

Ms. Lois Huggins said that she would like to remind the Commissioners that they were elected to represent the people. She thanked the City Manager for all he has done for Treasure Island.

Mr. Matthew Lynch stated that the previous Commission was responsible for obtaining the \$50 million dollar federal grant for the bridge. Mr. Lynch thanked the City Manager for doing a great job.

III. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the minutes from the meetings of April 6, 7, 13 and 14, 2004 as written.

Commissioner Kraus noted corrections to the minutes of April 6 and April 7th. Commissioner Bildz noted a correction to the minutes of April 13th

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

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1. Res. – Designation of City Attorney –

After hearing the reading of the resolution appointing Maura J. Kiefer, Esq. as City Attorney, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof thanked City Attorney Jim Denhardt for his service and wished him the best of luck with Pinellas Park.

Mayor Maloof introduced Ms. Maura Kiefer as the new City Attorney and asked her to say hello to everyone.

Ms. Maura Kiefer stated that she is accessible to the public and the Commission and said that if anyone has questions they can feel free to call her at her office.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. LDR Special Exception Uses –

City Attorney Denhardt stated that he provided the Commission with a list of the ways that special exception uses can be approved but he said the list is not all inclusive because it is up to the Commission to decide what special exception uses are appropriate in any land use districts.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he provided the Commission with a memo regarding special exception uses that compiles information from Lee County, Hilton Head and the City of St. Petersburg. He said that he incorporated ideas from these municipalities for special exception uses to come up with a building block base to work from.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like an opportunity to review the memos from the City Attorney and Commissioner Kraus. He suggested that these memos be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Board for input and Commissioner Kraus concurred.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he was in favor of the City Attorney's wording regarding the approval of special exception uses by the Commission after favorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Board. Mayor Maloof stated that the memos would be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Board for its review. The City Manager stated that the Commission would need to pass a resolution referring the memos to the Planning & Zoning Board for its review.

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Ms. Heidi Horak stated that she feels that a special exception application that comprises a large portion of a land use district should be referred to the Local Planning Agency to make sure that it is in sync with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and any other planning documents. She said that there should be an appeal process to the Commission.

Commissioner Bildz asked City Planner Lynn Rosetti how many special exception uses there are each year. The City Planner stated that there are usually 2 to 4 per year.

Mr. Chris Hearn suggested sending the issue of special exception uses to the Planning & Zoning Board to establish criteria. He said the real issue is the large parcels of land that are being changed from commercial to private.

The Commission will consider a resolution referring LDR Special Exception issues to the Planning & Zoning Board for its review at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11th.

2. Citizen's Finance Committee –

Commissioner Bildz stated that he believes an ad hoc committee would be appropriate due to the limitations of the Sunshine Law. He said that two people contacted him and expressed interest in reviewing the budget. Commissioner Bildz asked the City Manager if there is a CD that provides a "fine-tuned" version of the budget in addition to the summary budget. The City Manager stated that at one time the City printed a summary budget but now it is not available.

Mayor Maloof stated that she spoke with several people regarding this committee and they felt there was no need for an official committee.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he understood that individuals could work with any of the Commissioners regarding the budget on an informal basis and if there are enough people that volunteer; a more formal committee could be discussed at that time.

Mayor Maloof and Commissioner Collins stated that they each received a call from a resident interested in participating in a Citizen's Finance Committee.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the Commission is not appointing a committee. He said that it will be an ad hoc committee that can go over the budget and give assistance to an individual Commissioner.

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The City Attorney stated that it is fine for people to choose on their own to form an ad hoc committee but if the Commission appoints people to make a recommendation to the Commission that it would be subject to the Sunshine law.

The City Manager stated that budgets are available free of charge.

Ms. Pam Anderson stated that she feels there is no need for a finance committee. She recommended that the Commission reach out to their civic associations to gather input regarding priorities for the budget.

Mr. Jim Dobyms stated that he has received printed copies of the city's annual budget for the past seven years. He said that over the last two years the Finance Director has provided him with a CD that included support spreadsheets and documents that roll up into the printed copy for general distribution. Mr. Dobyms stated that he will post the spreadsheet files to treasureislandnews.com. He suggested that the Commission ask the Finance Director for the spreadsheet files.

3., 4., 5. & 6. Establishing Three-year Terms for All Boards and Committees -

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission wishes to establish three-year terms for all boards and committees. She said that the terms will be changed for the following four committees; Beach Stewardship Committee, Mitigation Planning Committee, Marina Committee, and the Library Trustees.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the purpose is to establish a uniform term for all boards and committees and to formally establish the Library Trustees as a committee by resolution.

The City Manager asked the Commission for permission to include three-year terms for the Beach Stewardship Committee, the Mitigation Planning Committee and the Marina Committee as one resolution and another resolution formally establishing the Library Trustees with a three-year term.

7. Establishment of Charter Review Committee –

Commissioner Gayton stated that the City's Code reads that the City Commission shall consider the necessity for a review of the City's Charter once every five years. He said that if the majority of the City Commission feels a review of the Charter is necessary, it may appoint a Charter Review Committee to conduct a review and make recommendations to the Commission. Commissioner Gayton recommended that the Commission appoints a Charter Review Committee.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that the Commission put off establishing a Charter Review Committee until next year. He said that the City has just hired a new City

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Attorney, the Commission would be required to appoint a ten member committee, staff time would be required, and the Commission will be searching for a new City Manager.

Commissioner Gayton suggested that the Commission put off discussion regarding a Charter Review Committee until the August 20th Commission meeting and the Commission concurred.

8. Ord. – Term Limits for Boards and Committees –

Commissioner Gayton read the ordinance and stated that it is not designed for the Commission to initiate term limits but rather to allow the citizens to decide.

Commissioners' Collins, Kraus and Bildz stated that they are in favor of this ordinance.

Ms. Pam Anderson stated that she hope the Planning & Zoning Board is included since this board almost has more power than the Commission. She also suggested that the Commission review the powers of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel recommended that Treasure Island follow suit with the City of St. Petersburg by each district making nominees for Commissioner and the electorate as a whole voting on each Commissioner.

The Commission will consider the first reading of the ordinance establishing term limits for boards and committees at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11th.

9. Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board (District 2 and 4) –

Commissioner Gayton stated that he has not had an opportunity to speak to the person he would like to nominate and that he make his nomination for appointment to district 2 at next week's Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bildz nominated Mr. Chris Sierra for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board for district 4.

The Commission will consider a resolution making appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board for districts 2 and 4 at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11th.

10. Olivia Cox Request for Free Use of the Community Center –

Mayor Maloof stated that Ms. Olivia Cox has requested the free use of the

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Community Center to hold a special meeting on June 7th.

Ms. Olivia Cox stated that the purpose of the meeting is to have two consensus builders speak on visioning. She said the meeting will be advertised and open to everyone.

The Commission will consider a resolution granting the free use of the Community Center to the Treasure Island Citizens for Responsible Progress on June 7th at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11th.

11. Request for Tiki Torch at the Treasure Island Drum Circle –

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission received a letter requesting that the Drum Circle be allowed to use a Tiki torch.

Commissioner Collins stated that he spoke with Fire Chief Charlie Fant and that he indicated that the City has a no open fire ordinance. He said that the Fire Chief also stated that the individual making this request was found guilty of having an open fire on the beach back in January. Commissioner Collins stated that he opposes this request.

Commissioner Gayton stated that open fires are dangerous and that he opposes this request because the City's ordinance prohibits open fires.

Commissioner Kraus stated that Section 58-45 reads that there shall be no open fire on the beach without the consent of the commission. He said that he would not be in favor of granting this request in the interest of public safety and maintaining the existing policy.

Commissioner Bildz also stated that he is not in favor of granting this request.

Mayor Maloof stated that she has received several calls and e-mails asking that this request not be allowed. She said the request is denied.

12. Modification of Treasure Island Noise Regulations – Code Section 18-73 –

The City Manager stated that the Commission may choose to eliminate or alter the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. regulation for amplified music.

City Attorney Denhardt stated that the Commission could choose to delete the time period from subparagraph 5 of the ordinance so that noise can be subject to being loud and raucous at any time. He said the Commission could also decide to change 11:00 p.m. to some other time.

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Commissioner Collins asked how noise is classified as loud and raucous and the City Attorney said that it is done by definition in the ordinance.

Commissioner Kraus asked if eliminating the time period from subparagraph 5 would have any impact on the businesses that have live music. City Attorney Denhardt said that it could have an impact if the noise is found to be loud and raucous.

The City Manager stated that there should not be any change because the City has been enforcing the ordinance on a 24 hour/7 day per week basis all along.

Commissioner Bildz stated that some bars turn their amplified music off at 11:00 p.m. to be in compliance with the ordinance and he asked the City Manager if he felt there would be any difference by eliminating the time period. The City Manager responded negatively stated that the County ordinance is a decibel based ordinance that is very specific about the decibel levels after 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bildz asked if there are officers trained to use the decibel meters and the City Manager stated that there are four officers that are certified to use decibel meters.

Mr. Rick Taylor stated that he bought his own decibel meter to use at Ricky T's. He said that the noise from the cars on Gulf Boulevard is louder than the music from the deck at his restaurant. He suggested that the Commission adopt loud and raucous regulations and let the Police Department enforce it rather than using decibel meters.

Mr. Bob Thompson suggested that the Commission separate the Drum Circle from the issue of amplified music. He said that the incessant drumming activity on the beach becomes annoying. He stated he supports those that would like to limit the hours of the Drum Circle.

Mr. Thompson stated that there is no need to change the noise ordinance. He said existing disputes over noise in mixed residential/commercial entertainment areas are not new to this island. Mr. Thompson stated that responsible owners of entertainment establishments should not have their hours cut and the ordinance should not be changed.

Mr. Chris Hearn stated that these establishments existed before most of the residents moved to Sunset Beach. He suggested that the ordinance should remain the same as far as the time periods while adding a decibel level for strictly residential neighborhoods.

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Ms. Marie Barba stated that she has received several noise complaints about Ka'Tiki from her tenants on 91st and 92 Avenues. She said that the noise from Ka'Tiki is "loud and raucous" and that it needs to be addressed.

Mr. Don Callahan stated that Ka'Tiki is an outdoor bar with amplified music. He said his neighbor, Carissa Cousins, is much more affected by the noise than he is. He said that he has become accustomed to the noise. He suggested that the Commission not allow amplified music after 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel recommended that the Commission leave the noise ordinance unchanged.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the issue seems to be enforcement of loud and raucous noise prior to 11:00 p.m. He suggested that the new City Attorney look at other cities and find out how they are addressing the issue.

City Attorney Maura Kiefer suggested that loud and raucous be made applicable 24 hours/7days per week but add wording that "except under no circumstances between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m." and place the decibel level in the ordinance for those times.

Commissioner Gayton asked Police Chief Joe Pelkington to confirm that the department has three decibel meters. The Police Chief stated that the department has three, but only one that works.

Commissioner Gayton asked if there are three officers that are trained to use decibel meters and the Police Chief stated that there are four officers.

The Police Chief stated that all officers would need to be certified in order to be sure that there is always an officer on duty that can use decibel meters.

Commissioner Gayton asked how many residential and commercial complaints the Police Department receives per month. The Police Chief stated that the department receives 150 residential complaints and 60 to 75 commercial complaints.

Commissioner Collins asked what the cost is for a new decibel meter. The Police Chief indicated that decibel meters cost several thousand dollars each and the officers that use them must receive four to five days of training.

Commissioner Gayton suggested that the noise ordinance remain as is until the Police Chief is able to check into purchasing new decibel meters and the City Attorney checks with other cities to determine how they are addressing loud and raucous noise prior to 11:00 p.m. and the Commission concurred.

13. Proposal to Redesign 107th Avenue Clock Tower and Beautification Bubble –

The City Manager stated that the Commission was provided with a proposal from Phil Graham & Company to provide modifications to both the inside and outside curves in both directions at the bubble including the possible removal of lattice work and adjustments to the handicapped walkway under the tower. He said there is also a portion of the proposal from Traffic Engineer Jerry Dabkowski that addresses the transportation/engineering aspects of the project. He stated that in two to four weeks sketches could be made available followed by final design bidding and construction.

Commissioner Collins stated that he feels the Commission should proceed with the modifications due to the negative comments he has received regarding the bubble.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he received a lot of calls and e-mails that were against making modifications to the clock tower bubble. He suggested that the City place a speed indicator at the bubble to get people to slow down. He said he would like to look for alternatives to address the problem other than modifying the bubble.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the speed indicator is being addressed. The City Manager stated that the speed indicator is being repaired and that it should be ready for next week.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the biggest problem seems to be with the entrance/exit radius on the outside of the bubble. He agreed with Commissioner Gayton that a speed study is necessary.

Commissioner Collins stated that he feels the problem is not speeding and that inside curve is too abrupt. He suggested that the bench be moved away from the curve. Commissioner Collins stated that a study should be done but not based solely on speed.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the clock tower bubble could be addressed as part of the Downtown Master Plan.

Mayor Maloof stated that the clock tower bubble is accomplishing the goal of traffic calming that it was designed for. She said that 107th Avenue needs to remain pedestrian friendly. Mayor Maloof agreed with Commissioner Gayton that a speed study would be appropriate.

The following people stated that they were opposed making any changes to the design of the clock tower bubble; Rick Taylor, John Burke, Bob & Rosemary

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Thompson, Suzanne Deady and Hugh Ruckdeschel.

The City Manager stated that the Smarte Carte would be placed at the bubble for one to three weeks

14. City Manager Recruitment Process - .

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission three personnel actions he felt should be addressed in the City Manager recruitment process:

1. Hiring a new City Manager
 - a) RFP distributed to obtain an executive search firm.
 - b) Recruitment handled in-house by the City's Personnel Department.
2. Designation of an interim City Manager.
3. Offer a "key man" contract to Public Works Director Don Hambidge.

He suggested that the Commission address these issues in reverse order.

Personnel Director Fred Turner addressed the Commission and recommended a "key man" contract for the Public Works Director to secure his employment for the next three years during the Causeway Bridge Replacement Project. The Commission concurred and asked him to negotiate such a contract with Mr. Hambidge.

The City Manager stated that a draft "key man" contract would be ready for the Commission's review at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 18th.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel stated that the Commissioners should deal directly with the City Manager and not with department heads unless he gives them permission.

Mr. Paul Mevoli said, "Chuck Coward is the best thing that ever happened to Treasure Island" and that he will be sorely missed. He asked the Commission to take its time and find the right person to replace Mr. Coward.

The Commission will hold a special meeting to discuss the City Manager recruitment process on Friday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m.

15. Caddy's Donation of Community Center Stage –

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. Tony Amico has donated \$1,000 for the Community

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Center stage.

Commissioner Gayton thanked Mr. Tony Amico for making this generous donation.

16. Preservation Steps for Mid-Century Modern Hotels & Motels –

Mayor Maloof stated that Council member Virginia Littrell from the City of St. Petersburg was present to speak on this item but she was unable to stay due to the late hour of the meeting.

Ms. Heidi Horak stated that there is a potential historic resource here in Treasure Island. She suggested that the City discuss options that could be offered to owners and developers as incentive to preserve or design buildings that fit into the mid-century resource that Treasure Island has currently. She said that she would like this item to be placed earlier on the agenda so that Council member Littrell can speak on historic preservation. Ms. Horak reviewed a memo that she wrote regarding media coverage for historic preservation. She said that the City applied for a grant from the Florida Trust in the amount of \$23,000 and asked why it was turned down. Ms. Horak recommended that the City conduct a historic survey. She indicated that Treasure Island's historic hotels and motels need to be preserved because they are attractions that draw tourists to the City.

Mayor Maloof stated that she would speak with an architect in Atlanta and that she has been in touch with a contact in Miami Beach on this matter.

Commissioner Bildz asked why the City did not receive the grant for \$23,000. The City Manager stated that the grant was cancelled because the City Planner did not have time to utilize it. He said the City is able to re-apply for it again in the future. Mayor Maloof stated that she spoke with the City Planner regarding the grant and the City Planner indicated that the LDR issue took precedence at the time this grant was received by the City.

Mayor Maloof directed staff to place the issue of historic preservation on the workshop agenda for Tuesday, May 18th.

Mr. Bill Bennington stated that he did not believe Treasure Island has any historic buildings because none of them date back 100 years. He stated that at least three of the Commissioners ran on the platform of no tall buildings and that this is preventing new construction and crippling the City.

Commissioner Kraus stated the decision on whether to preserve these buildings lies with the property owners. He said that this could be a method to encourage these owners to retain the historic value of their properties.

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Mr. Les Byrne asked if anyone has been in the Surf. He offered to take the Commissioners inside to see the deteriorated condition of the building and said that many of the hotels up and down the beach are in this same condition.

Mr. Tony Amico stated that he owns property in Treasure Island. He said that if the people of Treasure Island want to prevent tourism, we are doing a good job of it. He stated that if tourism is wanted, height and density issues need to be re-addressed. Mr. Amico said that without more height and density, developers cannot afford to buy properties. He said that St. Pete Beach has recommended 15 stories above 3 stories of parking and 75 units per acre.

Ms. Horak stated that historic preservation was not her idea and that it came from outside Treasure Island. She said that it is not about preventing development but recognizing that we have some resources that could be preserved. Ms. Horak stated that this would not mean that development rights could not be used elsewhere in the City.

Mayor Maloof stated that Treasure Island needs to look at how historic preservation might fit into the current redevelopment taking place. She said everyone should have an opportunity to explore his/her options and discuss what can be done within the framework of our community.

VI. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & COMMENTS:

None.

VII. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kraus reported on a BIG-C meeting that took place in Madeira Beach last week. He said the BIG-C's Web site has been up for approximately six months and that it has received approximately 29,000 hits. Commissioner Kraus said that it can be linked to Treasure Island's Web site. He stated that Treasure Island needs to provide the web master with a City biography and pictures. He indicated that the next BIG-C meeting will be held in Treasure Island on Wednesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kraus stated that a beach cleanup for the northern part of the beach is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th. He said anyone interested should meet at Robby's Pancake House at 7:45 a.m. or behind the Waffle House at 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Bildz stated that he received an e-mail indicating that the garbage receptacles are still overflowing on the beach. He said that the garbage issue with the Island Inn still exists as well.

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Commissioner Bildz stated that the State's budget passed and asked the City Manager for a status report on the \$50 million grant for the bridge. The City Manager stated that it is included in FDOT's work program.

The City Manager stated that he spoke with the Public Works Department previously about altering the pickup schedule for garbage and that he would follow up with the department further to make sure the issue is addressed.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he enjoyed working with City Attorney Jim Denhardt and that he looks forward to working with the new City Attorney Maura Kiefer. He said that the Commission will be looking for a new City Manager with a lot of the same qualities that Chuck Coward has.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Gulf Beaches Rotary performs a cleanup of Gulf Boulevard regularly.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Don Callahan stated that, three years ago, 53 people complained about noise from Ka'Tiki and that one year ago the noise became a problem again.

Mr. Callahan stated that Gulf Boulevard needs sidewalks from Central Avenue down to Sunset Beach. Mayor Maloof stated that the issue of sidewalks would need to be addressed by FDOT.

Mr. Hugh Ruckdeschel stated that City Attorney Jim Denhardt was blamed for the Land's End lawsuit. He said if the Commission at that time had listened to Mr. Denhardt, the lawsuit could have been settled sooner. Mr. Ruckdeschel stated that there is a conflict of interest with the new City Attorney and asked the Commission to discuss the matter with Mr. Denhardt.

Ms. Sylvia Stratis thanked the City Manager for being so helpful and said that she was disappointed that the Commission did not give him the raise he deserved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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Mary Maloof, Mayor

Phil Collins - District 1

Ed Gayton - District 2

Richard Kraus - District 3

Alan Bildz - District 4

ATTEST:

Charles S. Coward, City Clerk