

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 10, 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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Carol Coward commented that residents would be hesitant to speak with the use of Robert's Rules of Order at Commission meetings. She strongly recommended that the Commission refrain from using it as part of the Rules of Procedure for Commission meetings.

Ms. Clara Lee Selby stated that she concurred with Ms. Coward's comments. She thanked Mr. Charlie Fant for serving as the Interim City Manager.

Ms. Pam Anderson asked the Commission to be sure that the Rules of Procedure do not preclude the residents from being able to speak and the Commissioners from being able to discuss issues amongst themselves at Commission meetings.

D. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the minutes from the meetings of June 4 and June 22, 2004 as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance – Wastewater Pretreatment (2nd Reading & Public Hearing) –

After hearing the second reading of the ordinance pertaining to utilities; amending Chapter 75, Article I, of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida" pertaining to wastewater pre-treatment by adding Section 75-1; repealing any conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for the inclusion of such amended ordinance in the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida"; providing for an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton

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and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Res. – Setting Public Hearing for Sewer Rate Increase -

After hearing the reading of the resolution setting a public hearing for a sewer rate increase commencing with the October 2005 billing cycle and adopting the sewer rate schedule dated October 2004, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the scheduling conflict between the Volunteer Appreciation Reception and the Commission meeting of September 15th had been resolved.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commissioners will leave the reception and convene the Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Ornamental Medallions for Fixed Bridge –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the purchase of 66 ceramic medallions from the Marla Davidson Tile and Stone Company for the 18 square columns on the two fixed Causeway bridges at an estimated cost of \$39,661.00, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the estimated price only pertains to the freight and not to the medallions. The Interim City Manager said that the cost of the medallions is fixed and that only the shipping cost may fluctuate.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Res. – Awarding Contract for Beach Flora & Fauna Baseline Study –

After hearing the reading of the resolution awarding a contract to Delta 7 for a beach flora & fauna baseline study in the amount of \$40,000 from the beach fund, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the proposal from Delta 7 indicated the firm would begin the study in August and he asked when Delta 7 will actually start the work. The Interim City Manager stated that Delta 7 has completed some preliminary

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studies and that he is expecting the firm to start as early as possible.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Res. – Payment to Westra Company for Paving –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing a payment to Westra Corporation for the completion of the paving of streets in conjunction with the agreement between the City and the County during the installation of the reclaimed water lines in the amount of \$35,452.40, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. – Authorizing Payment to the Mercer Group –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing a payment to the Mercer Group for professional fees related to the executive search for the Treasure Island City Manager in the amount of \$18,000, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Collins asked if there was an update regarding the advertising costs from the Mercer Group.

City Attorney Maura Kiefer stated that she spoke with Mr. Freijo of the Mercer Group and requested a breakdown of the expenses submitted as part of the bill. She said Mr. Freijo indicated that he would provide a breakdown but that it was his understanding that a flat fee of \$18,000 was agreed to (when the number of candidates was reduced to 5) without regard to the division between professional fees and expenses.

Commissioner Collins asked if Mr. Freijo actually spent \$3,900 on advertising. The City Attorney said that Mr. Freijo did not provide any details regarding the expenses over the telephone when she spoke with him.

The Interim City Manager stated that the cost proposal section attached to the invoice was copied directly from the contract. He said the City Attorney could follow up with Mr. Freijo to get a breakdown of the expenses if the Commission wishes.

Commissioner Bildz said that he did not feel Mr. Freijo did a thorough job performing the background checks on the candidates and, therefore, should not be paid for it.

Commissioner Kraus said it was his understanding that the contract read that expenses would not exceed \$4,400. He said he also had reservations on how

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thorough the background checks were. Commissioner Kraus stated that he felt Mr. Freijo lost sight of who his client was and that he would be hard pressed to recommend the Mercer Group to anyone else that is involved in a recruitment process. He said that he was pleased with the selection of the new City Manager and looks forward to working with him. He said he is fine with either going ahead with the payment or waiting to make the payment if the Commission wants to look into the matter further.

Commissioner Collins recommended that the Commission go ahead and authorize payment.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission repeatedly complimented Mr. Freijo on his work. She said she felt it would be inappropriate to ask him now to provide further detail regarding the expenses.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Res. – Authorizing the Hotel/Motel Association to Use the TI Park for a Treasure Fest –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the Treasure Island Hotel/Motel Hospitality Association to use the Treasure Island Park and Community Center to hold a Treasure Fest on Friday, October 8, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 9, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Canadian Thanksgiving on Monday, October 11, 2004, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Gayton said that Mr. Black was expected to address the Commission regarding the \$1 million liability policy. He asked if the Commission could add the liability insurance requirement to the resolution since Mr. Black was not present to address the issue.

The City Attorney recommended against the Commission revising the resolution verbally and passing it at the meeting and the Commission concurred.

The Commission agreed to wait until Mr. Black addresses the liability insurance issue before considering the resolution.

8. Res. – Donation to the Neighborly Care Network –

After hearing the reading of the resolution authorizing the donation of \$2,500 to Neighborly Care Network for the 2003-04 fiscal year, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the

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resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

9. Res. – Annual Board/Committee Appointments -

The City Attorney read the resolution appointing individuals to serve on the Beach Stewardship Committee, Beautification Committee, Code Enforcement Board, Library Trustees, Marina Committee, Mitigation Planning Committee, Personnel Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Treasure Island; setting forth conditions.

Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Nye stated that Mr. Richard Harris indicated that he would serve another term on the Code Enforcement Board. She said she was unable to reach Mr. Larry Hoffman to find out if he is interested in serving another term on the Marina Committee.

The Interim City Manager stated that he received a copy of a memo regarding the nomination to appoint Mr. Richard McLean to the Beach Stewardship Committee.

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. Greenfield was appointed to represent District 1 prior to the City being re-districted making Mr. Greenfield a resident of District 2. She said that appointing Mr. McLean as a District 2 representative would mean that two members would be representing the same district. She recommended that the Commission appoint a member to represent District 1.

Commissioner Gayton indicated that there is no requirement in the resolution (establishing the Beach Stewardship Committee) that the members represent specific districts.

Commissioner Collins stated that he would like to nominate Mr. John Burke as a member of the Beach Stewardship Committee representing District 1.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like to speak with Mr. Greenfield and Mr. McLean regarding this issue prior to making any appointments.

The Commission will discuss the appointments to the Beach Stewardship Committee at the Commission workshop meeting on Tuesday, August 17th.

Commissioner Bildz asked if one of the conditions of the resolution could be that if a member misses three or four meetings in a row that he or she be replaced.

Mayor Maloof said the City Clerk could provide attendance logs for the boards and committees.

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Commissioner Collins said he feels there should be some type of criteria for Absenteeism on boards and committees.

The City Attorney stated that an ordinance (and possibly a resolution) may be necessary for some boards in order to establish criteria for attendance of board and committee members.

Mayor Maloof stated that the Commission is working on establishing criteria for appointing board and committee members and that attendance could be included as part of the criteria.

F. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney reported on ad hoc committees. She stated that advisory boards or subcommittees appointed by the Commission are subject to the Sunshine Law if making recommendations but they are not subject to the Sunshine Law if the advisory boards or subcommittees are only responsible for fact finding.

The Interim City Manager stated that the second budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th at 5:00 p.m.

The Interim City Manager reported that Mr. Ralph Stone signed the employment agreement for the position of City Manager and he said that Mr. Stone will begin his employment with the City on Monday, August 16th.

G. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kraus stated that a beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th. He said anyone interested in participating should meet at Robby's Pancake House at 7:45 a.m. for breakfast or behind the Waffle House at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Kraus presented the Commission with a list of regional issues that the Suncoast League of Cities asked its member cities to provide. These issues included pedestrian and bicycle safety and working with the State Legislature to allow counties and municipalities to address reclassification and rate structure revisions to local occupational license taxes.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the beach renourishment project on Sunset Beach is ready to begin in September.

Mayor Maloof stated that she would forward the list of regional issues to the Suncoast League of Cities. She said she felt pedestrian and bicycle safety is the

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biggest issue.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Kathy McCreary asked for clarification regarding occupational license taxes. Commissioner Kraus stated that if a municipality did not participate in an equity study, the municipality was locked in on the rate for occupational license taxes. He said the intent is to review the occupational license taxes through a committee and obtain recommendations regarding the rates and types of classifications the City should have in comparison with other cities.

Ms. Kathy McCreary indicated that an increase in occupational taxes will adversely affect the “mom and pop” businesses and may cause them to go out of business. She suggested the City look at other ways to increase revenue. Ms. McCreary recommended that any review board be a citizen-based board.

Commissioner Kraus stated the board would be required to be made up of 5 people from the business community.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Maloof, Mayor

Phil Collins - District 1

Ed Gayton - District 2

Richard Kraus - District 3

Alan Bildz - District 4

ATTEST:

Jennifer Nye, Deputy City Clerk