

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 28, 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. MINUTES:

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

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Res. – Certifying Millage Rate for FY 04-05 (Public Hearing) –

After hearing the reading of the resolution certifying the millage rate of 2.6272 for the City of Treasure Island for the fiscal year 2004-05; forwarding copies to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector for Pinellas County, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof read the following excerpt from the resolution certifying the millage rate for FY 2004-05:

That the City Commission does hereby certify the ad valorem tax millage rate for the City of Treasure Island for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005 to be 2.6272, which rate is an increase of 13.07% over the rolled back rate of 2.3235. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector for Pinellas County, Florida.

City Manager Ralph Stone stated that the millage rate has not increased and that it remains the same as the millage rate for last year.

Commissioner Bildz stated that this year will be the last full year the City will

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generate revenue from the Causeway tolls. He stated that the City should look at ways to cut the budget and suggested reducing the Causeway beautification budget.

Mayor Maloof stated that the tolls for the drawbridge will continue to be collected for as long as people are driving on the current drawbridge.

The City Manager stated that the City will have to balance providing efficient service levels to the community when looking at cutting the budget. He said that the millage rate remains the same due to an increase in real estate values.

Mayor Maloof declared a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

2. Ord. – Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for FY 04-05 (Second Reading & Public Hearing) –

After hearing the second reading of the ordinance adopting a budget and making appropriations for the payment of the operating expenses of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, revenue certificates and other indebtedness of the City from various funds for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read.

Mayor Maloof declared a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Ord. – Salary & Classification Plan for FY 04-05 (Second Reading & Public Hearing) –

After hearing the reading of the ordinance of the City of Treasure Island, Florida amending appendices I, II and III of the Career Service System Manual of Personnel Rules and Regulations, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read.

Mayor Maloof declared a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Ord. – Supplemental Appropriations for FY 03-04 (Second Reading &

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Public Hearing) -

After hearing the reading of the ordinance of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, making supplemental appropriations for the FY 2003-04 fiscal year, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the ordinance as written.

Mayor Maloof declared a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Harry Black reported that the Treasure Island Hotel/Motel Association was able to obtain a \$1 million liability insurance policy for the Treasure Fest event October 8th and 9th. He expressed his appreciation regarding the involvement of the civic associations and the Treasure Island Business Association in this event.

Mr. Harry Black stated his appreciation of the service residents receive from both the Police Department and the Fire Department. He said he is not in favor of cutting the budgets for either of these departments.

A Treasure Island resident spoke regarding the frequent power outages on Capri and Palms that have been occurring since April and he asked if there is a specific reason they are occurring.

Mayor Maloof stated that Progress Energy is in the midst of responding to outages throughout its coverage territory. She said she was assured by Progress Energy that power will be restored as quickly as possible.

Ms. Lori Rice asked the City Manager to explain the Charter Review process to the residents.

5. Res. – Selection of Charter Review Committee Members –

After hearing the reading of the resolution appointing individuals to the Charter Review Committee, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. Benjamin Hetrick would be unable to participate on the committee as he was recently hospitalized and has a recuperation time of one month upon his release.

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The City Manager stated that the Commission has been provided with a list of candidates for the committee. He suggested that the Commissioner make selections for their districts and select 2 at large candidates.

The following individuals were appointed to serve on the Charter Review Committee:

<u>Member</u>	<u>District</u>
Dominique Reiter	District 1
Ignatius (Buddy) Castiglia	District 2
Marie Barba	District 3
Doug Brown	District 4
Kathyrn MacDonald-McCreary	Mayor
John Hadsall	At Large
Mary Catherine Daughtry	At Large

A spreadsheet has been enclosed with the individual Commissioners' votes for each of the seven positions.

Mr. Paul Gifford stated that he feels the City should concentrate on a master plan before Charter review. He said he feels the Charter Review Committee has an ambitious schedule and that the committee should be able to take its time. He recommended that not all the meetings occur in the daytime and that they are televised.

Ms. Kathy McCreary thanked Mayor Maloof for appointing her to the Committee. She said she has a vision of Treasure Island that includes everyone.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the meetings will be televised. The City Manager stated that the City has a policy that all meetings held in the Auditorium will be televised. He said it would be a challenge to televise meetings if they are held at the Community Center.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. – Referring Request for Planning & Zoning Board to Reduce its Quorum Requirement to LPA for Review & Recommendation–

After hearing the reading of the resolution forwarding a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to reduce the current quorum requirement from 10 members to a minimum majority of the seated board membership to the LPA for their review, motion was made by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read.

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Commissioner Bildz stated that he was opposed to reducing the quorum requirement. He stated that 3 members have been absent for 60% of the meetings and suggested that these members be removed from the board.

Mayor Maloof recommended that the Commission allow the Planning & Zoning Board adopt its own rules to handle absenteeism.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he is in favor of reducing the number of members on the board.

Commissioner Collins stated that he felt that an 8 member quorum should address the issue.

Ms. Olivia Cox asked if the Planning & Zoning Board has any rules regarding member's attendance at meetings.

City Planner Lynn Rosetti said that Chapter 70 of the TI Code states that any member can be removed by the Commission.

Commissioner Collins asked if the Board can establish its own rules for the removal of members.

The City Planner stated that the LPA is reviewing Chapter 70 and that she would come back to the Commission with the board's recommendation on the matter.

Ms. Marie Barba stated that if only 7 members are seated on the board then the quorum would be 4 members.

Mayor Maloof stated that there is a minimum quorum requirement of 8 members.

Upon roll call, the resolution was passed with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay as follows:

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

7. Res. – Granting an Extension to the LPA to Complete their Review of the Condo/Hotel & Special Exception Uses –

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After hearing the reading of the resolution granting an extension to the LPA to complete their review of the Condo/Hotel and special exception uses. 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.

8. Res. – Authorizing Sand Sculpture Project –

After hearing the reading of the resolution approving the construction of a sand sculpture on a designated area on 107th Avenue to be designated and constructed by Sanding Ovations, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked what the beautification budget is used for. The City Manager stated that the beautification budget provides for plant and landscaping materials for the parks and medians throughout the city.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Code Enforcement Board Vacancy –

The City Manager stated that Mr. Wyess resigned as Chair of the Code Enforcement Board. He suggested the Commission make an appointment to fill this vacancy.

The City Manager read a letter the City received praising the Sanitation workers for their efforts in clearing debris and household waste resulting from the recent hurricanes.

The City Manager stated that the Sanitation workers will be working 2 extra days this week and next week to deal with debris removal. He said cleanup of debris throughout the island is scheduled for this Wednesday. The City Manager commended the Sanitation workers for their performance.

Mayor Maloof stated that she received a compliment from a neighbor regarding the efficient manner that Code Enforcement Officer Del Powell handled a code-related issue.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Kraus stated that the 19th annual Morgan Invasion will take place Friday, October 1st through Sunday, October 3rd. He said the event kickoff is at the

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Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club at 5:30 p.m. Friday October 1st.

Commissioner Bildz stated that beach renourishment is scheduled to start up again on Wednesday, September 29th. Commissioner Gayton asked if any sand was lost during the recent storms and Commissioner Bildz responded affirmatively.

Mayor Maloof reported that the Suncoast League of Cities is accepting nominations for Vice President and that the league is raising its dues from \$200 to \$250.

Mayor Maloof stated that a funeral was held for Mr. David Smith today. She said he and his family have been very generous to Treasure Island over the years.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Clara Lee Selby asked the Commission to make sure and address the zip code issue.

Mayor Maloof stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the opening of the west fixed bridge on Thursday, October 28th. She said the ceremony will begin at the community Center at 2:00 p.m. and then move to the west bridge for the ribbon cutting.

Ms. Kathy McCreary thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up the debris from the recent hurricanes.

Ms. McCreary asked people traveling on the Causeway to be considerate and yield to other drivers in areas that are one lane due to construction.

Mr. Harry Black commended the Public Works Department for cleaning up the debris on the beach. He said the business owners and the tourists greatly appreciate how quickly the workers cleaned up the debris after the recent storms.

Mayor Maloof stated that the compliments would be forwarded to the Public Works Department employees.

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J. 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