

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
November 15, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Causeway Bridge Report –**

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, was present to give an update on the bascule bridge. He said John Meagher, Johnson Bros's Construction Manager, and Jim Phillips, EC Driver's Vice President, were also present to discuss two items relative to the bascule bridge construction project. The two items are – the placement of the concrete trucks on the bridge during concrete pours and the scheduling impact of the delay in fabrication of the north bridge bascule spans due to the A70 steel shipments delay. A power point illustrative program was presented

The first presentation illustrated the positioning of the vehicles on the bridge and an explanation for the truck's location.

The second item showed the critical path elements which is on schedule and the major item of concern, the bascule leaf structural steel.

Mr. Hambidge introduced John Meagher who discussed the current schedule issues. He discussed the original schedule of the steel delivery which was scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January 2006. Due to the Department of Defense diverting all grade 70 steel for use in armoring vehicles in Iraq, the steel delivery is delayed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March 2006.

The goals are to open the north half of bridge to traffic before July 2006 – one month before the Hurricane Season and minimize the detour period. The process will necessitate closing the bridge in January for the six month period.

Jim Phillips discussed the construction schedule. He went over the original schedule. If the steel was delivered on time, the bridge would have closed from March 1 – June 30. If the schedule was revised to meet the late steel delivery, the bridge would be closed from January 3 to August 31 during the height of the hurricane season. A recovery schedule was looked into regarding the physical constraints and worked out a working schedule that will best meet the original schedule of completion.

Mr. Hambidge said we are in good shape in meeting the schedule at this time.

Commissioner Collins wanted to know once the north bridge is completed, would there be any more detours. Mr. Hambidge said there may be a closure for a concrete pour, but none other than that. There will be pedestrian and bike pass on

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the new bridge span.

Commissioner Kraus said the closing of the bridge for six months is a big disadvantage to Treasure Island – especially in loss of revenue and inconvenience to the residents. It is a big advantage to the contractor in meeting the deadline. The contractor will earn a bonus of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Hambidge said everyone needs to understand that the delay in the steel is not due to anyone in the room, it is an act of war.

Commissioner Bildz was concerned about the loss of revenue.

City Manager said the City would possibly lose somewhere around \$30,000 with the closure of the bridge for an additional three months. The city is in remarkably good shape for a project of this magnitude. It is unfortunate about the circumstance with the steel.

City Manager said staff will get the information out to the public via newspaper, television, web site, and emails. The city will not be selling causeway passes as we will be closing the bridge on January 3, 2006.

## **2. Storm Ready Communities Designation**

Mr. Shawn Bennett, meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service in the Tampa Bay Area was present to congratulate the City of Treasure Island for being recognized as Storm Ready. The recognition is in effect until August 18, 2008. As a result of the City efforts, the City of Treasure Island is better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of hazardous weather through better planning, education and awareness. Mr. Bennett presented the award to Chief Charlie Fant and IT Director Mark Santos.

The National Weather Service (NWS) designed the Storm Ready program to help communities implement procedures to better protect citizens from severe weather-related incidents. The program encourages communities to take proactive approaches to improving local hazardous weather operations. Only four communities in the State of Florida have received this recognition and Treasure Island is one of them.

Commissioner Gayton asked why is it so hard to get cities to come into compliance to be storm ready.

Mr. Bennett said it costs money and there is not the manpower and monetary resources to do this. Also, many communities are not aware of this program. This program is about savings lives.

### **3. Request for Proposal for Beach Rentals**

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, said the city had received two inquiries from interested individuals to provide beach rental services to Treasure Island. The City has not bid out this service in forty years and staff is recommending that the City seek proposals for the beach rental services.

Commissioner Kraus recommended that in the RFP's we should include the removal of beach equipment in the event of the storm.

Commissioner Gayton asked if we receive money for this service. Ms. Hayduke indicated that we do. At present we received about \$856 a month.

Commissioner Bildz wanted to know if there were problems with Taylor Rentals. Ms. Hayduke said there is not problem, we just have not bid out in forty years. Maybe there may be other services offered that Taylor does not.

Commissioner Collins said he would like to see that the equipment is new or is good condition in the RFP's. He said that catamarans, pedal boats and kayaks could be included in the rental service.

Commissioner Gayton was not in favor of this at this time – perhaps in the future. He said to move forward with this proposal and let the community decide if they want additional services.

Ms. Hayduke had also indicated that the service would also include the Beach Pavilion.

Heidi Horak, a resident of Sunset Beach, said she was stunned to hear that Sunset Beach would be included in this service. She would like to see some input from Sunset Beach to see if they want this service.

Commissioner Bildz is not in favor of including the Beach Pavilion; leave this service from 104<sup>th</sup> to 121<sup>st</sup>.

Nick Simons, Redington Beach, is interested in making a proposal for the beach rental equipment. He would like to see the contract extended for a longer period of time from three to five years.

### **4. Referendum Schedule for March 14, 2006**

The City Manager explained to the Commission the alternative of taking the sheriff's proposal to the ballot. If the Commission would like to put this item on the ballot,

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the ballot language must meet the Supervisor of Election's deadline date of January 23, 2006. If the Commission desires to go ahead with the referendum for the March election, a draft of the ballot language would need to be available for a first reading at the workshop on December 6, 2005.

If the Commission desires to wait to consider ballot language until after the December 20, 2005, public hearing, special meetings would need to be scheduled during January 2006 to make the January 23, 2006, ballot language deadline for the Supervisor of Elections.

The last alternative is to conduct the election after the March general election, either by a special election or by waiting until the next general election which would in November 2006.

The Commission decided not to place a referendum on the ballot for March. They wanted more input from the Sheriff's department.

**5. Ord. – Amending Section 2-71 – Serve as City Clerk (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing 12/6)**

This item will be placed on the agenda for the Commission meeting on December 6, 2005.

**6. Commission Issues Matrix Update**

The City Manager gave an update on the Commission's issues.

Item #3 – Evaluation of Maintenance, Commissioner Gayton would like to get a copy of the quarterly maintenance Report. Also would like to have an update on the air conditioning at the Community Center.

Item #7 – Expanded Marina – Would like to see the preliminary drawings.

Items #10 – Police E-Alerts – Mark and Jeff have done a great job. If residents have not already signed up to receive E-Alerts, they should. They need to email the city or contact Jeff and he will add their email address to his contact list.

Item #11 – Beach Trail Extension Study – Commissioner Kraus suggested an advisory question on the March 14, 2006, ballot regarding the beach trail but the Commission decided (due to the projects infancy) that it was too early to do so.

Commissioner Gayton requested that the City Manager address a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding regulatory lines on the beach.

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**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

The City Attorney Maura Kiefer reported that a federal hearing is scheduled for 11/21 regarding the request for a temporary injunction by Matthew Schwarz and Gulf Coast Recovery.

**III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS;**

The City Manager announced that the Police Department will be hosting a Community Day at Rosselli Park starting at 8:00am.

Thanked Jennifer for all the hard work she has done for the City and Residents.

**VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Collins thanked City Manager, Cathy Hayduke and Sammy Scott with their efforts on the tennis courts.

Commissioner Gayton said there is an opening on the Beautification Committee from District 2.

Commissioner Kraus said the Beach Stewardship also has an opening.

Please contact your commissioner if anyone from Districts 2 or 3 are interested in serving on either of these boards.

Commissioner Kraus gave a report on the BIG-C meeting.

Commissioner Bildz gave a report on the sand dredging taking place at Sand Key Beach project and on the beach raking from 116<sup>th</sup> to 119<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

The Mayor reported on the following:

-The T. I. Chamber was holding their annual Turkey Day at the Community Center.

-The Suncoast League Meeting will be held on Saturday – Commissioners Gayton and Bildz are planning to attend.

-The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has a task force and working on some of our housing problems.

-The Volunteer Appreciation Recognition Reception will be held on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

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-The SPCA has requested the help of the communities to raise money for the organization. She attend the Sunset Beach Civic Association meeting and they had collected \$233. The Rotary Club collected \$122. She thanked Ray Green for his help with the posters. There is a citizen who has offered to match whatever we receive in donations.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**IV. 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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Ralph Stone, City Clerk