

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
April 19, 2005
1:00 p.m.**

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Manager Ralph Stone stated that the Commission was provided with the list of items that staff was asked would to address. He stated that staff has established funding levels and the resources necessary for most of the items but that some of the new items will need to be addressed in future budgets. The City Manager reviewed the matrix and he said that the Commission is being asked to provide further direction regarding the items.

- 1. Retreat for Commission**
 - a. Teambuilding with Facilitator**
 - b. Issues for Discussion with Facilitator/Downtown Redevelopment (design & marketing)**

The City Manager asked for direction on this item.

The Commission decided not to schedule a retreat and rather to allow the Civic Leaders Group to address downtown redevelopment and report its recommendations back to the Commission.

- 2. Streetscaping Design of 104th and 108th**

The City Manager recommended improvements to the streetscaping at 104th and 106th Avenues to make the streets more pedestrian and bicycle friendly/safe.

The Commission approved proceeding with this item.

- 3. Evaluation of Maintenance**

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the recommendations relating to City maintenance

- a. Street ends – Develop maintenance standards for street ends.
- b. City facilities – Painting and replacement of roofs.
- c. Address/inspect landscaping of City-owned properties.

The Commission approved proceeding with this item.

4. Redevelopment of North End of Treasure Island

The City Manager reviewed his recommendation regarding redevelopment opportunities for the north side of Treasure Island on both the east and west sides of Gulf Boulevard near John's Pass. He suggested that the Commission encourage the property owner, Mr. Sid Rice, to talk with the community about redevelopment options for this area.

The Commission stated that it would welcome Mr. Rice addressing the community regarding any redevelopment plans he has for this area.

5. Land Development Regulations (LDR's)

The City Manager stated that the LDR's were developed when there was still vacant land. He said the regulations are no longer serving the community well and that they need to be updated; keeping in mind how the community decided it wants to respond to redevelopment.

The Commission approved proceeding with this item.

6. New City Hall

The City Manager stated that while the City cannot afford to build a new City Hall at present; he recommended that the Commission start planning for this considering that the current City Hall has exceeded its maximum capacity.

7. Expanded Marina – (Treasure Bay & Downtown)

The City Manager stated that Delta 7 will conduct a feasibility study and that the results should come back to the Commission in June or July.

The Commission approved proceeding with this item.

8. Causeway without Tolls

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission its options to address the elimination of the tolls on the Causeway.

The Commission will address this item further during the fiscal year 2005/06 budgeting process.

9. Boat Ramps

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the recommendation for repairing the boat ramps at 84th, 100th and 123rd Avenues.

The City Manager stated that there are grant funds that the City can look into securing to assist with this expense.

10. Police E-Alerts

15. E-News/Web News

The City Manager recommended that staff research the possibility of hiring a third-party that would be responsible for maintaining an updated database for distribution and report back to the Commission.

11. Beach Trail Extension Study

12. Gulf Boulevard Safety

13. Dune Walkovers

14. Sewer System Infrastructure Update

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the grant funds available for each of these projects.

16. St. Petersburg Issues

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the issue of maintenance for the portion of TI Causeway located in St. Petersburg as well as upgrading and maintenance of the parking area and the concessions at the St. Petersburg Municipal Beach located in Treasure Island.

17. Repaving Neighborhood Streets

The City manager reviewed with the Commission five (5) basic remedies for repairing road surfaces. He recommended that the City repave streets on a worst case basis instead of by neighborhood due to the funds available in the City's gas revenue tax coffers.

The Commission discussed the proposed gas tax split of 75/25, 75% to the Cities and 25% to the County instead of the previous 60/40 split. The City manager stated that Treasure Island could realize an additional \$68,000 to \$98,000 in revenues.

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Commissioner Gayton requested that the City look at the need for repaving at the entrances to all of the islands and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

18. Rosselli Playground Update on Repairs

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the costs for repairs to Rosselli Park.

19. Progress Energy – Examine and Repair Malfunctioning Streetlights

The City Manager stated that Progress Energy has been provided with a list of streetlights that need to be addressed.

20. Side Setbacks

The City Manager stated that this item will need to be incorporated with the updating of the current LDR's.

21. Beach and Bay Access Issues (pave or shell)

The City Manager recommended that the landscape architect provide the City with a standard design for the bay access points and the major beach access points.

Commissioner Gayton suggested having the beach Stewardship Committee and the Beautification Committee meet with the landscape architect on this item.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the access at 90th Avenue was closed to the public without notification. The City Manager stated that the City has placed a master pump station in this area and that City Attorney Maura Kiefer has found the action of the City to be legal.

22. Grant Programs

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the grant funds secured by the City for various projects.

The City Manager stated that the federal lobbyist was very successful in securing \$1.3 million in grant funds for the City this year and \$50 million in grant funds last year.

Commissioner Collins asked if the City is still using the services of Alcalde & Faye, and if so, what the City is paying the firm. The City Manager responded

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affirmatively and stated that the firm is paid \$60,000 annually. The City manager stated that staff will be meeting with the federal lobbyist in the near future to provide the firm with a list of needs the City would like to obtain grant funds for.

The City Manager stated that the City cannot afford to hire a full time grant writer. He said staff is aware of established programs that the City may be eligible for and that staff researches grant funds available for specific projects.

23. Undergrounding Utilities

The City manager stated that this project would be extremely expensive and that it would require a huge commitment on the part of the community. He said the BIG-C has discussed the possibility of requesting that the County assist in the undergrounding of Gulf Boulevard.

24. Kingfish Drive Pavilion & Parking

The City Manager stated that it would be feasible to budget the \$2,000 remaining funds from FY 2004/05 with the additional costs for landscaping, picnic tables and benches in the FY 2005/06 budget to upgrade the pavilion.

Commissioner Kraus expressed his concern regarding the seawall in this location and the City manager stated that he would look into the matter.

Commissioner Gayton asked why there is no parking provided in this area. He said there is enough space for 4 parking spaces. He suggested the City install parking meters and a sign that indicates a City parking pass is needed. The City Manager stated that he would address the matter and that Commissioner Gayton's request would be fulfilled if it was feasible.

25. Sunset Vista Trailhead Parking, Water Fountain and Painting

The City Manager stated that Public Works was obtaining bids for painting the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park (SVTP), Beach Pavilion and the Clock Tower for the FY 2005/06 budget. He also stated that an additional \$3,000 can be budgeted to install a water fountain at SVTP.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the fountain at the SVTP is functioning and that there is a shower as well.

26. Elnor Island Cleanup

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The City Manager asked City Planner Lynn Rosetti to address the removal of the Brazilian Peppers on Elnor Island. The City Planner stated that there are matching grant funds available and that volunteers would be needed.

Commissioner Gayton stated that there is also a problem with rodents on the island. He suggested using Tampa Bay Estuary in lieu of volunteers.

Mayor Maloof stated that Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Pinellas County may be of some assistance as well.

The City Planner stated that she would look into the matter further and report back to the Commission.

27. Drainage Improvements and Sidewalk Report on west Gulf Boulevard

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission his recommendation for this item. He said the City has done everything that can be done to provide for stormwater runoff in Sunset Beach without the use of sophisticated engineering. He said if the Commission wants to pursue this item further, the City could obtain an estimate for a comprehensive drainage study.

The Commission authorized the City Manager to obtain an estimate for a drainage study.

28. Residential Traffic Calming

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission his recommendations for traffic calming at the Island's key corridors.

The Commission discussed enforcement of the speed limit at each of the corridors. The City Manager stated that he would take the matter up with Police Chief Joe Pelkington but that traffic calming measures must also be pursued.

The City Manager suggested that the Commission address the item further with Traffic Engineer Jerry Dabkowski when he makes his report regarding the speed study.

29. Slow Zone in Blind Pass – All Day, Everyday for Safety and Manatee Protection

The City Manager stated that the City needs to discuss the matter with the St. Pete Beach City Commission in order to pursue no wake zones for Blind Pass. Mayor Maloof stated that the Mayor of St. Pete Beach has indicated that the City

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is in not in favor of no wake signs for Blind Pass.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the City can restrict the Treasure Island portion of the Blind Pass channel. He said that people living in this area feel there is a problem with boaters going too fast.

The City Manager stated that he would look into the matter further and report back to the Commission.

30. Master Plan Layout of the Whole Downtown Park

The City Manager recommended that the City being the planning phase for this project in the FY 2005/06 budget.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that a sidewalk through the park would be helpful to make the park more handicapped accessible.

The City Manager stated that the Commission can authorize the landscape architect to submit a scope of work for this project.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that the City obtain the costs for the project with and without the addition of a sidewalk and the City Manager concurred.

31. Grading Parking Lot Next to the Beach Pavilion

The City Manager stated that grading is done at six (6) month intervals.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the City has the capability to do this in-house and Assistant Public Works Director Rick Raus responded affirmatively.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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III. 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