

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
JUNE 21, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

I. SILENT ROLL CALL BY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	Vice-Mayor	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton		Present
Commissioner Richard Kraus		Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz		Present

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Larry Yost from Sunset Beach addressed the Commission. He said at the last meeting a former neighbor spoke on an easement at 90th Avenue. He invited the Commission to come and look at it. He distributed pictures of the easement and he said that it is in deplorable condition (full of barnacles, dirty rocks and a drain that pours out pollutants). Mr. Yost stated that he called the City Attorney to find out about the City's obligation but has not heard back from her. He asked the Commission to consider the facts before making a decision.

Bernie Wolfson, a resident, said he has asked the Commission, the City Manager, & the City Attorney over the last three years to consider including a Hanukkah Menorah display and light decoration for the holiday season.

The City Manager said it is in the budget for discussion at the budget sessions. He also said that the holiday lighting in the City is not a religious display but a holiday display. He has looked at holiday display pamphlets and is attempting to display holiday symbols and not religious symbols.

The Mayor informed the commission and public of the passing of the wife of JD Hadsall that morning from a long illness. She expressed sympathy to Mr. Hadsall.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were approved by Commissioner Kraus and Seconded by Commissioner Gayton with a correction in the minutes of April 26, 2005, addressed made by Commissioner Bildz.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Intersection Design for Paradise Boulevard/Treasure Island Causeway and 104th, 107th and 108th Intersections – Jerry Dabkowski

Traffic Engineer Jerry Dabkowski presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed intersection designs for Paradise/Treasure Island Causeway and 104th, 107th and 108th Avenues. This intersection design is focused on the future safety needs of Treasure Island as a result of the construction of the new bridge and the elimination of tolls. Mr. Dabkowski's study is based on some of the comments he received from residents at a meeting held in Treasure Island on May 11.

The intersection of Paradise Boulevard and the Treasure Causeway will not only change the composition of the vehicular traffic using the Causeway but will also allow extensive bicycle and pedestrian use of the Causeway facility with the introduction of 10' wide multi-modal paths on all three bridges. This is the best location to have pedestrians and bicyclists cross from the north to the south side of the Causeway as it can provide signal protection.

Mr. Dabkowski passed out intersection designs to the commission for them to follow along with the demonstration.

The Commission had reservations about the intersection of 104th, 107th and 108th. They do not feel there is a need for any signals at this intersection. From the input from their civic associations, the majority of the residents do not want the traffic signal at this location.

Mr. Dabkowski said there is not a need for a traffic signal at this time, but maybe in the future. According to his studies, this location shows that the future traffic composition and volumes will warrant signals. He had statistics showing a number of accidents that have occurred at this intersection, which the Commissioners indicated they would like to receive a copy of.

The completion of this project would be six to seven months from now. The Commission would like to proceed with the traffic signals at the Paradise/Treasure Island Causeway intersection. They need more input from the community and further study before they decide on the installation of a traffic signal at 104th, 107th and 108th.

A resolution will be prepared for Tuesday's Meeting.

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2. Budget Reconciliation for East/West Bridges

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, addressed the Commission about the payment to Johnson Brothers Corporation of \$101,728.76. He said that additional work was authorized and there were quantity changes during the course of construction, the Contingency Fund was utilized up to \$60,317.22 until the final reconciliation. At the time of the final reconciliation, JBC submitted nine items for reimbursement total some \$198,870.47. These submittals were viewed by EC Driver the then re-reviewed by the Director of Public Works. Mr. Hambidge went over some of the items and explained how they were done.

One of the items was rejected by E. C. Driver and the Commission questioned why we were paying for this item when the consultant indicated we should not. Mr. Hambidge said it was a question of the material used to fill the spam. In addition, JBC would file suit to receive this payment, which, in the long run, would cost the City more money.

The City Manager explained that in major construction projects there are possibilities of additional expenses that can amount to up to 15% of the total cost of the project. He said the City was fortunate that this amount only amounts to about 2% over the total cost of the project.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed to pay the \$101,728.76 to Johnson Brothers for the east/west bridge final reconciliation.

Commissioner Kraus indicated there was a mistake in the resolution with two different amounts in the heading and body of the resolution. The resolution will be corrected for Tuesday's meeting.

3. Ord. – Utility Deposit Adjustment (2nd Reading & Public Hearing 6/28)

This ordinance will be on for 2nd Reading and Public Hearing for June 28, 2005.

The City Manager said he was asked about interest on the deposit and asked Darren LaFrance, Finance Director, about it. Mr. LaFrance indicated that we do pay deposit with interest but the rate is extremely low.

4. July 4th Police Enforcement – Chief Pelkington

Chief Pelkington presented a report on police enforcement for the 4th of July for last year and what is planned for this year. This year there will be 10 officers assigned between the beach and traffic. Two marine officers will also be on duty.

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The officers will be using ATV equipment – which proved to be very effective during the past Sun, Sand and Symphony event on the beach as well as last year.

In addition to the signage on the bridges, Chief Pelkington said there will be an officer assigned to the west side of the bridge to control pedestrians during the mass exodus when the event has ended and the draw bridge is open to vessel traffic. It was suggested that an officer be assigned to the east side of the bridge to control traffic and pedestrians attempting to walk to the event.

5. Splitting LPA and Planning & Zoning Board – LPA Recommendation (as per Res. 04-80)

Administration recommended to the Commission that the LPA and Planning and Zoning Board not be split. The Commission agreed.

6. Appointment of Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate

Commissioner Kraus recommended that Mayor Mary Maloof be the voting delegate at the FLC Conference and Vice Mayor/Commissioner Collins be appointed as the alternate. All agreed.

A resolution will be prepared for next Tuesday's meeting.

7. Local Option Gas Tax

A resolution was drafted by the county for the communities in Pinellas County to pass. The percentage of money the communities will receive has been increased to 40% and the county receiving 60%.

This money is used for maintenance. Treasure Island will be using this money to repave the streets.

A resolution will be prepared for the meeting on Tuesday.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gayton asked about a policy for dock lighting. More dock lighting is being installed and left on at night. He is requesting the City Manager to look into possibly an ordinance or administrative policy to control the lighting problem. City Manager indicated that we do send out our code enforcement personnel to make contact with these individuals when there is a complaint.

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The City Manager said that Steve DeMerritt is working on some of these code problems and that he is putting together some regulations that will be presented to the Commission in August.

Commissioner Collins said he would like to see a Code Enforcement Review Board.

Commissioner Bildz was watching the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and was disturbed about the P&Z not allowing a fence because it would be erected on the right-of-way, yet the owner has planted trees, grass and shrubs on the right-of-way. He would like the City Manager to look into this.

The City Manager said that in areas where there are no sidewalks, property is on the right of way – but, he will check with Lynn about this particular item.

Commissioner Gayton was questioning the additional parking in a residential area. He was particularly concerned about the additional parking on the Rice Property. The City Manager indicated that Mr. Rice met with Lynn Rosetti. He has requested temporary parking and will be presenting a site plan. The City has requested that the Lagoon access will be closed.

The High and Dry building is slated to be torn down. There was ten days allowed to check for asbestos and the ten days are up this week.

V. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

1. 2005-2006 Proposed FY Budget

The City Manager distributed copies of the proposed 05-06 budget to the Commission. He read his transmittal letter and said the budget will be discussed at the meetings schedule for next week.

VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Members of the commission expressed their sympathy to Mr. John Hadsall whose wife passed away due to cancer.

Commissioner Kraus said he attended the Law in the Sunshine program and he said it was excellent.

Commissioner Bildz said there is a final order for plants and sea oats on the beach. See Rick Raus, Bob Minning or him.

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Mayor Maloof said she was at Sunset Beach and the sea oats look fabulous. She said the next meeting of the Suncoast League is in Zephyrhills on July 16. She thanked Vice Mayor/Commissioner Collins for filling in for her.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Pending Litigation

Mayor Maloof, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Collins, Commissioners Gayton, Kraus and Bildz, City Attorney Kiefer and the Court Stenographer convened to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation which should last approximately ½ t 1 hour.

IX. 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