

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 26, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. ROLL CALL:

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Hoffman, President of the Treasure Island (TI) Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber now has 160 members and that he expects membership to increase to 250 after the recruitment drive is completed in August. He stated that the Chamber will hold several events such as pancake breakfasts, Thanksgiving dinner and beach events such as a sand dance, volleyball and sandcastle building.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the TI Chamber would like to take over the responsibility and budgeting for the Sun, Sand & Symphony.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the County Redevelopment meeting (held last week) provides the Commission with a great opportunity to focus on Treasure Island's outdated regulations as well as planning for the future.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the TI Chamber would be holding a luncheon at the Bilmar on Wednesday, July 27th at the Bilmar and he invited the Commission to attend.

Commissioner Collins thanked Mr. Hoffman and the TI Chamber for offering to handle the Sun, Sand & Symphony. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Chamber will include the other associations in the organizing of the event.

Mayor Maloof suggested that the Chamber incorporate its events with events taking place at the downtown museums.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that the TI Chamber plan an event that involves the Stanley Cup while the Tampa Bay Lightning still has it.

Mr. Hoffman encourages anyone that is interested to become a member of the TI Chamber.

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A resident from the St. James stated that he was in favor of a traffic light being installed at the intersection of 104th/107th & 108th. He said that the intersection is very dangerous.

D. MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes from the meetings of May 17 and May 24, 2005 as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Proclamation – Recognizing John Burke –

Mayor Maloof presented Mr. John Burke with a proclamation for being one of the City's most dedicated volunteers. Mr. John Burke stated that he really appreciates the proclamation however there are many other volunteers that could also be recognized. Mayor Maloof thanked Mr. Burke for his hard work.

2. Ord. Amending Qualifying Dates (2nd Reading & Public Hearing) –

After hearing the reading of the ordinance pertaining to elections; amending Section 14-9 of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida" pertaining to the qualification of candidates for municipal election; amending the time periods for qualification of such candidates; providing for the inclusion of such amended ordinance in the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Treasure Island, Florida"; providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read.

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

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Amendment to the Rules of Procedure –

After hearing the reading of the resolution approving amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the conduct of City Commission workshops and meetings; providing an effective date, motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

City Manager Ralph Stone reviewed with the Commission the amendments made to the Rules of Procedure from the previous draft that included:

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1. Deleting *Public comments shall be limited to one opportunity to speak per person per meeting* from Article I, Section 9(a) and Article II, Section 11(a).
2. Deleting *on any specific topic including Public Comments and Agenda Items* and adding *each agenda item before unless otherwise approved or requested by the Commission* to Article I, Section 9(a) and Article II, Section 11(c).

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Res. – Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board –

After hearing the reading of the resolution appointing Tracy Heard to replace Martin Heinrich who resigned on the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Treasure Island effective immediately, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Res. – City Attorney Contract –

After hearing the resolution approving a three percent increase in the City Attorney's monthly fee, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission the three percent increase to the City Attorney's retainer amounting to \$2,987 per month (\$2,900 previously). He said the increase amounts to approximately \$1,000 annually.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Res. – Supporting the levy of the 5th Cent Tourist Development Tax –

After hearing the reading of the resolution supporting the levy of the 5th cent tourist development tax dedicated exclusively to promoting and advertising tourism, motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the Commission's support of the levy of the 5th cent tourism development tax does not mean the Commission is voting to raise the tax.

The City Manager stated that revenue generated from tourists payment of sales tax

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and gas tax will be divided among the communities.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he would be voting on this item at the Big-C meeting on Wednesday July 27th and he asked the Commission for a consensus. The Commission directed Commissioner Kraus to vote in favor of the levy of the 5th cent tourist development tax.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Report on 50th Anniversary Digital Photographs –

Mayor Maloof stated that the civic associations are not meeting during the summer months, so she was unable to ask the organizations about the distribution of Dr. Greenfield's pictures at this time. She stated that Dr. Greenfield has agreed to make the pictures available at City Hall. Mayor Maloof thanked Dr. Greenfield for creating the book of digital photographs to honor the City's 50th anniversary.

G. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Manager asked the Commission for a consensus regarding holding an executive session to discuss police and fire union collective bargaining at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29th at 8:00 a.m. and the Commission concurred.

The City Manager reviewed with the Commission and the community a press release issues by IT Assistant Jeff Jensen regarding TITV cable interruptions caused by a glitch with Bright House Networks. He asked anyone experiencing these interruptions with TITV 15's broadcast to contact City hall at 547-4575 ext. 247 or E-mail Cityhall@mytreasureisland.org.

H. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Collins stated that he received an E-mail from a resident indicating that some of the street signs are in disrepair. The City Manager stated that Public Works Director Don Hambidge will be conducting a systematic inventory of the street signs and placing the inventory into a database to address maintenance and repair issues.

Commissioner Collins stated that the sunbursts on the west fixed bridge are coming up and he asked what can be done to address the issue. The City Manager stated that some of the sunbursts are bubbling and cracking and that the problem is related to the adhesive applied when they were placed on the bridge. The City Manager

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stated that the sunbursts are under warranty and that he would report back to the Commission on the matter after the Public Works Director addresses the problem with the vendor.

Commissioner Collins stated that the streetlights along the 200 block of 116th Avenue are flickering. The City manager stated that he would notify the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Collins quoted the minutes from the Commission meeting on May 17th pertaining to sexual offenders/predators and he asked what the City's current procedure is for notifying neighbors when a sexual offender moves in nearby. The City Manager stated that the Police Department notifies neighbors within a two block radius.

Commissioner Collins stated that he felt that the Police Department should check on sexual offenders at least three to four times per year. The City Manager stated that he would check with the Police Chief on the matter and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Collins asked that the televised agenda of programming for TITV 15 include the schedule for the broadcast of sexual offenders' pictures. The City Manager stated that he would check with the Information Technology Assistant on the matter.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the County Commission will decide whether the County will be responsible for tracking all sexual offenders within the County and that if the County votes in favor it would go into effect on October 1st.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the City Manager E-mailed him regarding the addition of two temporary parking spaces at Kingfish Point. He said the parking spaces will be installed east of the cul-de-sac.

Commissioner Gayton stated that the City manager indicated that Mr. Sid Rice has offered to pay for the parking spaces and the proper signage. The City Manager stated that City staff will handle the installation of the parking spaces and the signage and that Mr. Rice has offered only to cover the costs involved. Commissioner Gayton asked the City manager to look into placing a bike rack in this area and the City Manager stated that he would discuss it with the Public Works Director. Commissioner Gayton stated that this is only a temporary solution until Phil Graham & Company develops a design for the area.

The City Manager stated that the City is looking for other public parking lots where parking meters can be placed.

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Commissioner Gayton requested that the Commission re-visit the list of 31 items that were identified at the workshop meeting on March 1st to get a status on these items. He also said he would like to receive quarterly reports on these items from the City Manager. The City Manager stated that another column for the status on the issues could be added to the matrix. He said the Commission could schedule this for discussion at a workshop meeting.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he received a notice from Progress Energy regarding the installation of automated electric meters. He stated that the installation of these meters will begin on August 1st through November 23rd. Commissioner Kraus suggested that anyone interested in more information go the Website www.progress-energy.com.

Commissioner Kraus stated that a Big-C meeting would be held in Clearwater on Wednesday, July 27th. He reviewed the topics for discussion with the Commission.

Commissioner Kraus stated that the Bloodmobile would be at City hall on Wednesday, July 27th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the letter regarding the costs for undergrounding cable had been sent to Progress Energy. The City Manager stated that he would confirm that an E-mail was sent to Ms. Nancy Loehr.

Commissioner Bildz stated that District 4 had 100 percent participation from the various boards and committees for the County Redevelopment meeting held last Wednesday.

Commissioner Bildz referred to an article in Sunday's Neighborhood Times entitled, *Telephone survey has no fingerprints*. He quoted State Representative Everett Rice's comments regarding eminent domain as follows; "If there is anything blighted in St. Pete Beach, then anything in the state could be called blighted," and he suggested that the Commission pass a resolution supporting Representative Rice on the issue.

Commissioner Bildz stated that a program called *ICE* (in case of emergency) that allows disabled personnel to automatically contact emergency personnel with their telephones.

Commissioner Bildz asked for a status regarding the City being given the Buccaneer. The City Manager stated that the owner is going to allow the City to have the Buccaneer and that it would be placed on City hall property until its permanent location is established.

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Mayor Maloof stated that the Florida League of Cities' conference is coming up in August.

Mayor Maloof stated that the annual Beaches and Shores' conference will be held in Key Largo.

Mayor Maloof stated that she received a letter from the Executive Director of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) indicating that it is time to renew the County's PSTA representative. She asked that this item be placed on the Commission's workshop agenda for next week.

Commissioner Collins stated that he received an E-mail regarding the feeding of wild birds and he stated that it is prohibited in St. Pete Beach. He asked if the Commission would like to consider passing such an ordinance for Treasure Island. The Commission decided to act on the matter only if a nuisance issue develops.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Frank McConnell stated that Voters Watch would be holding a meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. with a social commencing at 6:00 p.m.

J. 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