

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
August 16, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

I. SILENT ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK:

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Benjamin Hetrick stated that many of the 50th anniversary banners have either blown away or been taken from the poles. He suggested grouping the banners together on the poles along the Causeway bridges and City Manager Ralph Stone concurred.

III. MINUTES:

None.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Key to the City/Plaque Presented to Retiring Police Chief Joe Pelkington –

The City Manager presented Police Chief Joe Pelkington with a plaque and the Flag of the United States of America that was flown over City Hall in appreciation for 18 years of distinguished service.

Police Chief Pelkington stated that he enjoyed working with the City Manager as well as with the Department Heads. He said this police team he has worked with for 18 ½ years is the best team he has ever worked with. The Police Chief said; “good sailing and thanks for the ride”.

St. Pete Beach Police Chief David Romine and the members of the Pinellas Police Standards Council presented Police Chief Pelkington with a proclamation honoring him for his career of service in law enforcement and his commitment to improving the law enforcement profession.

Mayor Maloof and the Commission presented Police Chief Pelkington with the Key

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to the City.

2. Ord. – No Wake Zones for Channels at Isle of Capri and 108th Avenue (1st Reading 8/23) –

Sergeant Tim Casey reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Commission. He stated that it will take approximately six (6) months after the ordinance is adopted from the time it will take to submit an application to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission until the buoys are installed.

The Commission will consider this ordinance for first reading on August 23rd.

3. Ord. – Noise Ordinance (2nd Reading & Public Hearing 8/23) –

The Commission will consider this ordinance for second reading on August 23rd.

4. Authorization to Hold Annual Neubauer Regatta at Treasure Bay on 9/17 & 9/18 – TITYC –

Mayor Maloof stated that Mr. and Mrs. Vargas were unable to attend this meeting. She asked if the Commission had any comments or questions regarding this item.

Commissioner Kraus asked for confirmation that parking would be provided on the east side of Paradise Boulevard only and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

5. Selection of Auditing Firm –

Finance Director Darren LaFrance reviewed the Audit Committee's selection of the auditing firm, Davidson, Jamieson & Christini, P.L. (DJC) with the Commission.

6. Report on Memorial Policy –

The City Manager stated that the Beautification Committee recommended that a plaque be placed at the Sunset Beach Pavilion to honor the memory of Ms. Bessie Penick and future Sunset Beach residents.

Commissioner Bildz thanked the Beautification Committee for its recommendation on behalf of the Sunset Beach Civic Association.

The Commission will consider this resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd.

7. Authorization to Issue RFP/Statement of Qualifications for Downtown

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Redevelopment Plan –

The City Manager reviewed the agenda cover memorandum with the Commission. He stated that \$150,000 was budgeted in the FY 2005-06 budget and he recommended that the Commission authorize staff to go ahead and advertise the RFP for the sake of time.

Commissioner Kraus asked if the City has a “buy-in” for this project from the business owners in the downtown area.

The City Manager stated that the City had not queried the owners regarding their support for the project. He said he felt the City needs to define alternatives so the business owners will understand what is being proposed.

Commissioner Kraus suggested polling the business owners in the downtown area to determine their interest in the project prior to expending funds.

The City Manager stated that public meetings regarding the project will be held to inform the business owners and anyone else that wishes to attend.

Commissioner Bildz stated that there are some beneficial components included in the project such as pedestrian and bicycle improvements and parking.

The City Manager stated that this item would be brought back to the Commission for the selection of a firm and the funds would be expended as part of the FY 2005-06 budget.

Commissioner Kraus asked who would serve on the selection committee and the City Manager stated that the City Planner, the Public Works Director and he would make up the committee.

Mayor Maloof stated that the community has expressed its desire for the downtown to be revitalized in the responses submitted to the business survey. She indicated that it is the Commission’s job to get the process started.

The City Manager stated that mixed use is recommended to support the risk of the commercial establishments by adding a residential component.

The Commission will consider this resolution on Tuesday, August 23rd.

8. Consent Agenda –

The City Manager stated that the option to use a consent agenda was added to the Commission’s *Rules of Procedure*. He reviewed with the Commission a list of

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agenda items from previous agendas that could be placed on a consent agenda. The City Manager stated that the use of a consent agenda could allow the Commission to reduce the number of meetings to two (2) per month.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he did not feel that some of the agenda items listed should be placed on a consent agenda. He said he is 100% against using consent agendas.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he was in favor of using consent agendas but he was not in favor of having a meeting on the same night that a workshop is held.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he was in favor of having two (2) meetings per month.

The City Manager stated that the Commission would receive the agenda packets on the Friday preceding the meeting. Commissioner Kraus asked if the Commission could receive the agenda packets earlier in the week and the Commission decided on the Wednesday preceding the meeting.

The City Manager reviewed the current schedule for submitting agenda items to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Collins spoke in favor of starting the meetings at 6:00 p.m.

The City manager stated that the Commission would be provided with an alternative schedule for Commission workshop and regular meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the workshop meeting on Tuesday, September 6th.

9. Selection of Transportation Engineer of Record -

The City Manager reviewed the agenda cover memorandum with the Commission. He stated that staff is recommending that the City authorize the selection of Volkert & Associates as the Transportation Engineer of Record.

Commissioner Bildz asked if this firm would be involved with the downtown redevelopment project and the City Manager responded affirmatively.

The Commission will consider this resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gayton stated that Ms. Nicole Elko of Pinellas County Coastal Management was able to obtain the sand for Sunset Beach as part of the

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Sandsharing project. He asked who at the City would be responsible for coordinating with the County to obtain the permits.

The City Manager stated that Ms. Elko indicated that there is money available to obtain sand for Sunshine Beach but the permit will need to be modified. He said Ms. Elko asked the city to allow her to continue working to obtain the sand for Sunshine Beach.

VI. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gayton stated that the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office organized a "sting" to ticket drivers that were not stopping at crosswalks along Gulf Boulevard in Madeira Beach. He said the Sheriff's Office made 88 traffic stops and the fines issued were in the amount of \$114.00 each.

Commissioner Gayton asked the City Manager to look into providing parallel striping at the crosswalk on Gulf Boulevard at Sloppy Joe's.

The City Manager stated that Ms. Debbie Keno, a representative from FDOT, indicated that a number of crosswalks are being proposed for placement on Gulf Boulevard.

Commissioner Gayton asked if the crosswalk at Sloppy Joe's is a State-owned crosswalk. The City Manager responded affirmatively and he said there is a new regulatory sign that let's drivers know that fines will be imposed for not stopping at crosswalks.

Commissioner Gayton asked for a status report regarding the pavement striping of the turn arrows at Capri and Palms. The City Manager stated that Mr. Rick Raus, Assistant Public Works Director, has indicated that the pavement markings will be re-painted.

Commissioner Kraus asked why the variance criteria in Section 70-221 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the criteria would be considered instead of met. He also stated that the variance criteria should include a maximum allowable height restriction for variances. In addition, Commissioner Kraus stated that he was in favor of allowing covers for boat slips and boat lifts. He suggested that these items be forwarded to the LPA for its review and the Commission concurred.

The Commission will consider this resolution at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd.

VII. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

1. State Legislature Resolution Regarding Eminent Domain –

The Commission will consider a resolution supporting the State of Florida House Joint Resolution (HJR) 31 proposing a Constitutional Amendment to preclude the use of eminent domain for private economic development purposes at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Commissioner Bildz stated that someone is needed to head up the cleanup effort for Elnor Island.

Commissioner Bildz asked why a new crosswalk was installed at West Gulf Boulevard and 90th Avenue. The City Manager stated that he would look into the matter and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Bildz stated that the 90th Avenue property boundaries have been roped off. The City Manager stated that the Commission was provided with a survey of the property lines at the 90th Avenue Bay access.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Clara Lee Selby made a suggestion that the Commissioners call their constituents to get their opinions on issues.

Ms. Selby thanked staff for organizing the reception that was held in honor of Police Chief Joe Pelkington's 18 years of service to the City and his retirement.

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VIII. 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

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