

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006**

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Donation of \$1,000 from the Isle of Palms Civic Association to the Treasure Island Fire Department and \$1,000 to the Police Department

Commissioner Gayton pointed out that this was a total of \$4,000 that the Isle of Palms Civic Association has donated in the past two months. A resolution accepting the donation will be on the 3/21/06 meeting agenda.

2. Fireworks Bid for the Fourth of July Display

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, presented information regarding the Fireworks bid. Only one bid was received, from Bell's Fireworks, in the amount of \$15,000. This is for 1200 shells, approximately 20 minutes. There was a brief discussion. There will be a resolution on the agenda for the March 21, 2006 meeting.

3. Taylor Beach Services

Cathy Hayduke, Recreation Director, discussed the arrearages in the amount due from Taylor Beach Services. Taylor Beach Services has an agreement with the City to provide beach services to the City through September, 2006. They have an outstanding balance of \$3,798.50. Several letters asking for full payment have been sent. Greg Taylor was present. He asked for a 30 day extension to become current. All Commissioners were in agreement to allow the 30 days, and revisit at that time if necessary.

4. Crosswalks/Upgrade for Mast Arm at Gulf Boulevard & 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, gave a presentation on the crosswalks and upgrades to the mast arm. We have received a HUD grant for this work on Gulf Boulevard. Commissioner Gayton expressed concern regarding the wording of the contract and the scope of work. The contract will be amended to clarify the scope of work. Commissioner Collins asked why the City was paying for work on a state road. We are upgrading from the standard specifications, and doing the work sooner. Commissioner Kraus asked about the thresholds for going out to bid. Because we have an Engineer of Record we are not required to go out to bid. The thresholds have been raised. The City Manager will provide the Commission with the new thresholds. Commissioner Gayton pointed out that since there was \$200,000 in the budget for this, and we received a grant, the money could go back into the Pennies for Pinellas fund to fund other projects. Commissioner Collins asked if Alcalde & Faye got us this grant. They assisted in it. Commissioner Bildz asked when the project would be done if approved. It will be approximately 6 months from the order date. Commissioner Kraus announced that crosswalks will be an item on the BIG C agenda next month.

5. Single Family Drainage

Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, gave a report on the Single Family Drainage ordinance. The ordinance proposes a one time payment to replace individual drainage systems for single family homes. The engineer of record recommends approximately \$3,200. This would allow the property owner to fully utilize their lots, and allow the city to do some projects. Commissioner Bildz thinks there should be a choice – hold your own storm water or pay the fee. He thinks the fee is too low. He wants Treasure Island to be a leader

in working towards a cleaner gulf and bay water. Commissioner Kraus noted that it would cost 2.5 to 3 million dollars to implement City wide. He asked if it helped our FEMA rating, and how and when would we address homes that have not maintained it, or want to remove it. Commissioner Collins feels that it is a just cause, but that it is not enough money to accomplish anything. If Treasure Island is the only community doing it, then it will have no affect. He is not in favor of it, unless the County and other communities implement something too. The City Manager, Ralph Stone, advised that we are the only ones in the County that require these. They are not esthetically pleasing, and are difficult for homeowners to maintain. They only apply to new, waterfront construction. They don't apply inland. The intent is to raise the standard higher. We have two choices – substitute a fee to make improvements, or continue inequitably.

Bob Minning, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee, addressed the Commission, and presented written comments on this item.

There will be a resolution referring this item to the LPA at the March 21, 2006 meeting.

#### 6. Yacht Club

City Manager, Ralph Stone, looked at the site and spoke with employees. They are making every effort to minimize the affect of the construction on parking. It is well signed, and consistent with the plans. He will continue with follow-up and periodic reports.

### **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gayton asked about the clean-up of Elnor Island. The Beach Stewardship Committee will be taking over the clean-up and restoration. There is some grant money available.

Commissioner Collins reported that the dust fence at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Capri Boulevard is down again.

Commissioner Kraus asked about the Causeway House. An appraisal has been done, and a survey ordered. The City Manager will provide the Commission with a copy of the appraisal.

### **III. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

None

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### **IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

The City of Madeira Beach had an open house to present information regarding the John's Pass bridge project. Questions can be directed to the construction office – (727) 343-3100 [PC]

There were several incidents reported over the weekend on the Police Department e-alerts. There was a man impersonating a police officer. There was also a man offering free sod and charging for removal that took the money and didn't return. [EG]

The Treasure Island Recreation Department is holding an Open House on Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Treasure Bay. There will be free golf and tennis clinics. [EG]

At the last BIG-C meeting Nicole Elko reported that the Sand Key contract modifications were being worked on. There was a presentation on the tax basis for non-homesteaded properties. It was suggested that Jim Smith, Pinellas County Tax Appraiser, give a presentation on the basis for non-homesteaded properties. This year's donation for the BIG-C Florida Beach Preservation Association is \$454.55. We pay 1/11<sup>th</sup> of the \$5,000 contribution. There will be a resolution on the March 21<sup>st</sup> agenda. [RK]

The utility under grounding and streetscaping on Gulf Boulevard was on the agenda yesterday at the County meeting. They will be looking for interlocal agreements with each community.[RK]

The street closing signs at the ends of 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the Open Air Market need to be moved closer to the ends of 104<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenues. [RK]

There will be a beach cleanup this Saturday. [RK]

The Beach Stewardship meeting will be tomorrow. There are two agenda items – sand sharing, and a presentation by Citizens for a Natural Treasure Island Beach. [AB]

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bob Minning made two clarifications. The Beach Stewardship Committee is interested in taking over the entire Elnor Island project, not just the cleanup. Coastal Tech is a part of the Beach Stewardship Committee. The ordinance provides for an outside consultant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 by Mayor Maloof.

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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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Dawn Foss, City Clerk