

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 20, 2007  
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maloof at 6:00 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Maloof

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton - Vice Mayor	District 2	Present
Commissioner Richard Kraus	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz	District 4	Present

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes as written. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

1. Res. – Causeway Road Tax

It was moved by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Bildz to approve the motion. Commissioner Kraus stated that he had received comments from Treasure Island residents that were unhappy about comments made about not collecting the Road Tax. He stated that he still feels that the collection of the tax is not dependent upon the tolls. He maintains that it is not a free causeway, and doesn't believe that it should be eliminated.

Mayor Maloof has spoken to the Finance Director, and it was noted that there are a number of people that have never paid, or not paid in years. Interim City Manager Charlie Fant stated that it is approximately \$1500. He explained that the cost of filing the lien is more than the \$10 tax.

Commissioner Bildz stated that he respectfully disagrees with Commissioner Kraus, and feels that the causeway is free, therefore we should not collect the tax. He feels that we should only refund the payments to the people that ask for them and provide proof that they have paid.

Commissioner Collins stated that he feels the people wanting a refund should come in with proof of payment before receiving a refund.

Commissioner Bildz asked if the City Manager has come up with a plan to refund. Mr. Fant explained that they have not come up with a final plan, and hoped to work with the Association and City staff to come up with a process. We have the records that show who paid. The details have not been worked out.

Commissioner Gayton stated that it should be incumbent upon the people to request a refund and show proof of payment.

Commissioner Bildz suggested that we go to an association meeting and suggest that the \$9,000 be spent on beautifying the causeway.

Commissioner Kraus stated that he thinks this is a bargaining tool.

City Attorney Maura Kiefer suggested that a simple notice be sent out stating that if anyone wanted a refund to contact the city with proof of payment. Mr. Fant stated that staff can work this out if you leave this open ended.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was Commissioner Kraus – Nay, Commissioner Bildz – Aye, Commissioner Collins – Aye, Commissioner Gayton – Aye, Mayor Maloof – Aye. The motion carries on a 4 – 1 vote.

## 2. Res. – HMGP Grant

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Kraus to approve the motion. There was no discussion. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 6:15 p.m.