

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

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

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:

Dominique Reiter spoke briefly regarding the Chamber of Commerce Health Fair to be held on March 31, 2007. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the American Heart Association to participate. The Red Cross has a webpage now – www.redcrossstbc.org. Click on lessons, then Treasure Island.

John Morden announced that the annual Sunshine Beach flea market will be held this Saturday, March 10th.

Charles Weisgerber spoke in favor of the Penny for Pinellas. He spoke about some of the projects that have been funded with this money.

Nick Monseur made brief comments. He is in Lakeland this winter, but feels a tie to Treasure Island. He thanked staff for the newsletter that he receives when he is in Ontario.

Frank McConnell spoke on behalf of Voter's Watch. He thanked the city employees for their work on the debate. He then spoke on behalf of the Paradise Island Civic Association. He again thanked staff for the work on their sign project. He then thanked Richard Kraus for his service to District 3 as their Commissioner for the past four years.

Benjamin Hettrick spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee. He announced that tomorrow is Arbor Day on Treasure Island. The celebration has been moved to the Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis Center. They will be giving away Slash Pines and Live Oaks. There will be refreshments served. He then thanked the city for their follow up on code enforcement issues.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 20th meeting and workshop, and January 30th and February 13th special workshops are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the minutes as printed. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. This item was previously item number 4 on the agenda. Due to a scheduling conflict with Mr. Silverboard it was moved to the beginning of the business portion of the meeting. Mayor Maloof invited Reid Silverboard, new City Manager, to the podium. City Attorney Maura Kiefer read the resolution approving the contract and appointing him as City Manager. Commissioner Bildz asked that the contract be amended to evaluate the City Manager in August rather than May. It was moved by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the motion with Commissioner Bildz' suggested amendment. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous. The contract was then signed by Mayor Maloof, Mr. Silverboard, and Interim City Manager Charlie Fant.

2. Ord. – Community Appearance Codes (1st Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the ordinance as read. Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, informed the Commission of what she has done to date with the neighborhood associations, and the changes she had made.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:23 p.m.

Julian Fant stated that he is concerned about this item being sent back to the LPA for review. He knows many people that are concerned by this ordinance. There is a lot of concern with sheds. He also expressed concern with the twelve inch grass height that is proposed in the ordinance. He then commended the Commission and Personnel Director on their choice to hire Reid Silverboard as the new City Manager.

Mitchell Shankman spoke regarding the proposed codes. He stated that he has a boat that is kept where it belongs in the back of the house. He keeps his grass mowed. He feels that we need to maintain the integrity of our properties and the current values of our land by voting against allowing equipment to be kept on our properties.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:29 p.m.

Commissioner Gayton asked the Mayor to clarify that those issues have been removed from this ordinance. They are aware that people have concerns. Ms. Rosetti will be speaking with all of the neighborhood associations. This will be thoroughly studied.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he would like to see the height of the grass reduced to less than twelve inches. He suggested a maximum of six inches. Commissioner Kraus stated that many people are using juniper as ground cover. It is very attractive, but doesn't do well at heights less than twelve inches. Commissioner Bildz is comfortable with twelve inches. He stated that grass grows quickly, and people could be on vacation. Mayor Maloof stated that many plantings are higher than twelve inches. Commissioner Collins is also in favor of twelve inches.

Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. – Recycling Pick Up Bid Recommendation

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Bildz asked a question about how recyclables will be picked up. There is sometimes a problem getting them picked up. Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, explained that there are times that the truck can not get through certain streets because of their size, and when that is the case they are picked up with a pickup truck.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

4. Res. – Chamber of Commerce Health Awareness on the Beach

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

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Maloof at 6:36 p.m.