

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
July 17, 2007  
6:00 PM**

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mary Maloof at 6:02 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Bob Minning	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz – Vice Mayor	District 4	Present

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Burke of Isle of Capri made a report on behalf of the Beach Stewardship Committee. They had a very successful seat oat planting project on Saturday. There were approximately 70-80 volunteers from all over the United States, including three students from Ohio who got volunteer credit hours for the planting. Mr. Burke said the reason for the turn out was because of the publicity. Jeff Jensen, Treasure Island Public Information Officer did an excellent job. Mr. Burke thanked Commissioners Gayton and Bildz for being there. It was a huge success.

Charles Weisgerber spoke representing the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Weisgerber invited the City Officials, business people and interested residents to the next Fair Tax Meeting on July 24, 2007 at the Bilmar Beach Resort. The Fair Tax movement started in 1995. Congressional Districts 10 and 11 have very strong support with volunteers telling the story. Congressman Bill Young supports it. The invitation suggests that there are 60 members of Congress already committed to House of Representative Bill 25 as have a number of Senators on the Senate Bill 1025. The program was presented last year. The Chamber is bringing the Fair Tax Program back. Commissioner Collins was at the meeting. It will take place in the banquet room at the Bilmar. Free seating is available for those who do not want lunch. It is critical that everyone register at The Chamber Office 330-4121. The speaker will be Kevin Wit. For additional info, [www.FAIRTAX.ORG](http://www.FAIRTAX.ORG). Registration is 11:15 a.m. and lunch served at 12 p.m.

Dominique Reiter has invitations for the Fair Tax Meeting at the front table, and more information on the Chamber's website. Ms. Reiter presented the ducks for the inauguration of the Bridge on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber is looking to sell approximately 1,000. They will be numbered. The ducks are \$5 a piece or \$20 for five (5). The grand prize is an Alaskan cruise including airfare. The Johnson Brothers are helping with this. The 1,000 ducks will be drifting whichever way the tides are flowing with buoys around it. The first duck to cross the finish line will win the Cruise. The registrations are at the front desk as well as at the Chamber.

The Mayor invited Lester Lathrop from the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club up to the podium. The Mayor asked if there was a grand opening soon, and Mr. Lathrop said it should be some time in the middle of August. Mr. Lathrop has been working with Cathy Hayduke on the boat parade part of the inauguration on August 25<sup>th</sup>. He is getting it in the local newspapers soon so to organize the entry. There is no entry fee. He'd like the boats decorated in any fashion they like. The exact time is yet to be determined. The meeting place is north of the bridge in between Channel Marker 19 and the Isle of Palms. The boats will come through the bridge and proceed south. There will be a party at the new club at the Treasure Island Yacht Club. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December is the next Treasure Island Lighted Boat Parade, with a make up date of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None

#### **E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

##### 1. Ord. 07-05 – Gulf Golf Easement Vacation – 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

The Ordinance was read by Maura Kiefer, City Attorney. It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Bildz said he would abstain from the vote due to previous reasons stated. The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was four ayes to one, with Commissioner Bildz abstaining.

##### 2. Res. 07-52 – Neubauer Regatta

The Resolution was read by City Attorney Kiefer. Commissioner Collins asked if there is a need for police over time. City Manager, Reid Silverboard asked Mr. Leslie Lathrop of the Treasure Island Yacht Club to answer the question. Commissioner Collins explained to Mr. Lathrop that the Commission discussed the Police overtime and how much expense it was bringing to the City. Mr. Lathrop said the police would be no expense to the City for the Treasure Island Yacht Club had already budgeted it, and they were going to abide by all the conditions of the agreement they've had for the last four years. Mayor Maloof said it was a great event. She then asked Mr. Lathrop what the age groups were. Mr. Lathrop said ages eight (8) to sixteen (16). He also said a St. Pete Yacht Club Member, Ed Baird recently won the America's Cup.

It was moved by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### 3. Res. 07-53 – Setting the Tentative Millage Rate

The Resolution was read by City Attorney Kiefer. Reid Silverboard stated that the Commission has recently finished going through the budget and the budget is predicated on a millage rate for next year of 2.3878 which is the millage that would comply with the State mandate to reduce our property tax revenues by 9%. There is a choice of setting at that rate or setting at the rolled back rate, which would generate the same amount of revenue as was generated in the current fiscal year which is 2.624. The reason the Commission might want to set it at the higher rate is because some issues may come up between now, the Second Reading and the adoption of the Budget in September and additional revenue may be needed, and it may be more difficult to adopt a higher millage rate. The City can always go down to the lower rate of 2.3878. Commissioner Collins reiterated that the millage rate can go down, but it cannot go up. Mr. Silverboard said that in order to raise the millage rate the Commission would have to send out a letter to each resident of Treasure Island to notify them.

Mayor Maloof asked for a suggested rate from the Commission. Commissioner Gayton said that he had no intention of voting for a millage higher than the roll back rate minus the 9%. Commissioner Bildz stated the Commission went through the whole budget and they set it at 2.3878 so it should be kept as such. Mayor Maloof asked if the rest of the Commission was comfortable with that. It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Mayor Maloof asked if there was any further discussion. Upon the roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### 4. Res. 07-54 – Gulf Beaches Library Interlocal Agreement

The Resolution was read by City Attorney Kiefer. It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution. Commissioner Minning said he would like to see the City get a 9% reduction. Commissioner Bildz commented about the second Where As, Where it's in the public interest of the community. He said it is a new age of computers and he wonders if this is a waste of \$100,000 of tax payers' money. Mayor Maloof said the library is used for a lot of other things, such as programs for seniors and children, as well as the social aspect of the community. Commissioner Collins stated that when the renewal came up many years before it was met with a lot of community support. Mayor Maloof said this particular library is the lowest cost wise. If we were not to participate it would mean the closing of the library. Commissioner Bildz said there is a provision in the Agreement that if the City doesn't have the money it can opt out. Mr. Silverboard said yes. In Sub-Section 5, under Condition D addresses that it is understood that it's based on the annual ability of each community to enter into the service agreement. The City would have to review this for all three years of the agreement. Commissioner Bildz says the City has the money this year, but next year after that Amendment passes it may not. It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### 5. Motion – Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Florida League of Cities

Mayor Maloof has offered to be the Voting Delegate to the Florida League of Cities. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### 6. Res. 07-55 – Appointment of a Special Magistrate for the Code Enforcement Board

The Resolution was read by City Attorney Kiefer. Commissioner Gayton had a procedural question with regard to this Resolution. He said when this item was discussed a couple of weeks ago, the Commission decided to put on as a workshop item, and he was wondering why it was on for the regular meeting. Mr. Silverboard said he didn't recall what that direction was. He said he knew that Dawn Foss, City Clerk, put this resolution on the agenda. He believed she thought it was appropriate to go on the regular meeting. Commissioner Gayton said the Commission always workshops a resolution before it goes on the regular meeting, but if the Commission wants to discuss it he will discuss it. Commissioner Collins stated he thought it was put on for the workshop, but he is prepared to discuss it and vote on it this evening. Commissioner Gayton stated what ever the Commission wants, but he felt they should follow procedure. City Attorney Maura Kiefer indicated she thought it was workshopped a while ago, when it was brought up, and she was supposed to come back with a recommendation and in her view it was workshopped. Mayor Maloof agreed. Commissioner Gayton said it was months ago, and the Commission made a decision at a prior meeting to put it on a workshop and the Commission should follow procedure. Commissioner Minning said the concept was workshopped, not the specific individual involved, and he agreed with Commissioner Gayton. The item was then moved over to the workshop as Item Number 6.

#### 7. Res. 07-56 – Special Exception to Resolution 97-34 for Bridge Naming

Mayor Maloof asked that this be put on at the last workshop so the Commission would have plenty of time to discuss before the opening of the bridge. Mayor Maloof suggested naming the bridge after the City's benefactor Congressman C.W. Bill Young. The Resolution was then read by City Attorney Maura Kiefer. Commissioner Bildz asked if the bridge is named after the Congressman would that entail putting up a street sign or a plaque. Reid Silverboard said there will be a plaque with his name on it fixed to the bridge, but there will not be a name change to the actual road. If the Commission desires there can be a sign put up with the dedication. Commissioner Bildz asked if the plaque was going to be on the bridge tender's house. Mr. Silverboard said the plaques will go where all the other plaques that identify the Commissions, engineer and the contractor. Commissioner Collins said that plaque was set to the bridge tender's house. Commissioner Collins asked if this resolution was particular to this situation. Mr. Silverboard said that is correct. Mayor Maloof's suggested the naming the bridge "Treasure Island/C.W.

Bill Young Bridge". Commissioner Gayton said it should be called the "TI Causeway Bridge" as it's been called for fifty years with a slash, Bill Young or C.W. Bill Young. Mayor Maloof said it is just a thank you to him for being so instrumental in making the bridge possible. Commissioner Bildz said instead of naming the bridge after him, the Commission should just put a plaque up saying in honor of Bill Young. Mayor Maloof said she thinks it should be part of the bridge name and that is the reaction from people since the City got the money from Congressman Young, and other than Commissioner Gayton concern she hasn't had any person that didn't think that was appropriate. Commissioner Gayton said his concern is that it is on maps as the TI Causeway Bridge, he didn't care what was added to it. Mayor Maloof said it will stay that way; it's just an honor to him. She said she received an email from former Mayor Julien Fant stating he hoped that the City would honor Congressman Young. Commissioner Bildz said Congressman Young has been instrumental with the beach renourishment, and he has done a lot for our City, but as he stated at the last meeting the \$50 million grant wasn't his money. Mayor Maloof said there are buildings named for him. Commissioner Bildz said as long as it is a plaque and not a street sign. Mayor Maloof said she doesn't anticipate it being a street sign. She then asked to decide what the wording should be. It was decided the "Treasure Island/C.W. Bill Young Causeway Bridge"

It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Mary Maloof