

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
John Kretzer, Interim Public Services Director
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Ian Wade, Project Manager

1. Presentations

a. Presentation by Consultant on Stormwater Assessment Rates

Andrew Burton, Senior Vice President of Burton & Associates, outlined the results of the stormwater assessment fund, including capital project funding requirements and associated debt service expenses.

Commissioner Falkenstein moved to approve Item 1(a), to authorize staff to take all necessary actions under Ordinance 2009-30 and Florida law required to properly notify the public of potential increases in the Stormwater Service Assessments at the rates per parcel/ESU presented for Fiscal Year 2020 to be considered by the City Commission at a public

hearing to be held in September 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premer.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, encouraged Commission to consider the possible financial burden placed on residents with limited incomes.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

2. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Saunders requested Items 5(c) and 5(d) be tabled until date certain of June 10, 2015.

3. Audience Comments

Ken Amos, 44th Avenue, discussed the venue for fireworks in the future.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, presented a photograph of beach measurement lines and questioned the purpose of a survey.

4. Consent

- a. Authorize the Mayor to execute a Facility Use Agreement with the Pasadena Community Church for use of their facility for EOC operations

City Manager Saunders introduced the Consent Agenda Item 4(a) and recommended approval as presented.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4(a) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Acceptance of the Corey Avenue District Plan

John Fennell, Landscape Architect with Michael Baker International, presented the Community Vision Plan for the improvements to the Corey Avenue District.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(a), Corey Avenue Vision Plan, to accept the Corey Avenue District Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Harry Metz, Pass-A-Grille Way, spoke against installation of the couplet.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on the couplet, bicycle and pedestrian access and rights-of-way.

Tom Rodgers, Corey Avenue, spoke in support of the vision plan and the couplet.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, expressed appreciation to the Baker Group for the vision plan and spoke in support of the library expansion plans.

Audrey (inaudible last name), El Centro Avenue, spoke in support of the library expansion.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

- b. Authorize City Commission to accept David Nelson Construction Company as the apparent low bidder for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction project from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue and authorize the City Manager to negotiate with Nelson potential cost savings to the City.

City Manager Saunders reported that construction costs have risen rapidly over the past year and the bids received exceed the budgeted amounts. In anticipation of higher construction costs, Mr. Saunders noted that additional funds were built into the financing sources for the bonds.

Mr. Saunders recommended accepting David Nelson Construction Company as the low bidder and authorize staff to meet with the company representatives to further discuss value engineering and cost savings.

Commissioner Premer moved to approve Item 5(b), to designate David Nelson Construction Company as the apparent low bidder for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction project from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue and authorize the City Manager to negotiate with Mr. Nelson in regard to potential cost savings to the City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

- c. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Lighting Proposal from Duke Energy, which includes the projected fees associated with street light rental and maintenance as well as an invoice for the Contribution In Aid of Construction Fee for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction project

Commissioner Pletcher moved to table Item 5(c) to the meeting of June 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premer.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

- d. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Billing Estimate Letter indicating the City's intent to make an advance payment of \$38,119.59 to Verizon to underground service on Pass-A-Grille Way from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue

Commissioner Pletcher moved to table Item 5(d) to the meeting of June 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premer.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2015-06, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances relating to public consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages.

Vice Mayor Finnerty made a motion to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2015-06, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article I, in general of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances by amending Section 6.1, Definitions, amending the definition of establishment dealing in alcoholic beverages and adding new definitions of sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged land; amending Section 6.3, Sales to Certain Persons

Prohibited, by prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to any person below the legal age as established by State law; amending Section 6.5, public consumption or possession relating to restrictions and permitting of public alcohol consumption on public lands, rights-of-way, sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged lands; providing for publication in accordance with the requirements of law; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, spoke against allowing hotels additional conditional use permits.

Tom Rodgers, Corey Avenue, spoke against allowing drinking on public sidewalks.

Deborah Nicklaus, Sirata Beach Resort, spoke in support of establishing criteria for conditional use permits

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of equitability in establishing the criteria for the permits and limiting the area in which the drinking is allowed.

Kelly Strickland, Belle Vista neighborhood, spoke in opposition of allowing drinking on the beach.

Doug Izzo, Tampa Beaches Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Chamber members and businesses.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was denied by a vote of 2-3 with Mayor Lowe, Commissioner Premer and Commissioner Pletcher voting “no.”

- b. Ordinance 2015-10, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances relating to public consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages

City Manager Saunders noted the proposed ordinance clarifies the existing ordinance and does not allow alcohol on the beach.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2015-10, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article 1, in general of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances by amending Section 6.1, Definitions, amending the definition of establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages and adding new definitions of sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged land; amending Section 6.3, Sale to Certain Persons Prohibited

by prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to any person below the legal age as established by State law; amending Section 6.5, public consumption or possession relating to restrictions and permitting of public alcohol consumption on public lands, rights-of-way, sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged lands; providing for publication in accordance with the requirements of law; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, requested clarification on the vote for Ordinance 2015-10.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule a special meeting for June 25, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. to schedule the second reading of Ordinance 2015-10 amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Scheduling of Workshops for the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule the budget meetings for 1:00 p.m. as follows:

- Monday, July 13, 2015
- Wednesday, July 15, 2015
- Friday, July 17, 2015

Commissioner Pletcher requested to consider an ordinance in regard to dogs on the beach.

9. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

10. City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- The City of St. Pete Beach will sponsor the upcoming Big C Breakfast Meeting on Wednesday, June 24th at the Community Center
- The Suncoast League of Cities will sponsor the State-mandated Ethics Training class in September at the Community Center
- The Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Orlando is scheduled for August 13 through 15, 2015

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- The City Commission Workshop scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on June 10th in regard to outdoor drinking and/or dining

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following:

- Provided an update on the beach ordinance that is being prepared by the University of Florida staff
- An attorney has been retained to provide feedback on the representation provided by the City's previous law firm

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following:

- Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction project update
- Paradise Grille concession stand agreement compliance – scheduled for review at a future Commission meeting

Commissioner Premer reported on the following:

- Belle Vista Civic Association meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2015
- Gulfport Casino is sponsoring an "Elvis Presley Sock Hop"
- Complimented the staff of Bill Ramsey Roofing who assisted in finding bicycle thieves in the Belle Vista neighborhood

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following:

- There are 15 turtle nests on the beaches in St. Pete Beach
- Dunkin' Donuts will open soon
- Requested an update on the Public Stuff application
- Fireworks will be held at Upham Beach this year
- Requested an update on Pump Station 2 located on 55th Avenue

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following:

- Participated in Fire Ops 101 and thanked the SPB Firefighters
- A craft show was held on Corey Avenue on June 7, 2015
- Volunteers for Support Our Troops (SOT) packed 36 boxes to send to troops

- Maureen Carr will provide a tour of the SOT facility to each Commissioner and assist each Commissioner with packing a box to send to troops
- Distributed free bus shelter maps from PSTA and requested Commissioner responses on where shelters/benches are needed
- The Mayors' Council speaker provided a presentation on hurricane evacuation

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

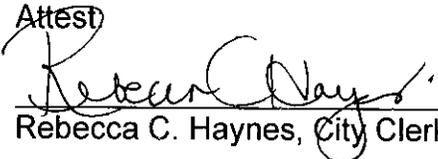
- Congratulated high school and college graduates
- Participated in Fire Ops 101 and encouraged others to participate
- Thanked the participants in regard to the stamp dedication for Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell held at the Community Center
- Hurricane preparation and the Bay News 9 application for weather alerts

City Attorney Dickman requested to add the first reading of an ordinance approving a re-plat to the June 25, 2015 Special Meeting.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Attest



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8/11/2015