

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 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
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes from the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting and October 7, 2015 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe asked for audience comments in regard to the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

5. Action Items

- a. Public Hearing for Conditional Use approval for Case 2015-0063 for a commercial dock.

Ms. Bryla, Community Development Director, introduced Item A and explained the conditional use approval was for a new dock and expansion of an existing dock at 2005 & 2007 Pass-A-Grille Way. Ms. Bryla added there were no positive or negative comments received in regard to Case 2015-0063.

Commissioner Pletcher, Mayor Lowe and Commissioner Premier disclosed their communications with the applicant, neighbors and site visits.

Jeff Churchill, ecologist and consultant for the applicant, agreed with Staff recommendations and offered to answer any questions from the City Commission.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve conditional use case 2015-0063 as proposed in support of the staff report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Mayor Lowe asked for audience comments in regard to the Public Hearing and conditional use. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Clark Sales Display, Inc. for the rental and installation of Holiday decorations for the 2015 season.

City Manager Saunders introduced Item B and requested approval of the lease agreement.

Mayor Lowe asked for any discussion in regard to the lease agreement. There was no further discussion.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Clark Sales Display, Inc. for \$34,200.00 for Holiday Decorations and Displays. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe asked for audience comments in regard to the holiday displays.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, posed questions and expressed concerns about the holiday decorations for St. Pete Beach.

Mayor Lowe asked for any further audience comments.

Joanne Melodayo, 4151 Belle Vista Drive, suggested uplighting the trees opposed to decorations on poles.

Mayor Lowe asked for any further audience comments. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

- b. Authorize the City Manager to approve a change order to the purchase agreement with Morelli Landscaping, Inc. for the Bayway Landscaping Improvements project in the amount of \$93,389.63.

City Manager Saunders introduced Item C and requested approval of the change order with Morelli Landscaping. City Manager Saunders added that the City will be reimbursed 100 percent by the Department of Transportation for these additional improvements.

There was discussion between Ian Wade, Project Manager, and the City Commission in regard to landscaping within the City and D.O.T. plan revisions and procedures.

Mayor Lowe spoke about a meeting she attended with a group called Bayway Alliance. Mayor Lowe informed the Commission that Bayway Alliance is promoting landscaping for the Bayway to appear as a neighborhood versus a highway.

Mayor Lowe asked for any questions from the City Commission. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to authorize the City Manager to approve the change order to the purchase agreement with Morelli Landscaping, Inc. for the Bayway Landscaping Improvements project in the amount of \$93,389.63. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premer.

Mayor Lowe asked for any audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, complimented the appearance of Horan Park and posed questions about the landscaping in regard to the Bayway.

Mayor Lowe asked for any further audience comments on this item. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

- c. Authorize the City Manager to generate a purchase order in the amount of \$150,000 for payment of an invoice from Bright House Networks, LLC to underground service on Pass-A-Grille Way from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue.

City Manager Saunders introduced Item D and requested approval to make the first installment payment.

Mayor Lowe asked for any questions from the City Commission. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the motion.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to authorize the City Manager to generate a purchase order in the amount of \$150,000.00 for payment of an invoice from Bright House Networks, LLC to underground service on Pass-A-Grille Way from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe asked for any audience comments. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2015-13, Amending Section 38.7 of the City Code entitled, "Election Date of Commissioners" and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney Dickman introduced Ordinance 2015-13 which amends the code to meet the criteria as established by the Supervisor of Elections.

Mayor Lowe asked for any discussion in regard to Ordinance 2015-13.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve Ordinance 2015-13 upon final reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Section 38.7 of the City of St. Pete Beach City Code entitled "Election Date of Commissioners" and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.

Mayor Lowe asked for any discussion in regard to Ordinance 2015-13. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

- b. Ordinance 2015-18, Amending Section 38.7 of the Code of Ordinances and establishing the 2016 municipal election as March 15, 2016

City Attorney Dickman introduced Ordinance 2015-18 which sets the date of March 15, 2016 as the date of the municipal election.

Mayor Lowe asked for a motion.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Ordinance 2015-18 upon final reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Section 38.7 of the City of St. Pete Beach City Code entitled "Election Date of Commissioners," specifying the date of the 2016 election and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.

Mayor Lowe asked for any audience comment in regard to Ordinance 2015-18. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

- c. Ordinance 2015-19, Amending Section 3.04 of the Code of Ordinances entitled, "Compensation and Expenses for the City Commissioners and Mayor-Commissioner"

City Manager Saunders introduced Ordinance 2015-19 which amends the compensation for the mayor and commissioners, effective after an affirmative vote by citizens. If approved, the ordinance will be placed on the ballot for the March 15, 2016 election.

Mayor Lowe asked for a motion.

Commissioner Falkenstein moved to approve Ordinance 2015-19 upon final reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, State of Florida, amending Section 3.04 of the Code of Ordinances, providing for

compensation and expenses for the City Commissioners and the Mayor-Commissioner; providing that the question be submitted as a referendum question to the electors for approval; and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe asked for any audience comment in regard to Ordinance 2015-19.

Joanne Lentino, 7010 Boca Ciega Drive, spoke about the increase of compensation for the City Commissioners and Mayor-Commissioner.

Mayor Lowe asked for any Commission comment and audience comments.

Joanne Melodayo, 4151 Belle Vista Drive, posed a question in regard to the procedure involved if District I and District III run unopposed and the cost of having a referendum on the ballot in regard to the cost of the increase of compensation for the City Commissioners and Mayor-Commissioner versus the cost of having an election.

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

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

7. Resolution

- a. Resolution No. 2015-13, confirming the 2016 municipal election date; establishing the runoff election date, if necessary; and establishing the Qualification Period for the District 1 and District 3 Commissioners

City Attorney Dickman introduced Resolution No. 2015-13. City Manager Saunders announced the Qualification Period for this election will be from 12:00/noon on Monday, December 7, 2015 through 12:00/noon on Friday, December 11, 2015.

Mayor Lowe asked for comments from the Commission. There were no comments.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-13, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, confirming the 2016 election date; establishing the date for the 2016 runoff election, if necessary; and establishing the qualification period for Commissioners in District 1 and District 3. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments. Hearing none, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote (5 yeses – 0 nos).

8. Items for Discussion - No items were submitted.

Mayor Lowe asked the Commission for any Items for Discussion to be included on a future agenda.

Commissioner Pletcher mentioned working with the City Manager in regard to a modified version of the dog and beach ordinance, a workshop in regard to moving forward with the library, and what the timeline would have to be in order to incorporate this as a referendum item for the election.

Commissioner Premer commented on having a discussion in regard to the St. Pete Beach Youth Council.

Mayor Lowe asked for the Commission's input in regard to having a presentation on the next agenda from a student of USF, St. Petersburg, to use St. Pete Beach for their community service hours to adopt a project. Mayor Lowe suggested having a mentor relationship between the College Student Council and St. Pete Beach's Youth Council. There was no objection from the Commission.

9. Audience Comments 2

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, St. Pete Beach, expressed concerns in regard to the CRA.

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

- a. Administrative Services Department Quarterly Report
- b. Recreation Department's 4th Quarter Report
- c. City Clerk's Office - 4th Quarter Report
- d. Fire Department 4th Quarter Report FY2015
- e. Community Development 4th Quarter Report
- f. Public Services 4th Quarter FY2015 Report

City Manager Saunders informed the Commission that the above-mentioned reports, a-f, were included for review and there would be no presentations.

Deputy City Clerk Murphy:

- There was no report given.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- FDOT project on Gulf Boulevard shifting to nighttime work, approximately 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015
- Library Workshop; November 4, 2015; 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Pletcher asked the Commission if Ms. Janet Harris could speak to the Commission. The Commission invited Ms. Harris to speak.

Janet Harris, 550 72nd Avenue, St. Pete Beach, spoke about increasing the hours of operation for the pool at the St. Pete Beach Community Center.

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- Discussed the time limitation allowed for Attorney Hill and Attorney Hale addressing the Commission during a future City Commission meeting
- Special Magistrate
- Chmielewski Trial

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- PSTA shelters
- Sunset celebrations
- Support Our Troops fundraisers
- Corey Avenue Sunday Market
- Concert in the Park

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Pass-A-Grille Design Guidelines
- Signage
- Dog beach ordinance
- Hours of operation for the Community Center swimming pool

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Sinkhole in St. Pete Beach
- Beach Stewardship Committee
- Swim buoys
- Gulf Boulevard construction and FDOT
- Library Workshop
- Boat Parade/Winter Festival; December 4, 2015; 6:00 p.m.
- Land Parade on Corey Avenue; December 13, 2015; 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- Powered parachutes on the beach
- Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary
- Identity theft

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- City of St. Pete Beach Fire Department Oath of Service, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Concert in the Park
- Flu shots
- Hurricane re-entry passes
- Community Center Trunk of Treat
- Hosted a Town Hall for the Homeowners' Association of District 4
- Bayway: construction of sidewalk and removal of trees
- FDOT nightshift schedule

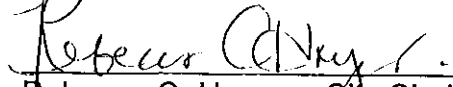
Commissioner Premier further reported on the following item:

- Halloween Street Festival at Shark Tales; October 31, 2015; 2:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-12-2016