

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner (departed at 8:35 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
John Kretzer, Interim Public Services Director

1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, commented on the following: not receiving an agenda for the meeting, the turn signal at 75th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard, the status of the Blind Pass Reconstruction Project and on the completion date of the Gulf Boulevard re-paving project.

Lorraine Huhn, Blind Pass Road, commented on the holiday lighting on Blind Pass Road.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on transient taxes and the increased number of chairs at the Pinellas County beach access site.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, commented on audience comments during a public meeting.

Mayor Lowe recessed the Commission meeting and called the CRA meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

4. Recess for Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting

- a. Authorization for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to submit to the governing authority recommendations concerning the Community Redevelopment Plan

Community Development Director, Jennifer Bryla, reported that the Planning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA), reviewed and unanimously approved the plan.

Ms. Bryla recommended the CRA continue this item to December 15, 2015 in order to incorporate comments from the LPA and Pinellas County representatives into the document. The plan will then be transmitted to the taxing authorities and the governing body if approved by the CRA.

The CRA formally cancelled the City Commission special meeting scheduled for December 17, 2015.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, expressed appreciation for responding to residents' comments. Mr. Pyle expressed concerns about the definition of "blighted areas," affordable housing and a potential increase in ad valorem taxes.

Penny Davis, Sunset Way, requested the definition of "blighted" and commented that no blighted areas exist in the City.

Jim Anderson, 41st Avenue, commented on the 1993 Master Drainage Plan, the 1998 Future Land Use and the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Report.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke about a poverty study, transparency, and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act.

Brian Edgar, 75th Avenue, discussed affordable housing in the City.

It was the consensus of the Community Redevelopment Agency to continue Item 4(a) to December 15, 2015.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the CRA Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

5. Reconvene City Commission Meeting

The City Commission Meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

6. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the November 4, 2015 Workshop and Regular City Commission meetings
- b. Request that Commission approves the ranking as presented and authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Cribb, Philbeck, Weaver Group, Inc., (CPWG) for design engineering services for the proposed Phase II (south) of the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project (from 19th Avenue to 1st Avenue)
- c. Authorize the City Manager to sign a project order agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for \$24,950.00 to perform design engineering and consulting services for Lift Station #8 rehabilitation

City Manager Saunders reviewed the Consent items and recommended approval.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Consent Items (a), (b) and (c) as presented. 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.

7. Action Items

There were no action items submitted.

8. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2015-22, First Reading and Public Hearing amending the Land Development Code for compliance with Ordinance 2015-05; Settlement Agreement

Ms. Bryla reported that the proposed ordinance is the direct result of the remedial action agreement and brings the City into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Bryla explained that the Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document for growth in the City and contains the criteria for density, intensity and land uses. The Land

Development Code implements the Comprehensive Plan and contains more detailed information such as setback requirements, height requirements, landscaping and performance criteria.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 8(a), Ordinance 2015-22, upon first reading, and to place the ordinance on the December 15, 2015 agenda for a final reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, commented on the large hotel district and how it relates to the Silver Sands Condominiums.

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

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

9. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2015-15, Appointing the Special Magistrate, Parking Citation Hearing Officer and Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer

City Attorney Andrew Dickman reviewed the process for the Request for Qualifications; review of the six applications received; and the selection of Ms. Amber Ashton with the firm of deBeaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 9(a), Resolution 2015-15, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, appointing Amber E. Ashton as the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Special Magistrate agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, requested clarification on the position and the code enforcement citation process.

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

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

10. Items for Discussion

- a. Discussion of obstructions on the public sidewalks

Vice Mayor Finnerty explained the rationale in bringing forth a discussion in regard to potential misinterpretation of the phrase, "obstruction on public sidewalks," contained in the Code of Ordinances. Vice Mayor Finnerty questioned the impression of disparity between Corey Avenue and 8th Avenue in Pass-A-Grille.

It was the consensus of the Commission to forward the item to staff and to the Planning Board for review, discussion and recommendation.

b. Bryant, Miller and Olive

City Attorney Dickman provided an update on possible malpractice by the City's former legal counsel.

11. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following item:

- The League of Women Voters is scheduled to present a Candidate Night Forum for Districts 1 and 3 in the Commission Chambers with a tentative timeframe between February 8 and February 26, 2016

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- The December 17, 2015 meeting is cancelled
- The City's Community Rating System has been adjusted to a Class 6, which allows for a 20% insurance discount for residents effective May 1, 2016

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- Working with the City Clerk's Office to provide a training class for all advisory boards on the Sunshine Law and the conduct of public meetings. The class is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016, immediately following the Planning Board meeting
- Provided an update on the Anderson and Chmielewski cases

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Work at Egan Park is progressing well
- Attended a Florida League of Cities class on Urban Administration
- The Sunset Celebration is scheduled for December 12th at Upham Beach
- PSTA shelters
- The Great American Teach-In Day is December 5th at Gulf Beaches Elementary School
- Appointed Tom DeYampert to the Board of Adjustment subsequent to the resignation of George Scribano

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Palm trees on 55th Avenue
- Possible meeting with residents of Silver Sands and employees of Pinellas County in regard to T-groin placement
- Status of ordinance addressing an updated fee schedule
- Potable water break along Gulf Winds Drive
- Identification markers along the beach

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- Clearwater and Clearwater Beach hired a private investigator to research illegal vacation rentals
- Vehicle thefts are on the rise
- The Belle Vista Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10, 2015
- The Boat Parade is Friday, December 4th, at Horan Park
- Lido Beach subdivision donated new bicycles to the Salvation Army
- An electronic marquee along the Pinellas Bayway entrance to the City
- Challenged residents of District 3 to run in the March 15, 2016 election

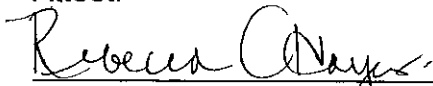
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

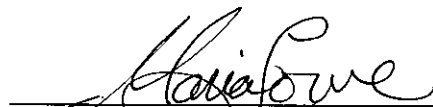
- The Great American Teach-In Day is December 5th at Gulf Beaches Elementary School
- A proclamation honoring Mr. Tom Prichard, co-owner of the Salt Rock Grill
- Boat parade at Horan Park on Friday, December 4th
- Boat parade at Merry Pier on Saturday, December 5th
- Pass-A-Grille bonfire on Thursday, December 10th
- Land parade on Sunday, December 13th
- The Florida Orchestra in Madeira Beach on December 18th

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-12-2016