

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2016**

**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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Wayne Saunders, City Manager  
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk  
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director

### **1. Presentations**

- a. Introduction of District Chief Adam Poirrier

Fire Chief Jim Kilpatrick introduced the newly hired District Chief, Adam Poirrier, and reviewed his credentials.

### **2. Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **3. Audience Comments**

Kim Caliendo, Corey Avenue, commented on the City's policy in regard to background checks for contract recreation instructors.

Harry Metz, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented on the removal of utility poles on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Sebastian Caliendo, Corey Avenue, commented on the City's policy in regard to background checks for contract recreation instructors.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isla Drive, also commented on contract employee background checks and on registered sex offenders relocating to the City.

#### **4. Consent**

- a. Approval of minutes from the regular City Commission Meetings of October 27, 2015; November 17, 2015; and December 1, 2015
- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Management Advisory Group International, Inc. to conduct a Classification and Compensation Study in the amount of \$20,000

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, reviewed the two consent agenda items and recommended approval as presented.

**Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve the Consent Items 4(a) and (b) 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.**

#### **5. Action Items**

There were no action items submitted.

#### **6. Ordinances**

There were no ordinances submitted.

#### **7. Resolutions**

- a. Resolution 2016-02, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, approving a variance request for a dock adjacent to City property

Mr. Saunders clarified that a variance can be administratively granted when adjoining private property owners have no objection; but since the City owns the property to the

north of the proposed dock, the City Commission must approve the variance request by resolution.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

John Lawrick, 8647 Boca Ciega Drive, applicant, commented that he recently purchased the property and stated that his intent is to repair the dilapidated dock and add a boat lift.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for a motion.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2016-02, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to sign a variance request form for the construction of a residential dock located at 8647 Boca Ciega Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.**

Mayor Lowe called for additional audience comments.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for a motion.

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

## **8. Items for Discussion**

There were no items for discussion submitted.

## **9. Audience Comments**

Unidentified speaker commented on potholes on Boca Ciega Drive at the intersections of Gulf Winds Drive and 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on road patches due to recycled water.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- There is a vacancy on the General Pension Board
- Congressman Jolly is holding a meeting to speak with constituents

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- A workshop to discuss the City's fee schedule is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
- A workshop sponsored by Pinellas County to discuss the City's Community Redevelopment Area Plan is scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

- St. Pete Beach Classic race is scheduled for January 16-17, 2016

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- The newly appointed Special Magistrate, Amber Ashton, held a Code Enforcement Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2016; future hearings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
- Developing a tracking method for legislative sessions and proposed bills as they move through the house and senate

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- The status of the Beach Theatre on Corey Avenue
- The status of Blind Pass Road Reconstruction Project
- The status of the transient docks adjacent to the Community Center
- Participated in a Florida League of Cities competition at Admiral Farragut Academy and St. John Vianney Catholic School
- The prohibition of attaching signs to benches along the roadways
- Vehicle parking locations at Egan Park
- The Sunset Celebration on January 9, 2016
- Volunteers distributed 90 Christmas boxes to SPB Support Our Troops

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Notice in regard to a public meeting sponsored by Post Card Inn at the Community Center on January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
- Tree pruning
- Road patches
- Daylight Savings Time
- St. Pete Beach Classic Run

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- The Legislature is in session beginning today
- Paving and milling of streets begins in Belle Vista

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Lights on Eighth Celebration
- Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project status
- Parking permits
- St. Pete Beach Classic race and the post-race activities
- Dog training at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at Vina Park with the \$20 donation benefitting Pet Pal
- Pet Pal fundraiser event – “Lola’s BarkFest” - from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Hurricane Seafood Restaurant

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

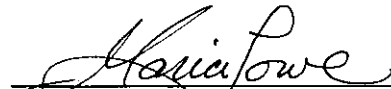
- Status on the Consent Order issued by the Department of Environmental Protection Agency and the December audit
- Participated in a Florida League of Cities competition at Admiral Farragut Academy and St. John Vianney Catholic School
- Response by City Staff and distributing information to residents in a crisis situation
- Gingerbread Contest at the Don Cesar Hotel

**11. Adjournment**

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

Attest:

  
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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
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Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/23/2016