

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**JANUARY 26, 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  
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director  
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director  
John Kretzer, Interim Public Services Director

### **1. Presentations**

- a. Robin Sollie, CEO of Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

Robin Sollie, Chief Executive Officer of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the Chamber's history and distributed newly designed brochures that contain resident, business and tourism information.

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

Mayor Lowe requested to move Item 6(a), Ordinance 2016-01, to be moved to immediately follow Item 3, Audience Comments.

### **3. Audience Comments**

John Michael, Bay Street, commented on the lack of communication related to the recent water main break.

Susan Hershman, Coquina Way, commented on the declining condition of the neighborhood near Coquina Way and the west end of Corey Avenue and provided photographs of the area.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on communication methods utilized in emergency situations and the decline of West Corey Avenue.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, commented on his concerns in regard to the proposed Community Redevelopment Area Plan.

Bill Paarlberg, 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented on statistics when a neighborhood allows adult entertainment businesses.

### **6. Ordinances**

- a. Ordinance 2016-01, First Reading and Public Hearing amending the Code of Ordinances regarding dogs on the sand beach.

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, reviewed the history of allowing dogs in certain areas of the sandy beaches. The proposed ordinance addresses the concerns of residents who support allowing leashed dogs on the sand area abutting the Intracoastal waterway between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2016-01, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County Florida, providing for amendment of Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-35, of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances; Chapter 58, Article II, Section 58-25(c), pertaining to dogs on sand beaches; changing the Code of Ordinances to provide for dogs on sand beaches, or beach access; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.**

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in support of allowing dogs at Upham Beach.

Danielle Micklitsch, Vina del Mar, spoke in support of allowing dogs along the Intracoastal and offered compromises that will allow dogs on the beach, with guidelines to respect neighbors.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, spoke in opposition to dogs on any beach.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the specified area of beach.

Sandra Dougherty, Point Pass-A-Grille Condominiums, spoke in opposition to dogs on any beach.

Rick Lorenzo, 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the beach.

Debbie Sirca, Island's End, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the beach.

Melanie Shelton, Island's End, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the beach.

Jay Anderson, Pass-A-Grille Way, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the beach.

Rosemary Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, spoke in opposition to allowing dogs on the beach.

David Kramer, Pass-A-Grille Way, spoke in opposition to allowing dogs on the beach.

Chris Smith, 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke in support of allowing dogs on the beach and thanked the Commission for reaching a compromise.

City Commission directed staff to amend the language to include hours of operation to be set by the City Manager.

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to amend the motion to include the following language, "administrative decision to set the appropriate hours of operation." The amendment was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.**

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

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

#### **4. Consent**

- a. Approval of minutes from the City Commission Meeting held December 15, 2015.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal with Gulf Coast Custom Cable for \$17,634.00 for the relocation and installation of fiber optic cable.
- c. Authorization to approve a special event application request for road closure on Gulf Way between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue on October 15, 2016 for the Brass Monkey.

- d. Authorization for the City Manager to purchase a 2016 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck in the amount of \$17,486.95 from Alan Jay Nissan that will replace a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup truck assigned to Parking Enforcement
- e. Authorization for the City Manager to execute an agreement with Burton & Associates for an Impact Fee Feasibility Analysis and Wastewater Connection Fee Update in the amount of \$11,255.00
- f. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a unit price purchasing agreement with Certus Builders, Inc. for concrete sidewalk and curb replacement
- g. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

City Manager Saunders reviewed the Consent Items and recommended approval as presented.

**Commissioner Premer moved to approve the Consent Items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

## **5. Action Items**

Mr. Saunders noted that Items 5(a) and 5(b) work in concert with each other to provide recreational and financial basics in facility, registration and pass management for the Recreation Department.

- a. Authorization for the City Manager to purchase Vermont System Recreation Software for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$33,075.00

Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director, explained that most transactions are currently with cash, and the new system will provide for an improved verification system. The internet software program will provide the ability for participants to register on-line for recreation programs.

**Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(a), to authorize the City Manager to purchase recreation software for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$33,075.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

- b. Authorization for the City Manager to purchase WebTrac Real-Time Internet Software for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$14,813.00

**Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize the City Manager to purchase WebTrac Real-Time Internet Software for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$14,813.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being 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 enter into a purchasing agreement with Avocette/Acella in the amount of \$52,328.00 for permitting software and implementation for the Community Development Department

Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director, explained that the software will allow for field access and provide on-line permit and inspection status to the public, staff and contractors. The program will also provide for future merging with Pinellas County for mapping data.

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(c), to authorize the City Manager to generate a purchasing agreement with Avocette/Acella in the amount of \$52,328.00 for permitting software and implementation for the Community Development Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being 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 enter into agreement with USA Voltage, LLC, for \$211,200.00 to provide underground utility service connections for the Pass-A-Grille Way North reconstruction project

City Manager Saunders reported that lateral connections to each residential and commercial property along the Pass-A-Grille Way North Reconstruction Project are included in the scope of services for the undergrounding of overhead utility lines. The service was solicited directly to reduce the overall cost of the project and resulted in a savings of over \$600,000.00.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(d), to authorize the City Manager to generate a purchase order for USA Voltage, LLC, for \$211,200.00 to provide underground utility service connections for the Pass-A-Grille Way North Reconstruction Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

- e. Boating Infrastructure Grant - Community Center Dock Project

Mr. Saunders explained that the proposed marina project was to be located next to the Community Center for twelve floating docks with a permanent boardwalk along the seawall. The original estimated project cost in 2011 was \$293,000.00 and is currently estimated at \$670,000.00 with \$219,750.00 in grant money.

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to reject Item 5(e), the Boating Infrastructure grant award of \$219,750.00 from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Community Center Dock Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition of the project without a business plan.

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

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

f. Review of City Attorney Retainer Agreement

City Manager Saunders reviewed the terms of the proposed agreement and the current hourly rate.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(f), that the City Attorney retainer agreement be modified to provide for an hourly rate of \$205.00 per hour, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the revised retainer agreement with an effective date of February 1, 2016, and to include an additional \$5,000.00 bonus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Rosemary Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, requested clarification on whether or not the increase and additional bonus were included in the current budget.

Mayor Lowe responded that the bonus will be paid through the Commission's discretionary fund. City Manager Saunders responded that the hourly increase will be paid through legal fees.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of the increase.

There being no additional audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

**6. Ordinances**

- b. Ordinance 2016-02, First Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for a supplemental appropriation to the General, Wastewater, Reclaimed, Stormwater and Capital Improvement Funds for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2016; providing for funding; and providing for an effective date

Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director, noted the total budget adjustment is \$21,853,675.00 and includes outstanding encumbrances; settlement costs; Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project consultant; bond monies; and adjustments to the Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2016-02, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, providing for a supplemental appropriation to the General, Wastewater, Reclaimed, Stormwater and Capital Improvement Funds for Fiscal Year**

**ending September 30, 2016; providing for funding; providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

**7. Resolutions**

There were no resolutions presented.

**8. Items for Discussion**

There were no items for discussion presented.

**9. Audience Comments**

Rosemary Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, commented on the services provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Unidentified speaker commented on services provided by the City Attorney, pavement at the intersection at Gulf Winds Drive and stargazing on February 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library parking lot.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- The Candidate Forum Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at City Hall; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the forum begins at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Communication related to the water main break
- Overnight construction on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project, Phase I
- Consent Order update from the Department of Environmental Protection
- Background checks on contract employees

City Attorney Dickman:

- There was no report submitted

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- The 2016 parking permit process

- Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project community meetings held at the Warren Webster Community Center on the first and third Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
- Lola's BarkFest is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Hurricane Restaurant from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Premer reported on the following items:

- Belle Vista neighborhood paving project
- Vehicle thefts
- Parking lot along Gulf Boulevard
- House Bill in regard to guns on college campus
- Suncoast League of Cities meeting at the Armed Forces Museum
- St. Pete Beach Classic volunteer appreciation event
- The sound system at the Community Center

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- A community meeting sponsored by Post Card Inn held January 20, 2016
- Gulf Boulevard flooding south of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Register to receive newsletters and SPBConnect updates

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Ribbon-cutting ceremonies
- PSTA bus shelter installation in front of the American Legions building and possible relocation of the sign
- Concert at the Community Center on Sunday, January 31, 2016
- Status of Egan Park upgrades
- Horan Park holiday decorations remaining up all year
- St. Pete Beach Classic
- Paving on Corey Avenue west to Gulf Boulevard

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- Ribbon-cutting ceremonies
- Lights on Eighth celebration
- St. Pete Beach Classic race
- Outreach Program volunteers

**11. Adjournment**

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

Attest:

  
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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
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Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3/08/2016