

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 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
Mike Clarke, Public Services Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Presentations

- a. Introduction of Public Services Director – Mike Clarke

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, introduced Mike Clarke who recently began employment with the City as the Public Services Director.

- b. Proclamation – Future Cadet Patrick Prior

Mayor Lowe introduced Patrick Prior, future cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2020. The military liaison from Congressman Jolly's Office was

present to extend congratulations and deliver a message on behalf of the Congressman.

Patrick introduced his family and Mayor Lowe read the proclamation.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

Harry Metz, Pass-a-Grille Way, reported on the electrical poles along 6th Avenue and requested an update on the water condition at 7217 Gulf Boulevard.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on combining materials from recycle bins with regular trash bins.

Carol Swift, 55th Avenue, commented on Item 6(a) and was informed that the opportunity to speak will be later in the meeting when the item is addressed.

4. Consent

There were no consent items presented.

5. Action Items

- a. Consideration to Change a Commission Meeting Date to Reflect Official Election Results.

City Clerk Rebecca Haynes reported that the Commission meeting on March 22nd does not allow sufficient time to receive the March 15, 2016 official elections results from the Canvassing Board and, therefore, will need to be rescheduled.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition to waiting until the April 12th meeting to install the newly elected commissioners.

Ward Friszolowski, Belle Vista Drive East, spoke in support of the compromise date of April 5th to install the newly elected commissioners.

Subsequent to discussion, it was the consensus of the City Commission to schedule meetings as follows:

- March 22, 2016 is rescheduled to March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Commission will provide a State of the City address
- A special meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to install the newly elected commissioners and to honor advisory board members

- The regular April meetings will remain as April 12th and 26th, 2016

Commissioner Premer moved to approve Item 5(a), to reschedule the March 22, 2016 City Commission meeting to March 10, 2016; to set April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. as an installation meeting; and to retain April 12, 2016 as regular meeting date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for additional audience comments.

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

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

- b. Authorization to approve a city co-sponsorship request for Sunset Festival at Upham Beach on the second Saturday of each month.

Following a discussion, the applicant, Mr. Tom DeYampert, withdrew the application for the co-sponsorship request.

6. Ordinances

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

Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director, reviewed the recent events that lead to the prohibition of dogs on all sandy beach areas. Ms. Bryla explained that the proposed ordinance offers a compromise for a dog beach along the Intracoastal area adjacent to Pass-a-Grille Way between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue with restrictions.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2016-01, upon final 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 Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

The following audience members spoke in opposition to the ordinance:

David Kramer, Pass-a-Grille Way
Penny Davis, Sunset Way

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way
Tom O'Connell, 55th Avenue

The following audience members spoke in support to the ordinance:

Lenore Callahan, Lido Drive
Lisa Sharez, 22nd Avenue
Danielle Micklitsch, West Vina Del Mar
Rich Lorenzo, 22nd Avenue
Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive

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

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

- b. Ordinance 2016-02, Final 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 fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; providing for funding and providing for an effective date.

Administrative Services Director Elaine Edmunds reported that the ordinance brings forth the encumbrances from the previous fiscal year. Encumbrances include purchase orders that were opened but not paid and/or projects that were budgeted but not begun or completed, for a total amount of \$21,853,675.00.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2016-02, upon final 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.

Hearing 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 submitted.

8. Items for Discussion

Commissioner Falkenstein requested information and a future discussion in regard to self-pruning palm trees throughout the City.

Commissioner Premer requested to schedule a future discussion in regard to improving the Christmas decorations and presented background information he researched.

Mayor Lowe requested a resolution in regard to an approval process for events outside of the budget cycle.

9. Audience Comments

Unidentified speaker invited the community to view an astronomy event on the south sidewalk near the Library on Monday, February 15, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Janet Paarlberg, no address provided, commented on assisting with funding for the Sunset Festival.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- Suncoast League of Cities will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at the Community Center on Friday, March 18, 2016
- Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office has mailed out over 206,000 absentee ballots for the March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary – Municipal Election
- The Pinellas County Property Appraiser candidates will attend the 5:30 p.m. meeting on February 23, 2016 to speak about their candidacy and qualifications

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Requested to schedule a workshop on February 23rd at 4:00 p.m. to hear presentations by the top three firms selected in regard to the library proposals
- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners will meet in a workshop setting on February 16, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.; representatives from the City will be in attendance to speak on the City's proposed CRA plan
- The fiber network relocation at the former police station site will be conducted throughout the following week; the Fire Department will use the building for training prior to demolition

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- February 16th is the last day to register to vote in the March 15, 2016 election
- St. Pete Beach resident is a candidate on the county school board
- Response time by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Reminder to lock vehicles and garage doors

Commissioner Premer reported on the following items:

- Reminder to shop and dine local for Valentine's Day
- Tampa Bay Lighting Watch Celebration will be March 26th on the beach at the Tradewinds Hotel

- Reminder to lock vehicles and garage doors

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- A ribbon cutting at Fidelity National Title
- The Mayors' Council monthly meeting
- The Sunday Market
- The American Legion bus stop shelter
- The passing of a former employee
- Correspondence from St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops recipient

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- The BarkFest Saturday, February 13th, at the Hurricane Restaurant
- Buoys in Pass-a-Grille Channel

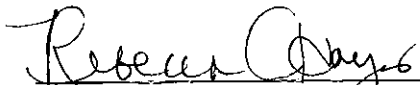
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

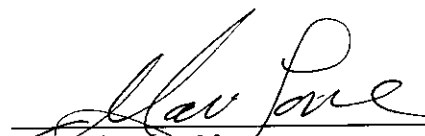
- A ribbon cutting at the re-opening of a real estate company
- Appropriation requests submitted to the State in regard to Blind Pass Road and Pass-a-Grille Way Reconstruction Projects
- Tourist Development Tax in regard to EMS funding

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 4-12-2016