

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:07 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
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

1. State of the City Report

a. District Commissioners' Reports

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following District 1 developments and future accomplishments:

- West Corey Avenue
- Blind Pass Road
- Gulf Boulevard stormwater issues
- Revenue Bonds
- Egan Park Improvements
- Demolition of former police building
- Library renovation and design services
- Outdoor drinking and dining
- Sunset Festival celebrations
- McKenney Park

- Repaving of 75th Avenue
- Horan Park evening lights
- Gulf Beaches Elementary School Advisory Board
- Timing of lights at 75th Avenue and Boca Ciega Drive
- Expansion of bicycle lane along Gulf Boulevard
- Correct signage at the intersection of 75th Avenue
- Installation of speed signs near elementary school
- Grand openings of numerous new businesses
- Construction of new library
- Corey Avenue-Gulf Boulevard-75th Avenue development project
- Community Redevelopment Plan
- Beach Theater
- Design of art district at Boca Ciega Drive and Blind Pass Road

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following District 2 developments and future accomplishments:

- Pump Station at 55th Avenue
- Bahia Shore seawall
- Mary Lou Park
- Flag pole installation
- Improved beach conditions in regard to crowds, litter and safety
- SPB Connect reporting system
- T-Groins and renourishment at Upham Beach
- Comprehensive Plan and related lawsuits
- PCI redevelopment

Commissioner Premer reported on the following District 3 developments and future accomplishments:

- Represents a district with 18 hotels
- Lazarillo Park upgraded and tennis court resurfaced
- Belle Vista neighborhood and Gulf Boulevard area repaved
- Seawall replacement in Don Cesar Place neighborhood
- Resolution of Sirata Beach Resort parking lot
- Resolution of Comprehensive Plan
- Gulf Beaches Elementary School
- Increased hospitality business

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following District 4 developments and future accomplishments:

- Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project
- Historical district design services
- Dune walkover grants, replacement and improvements
- Pass-A-Grille channel
- Increased fees for weddings on the beach and parking spaces

- Dog Beach resolution
- Community Rating Service increased
- Warren Webster Community Center rehabilitation
- Jetty repair and/or replacement
- Alleyways re-shelled
- Vina del Mar bridge and Vina del Mar Park
- Pass-a-Grille Park
- 8th Avenue businesses

b. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lowe reported on the following City-wide developments and future accomplishments:

- Safe and healthy community for residents
- Original priorities and current priorities
- Public safety to include bicycles & pedestrians
- City Staff
- New insurance program for staff
- Inaugural ceremony for firefighters
- Quality of Life
- Revenue sources
- Future development
- Environmental beautification
- Infrastructure

Mark Landry, Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of the Commission's accomplishments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, spoke in support of the current leadership.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/24/16