

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING - SPECIAL**

## **MINUTES**

**APRIL 22, 2016**

**9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**PRESENT:**

Maria Lowe, Mayor  
Rick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor  
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner  
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner  
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Wayne Saunders, City Manager  
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney  
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Consideration and decision on Request to the Board of County Commissioners for the approval of the City of St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Area Plan (CRA) and Tax increment Financing (TIF)**

City Manager Saunders gave a summary of the previous actions taken by the City Commission in regard to the Community Redevelopment Area Plan and Tax Increment Financing. City Manager Saunders stated that the Commission's decision today would be whether to move forward at this time with the items that are on the Board of County Commissioners' agenda.

At this time there was a general discussion among the Commission in regard to the CRA and TIF.

**Vice Mayor Falkenstein made a motion to withdraw the City's request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of the CRA and TIF until a later date, to be confirmed with the City and County Commissioners, to represent. Commissioner Pletcher seconded the motion.**

At this time, Commissioner Friszolowski interjected and stated that he would like to have a time period included in the motion. City Manager Saunders commented he would hesitate to include a specific time frame. Commissioner Friszolowski suggested a date certain of October.

At this time Vice Mayor Falkenstein amended his previous motion as follows:

**Vice Mayor Falkenstein made a motion to withdraw the City's request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of the CRA and TIF and to address no later than October 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.**

Mayor Lowe asked for audience comments at this time.

Bill Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach, speaking as a citizen, spoke in regard to the following: congratulated Mayor Lowe for her efforts of obtaining increased funding for St. Pete Beach, County funding or contributing to St. Pete Beach's sewer system, CRA's, blighted areas, the current library providing the possibility of a parking garage, Upham beach and the groins, Florida legislature, tourism and the development of St. Pete Beach.

Tom Rogers, President of Corey Avenue Business Association, spoke in support of the Commission working with the County in regard to the CRA, zoning, and incentives for developers.

Marvin Shavlan, 403 Gulf Way, thanked the Commission for their continued pursuit of the CRA.

Commissioner Friszolowski asked the City Manager to research the following: downtown St. Petersburg has a number of CRA's, and the new pier is being funded by TIF funding.

Mayor Lowe asked for further audience comments. There were no audience comments.

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

**The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote. (5 yeses – 0 nos).**

Mayor Lowe made two public service announcements in regard to the following:

- Robotics Team:
  - Robofest's World Championship in Detroit on May 13, 2016 through May 14, 2016

- City of St. Pete Beach will be hosting next year's World Championship Competition
- The Pinellas County Board of Commissioners 2016 Community Conversation

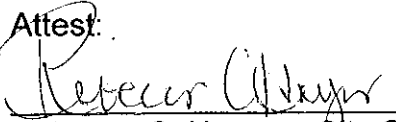
Commissioner Friszolowski commented on informing the public in regard to the road construction for Gulf Boulevard on Monday, April 25, 2016. City Manager Saunders replied that there will be information posted in the newsletter and on the website.

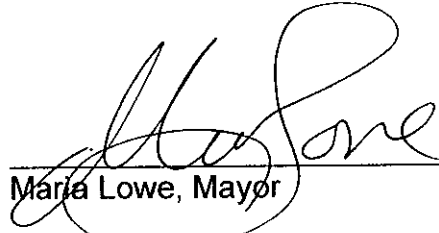
Vice Mayor Falkenstein asked City Manager Saunders to provide a link on the City website for the video of the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board Preservation Summit on April 20, 2016.

## 2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Attest:

  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 6-28-2016