

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 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
Rick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, 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
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Presentations

- a. Presentation - Legislative Report by Representative Kathleen Peters

2. Changes to the Agenda

It was the consensus of the Commission to move all Consent Items under Action Items.

3. Audience Comments

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, spoke in support of work throughout the City that has been recently accomplished.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, commented on the traffic pattern along Gulf Boulevard from the Bayway and crosswalk safety at 1st Avenue and 8th Avenue.

Tony Napolitano, Maritana Condominium Association, spoke about the proposed installation of a sidewalk in the right-of-way along Pass-A-Grille Way. City Commission requested Mr. Napolitano to speak with City Manager Wayne Saunders for resolution.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on Representative Peters attending the Commission meeting. Ms. Schechner requested consideration of a water fountain and bathroom at Lido Park.

4. Consent

Items moved to Action Items.

5. Action Items

- a. Authorization to approve special event application and street closure for the St. Pete Beach 5K Series scheduled for June 24, July 22, and August 19, 2016. The street closures would be 9th Avenue from Gulf Way to Pass-a-Grille Way from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein noted he will abstain from discussing and voting on Item 5 (a) as the event may impact a family business located in the vicinity.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(a), to approve the special event application and street closure for the St. Pete Beach 5K Series scheduled for June 24, July 22 and August 19, 2016; with road closure on 9th Avenue from Gulf Way to Pass-a-Grille Way, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

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

The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 4-0 with Vice Mayor Falkenstein abstaining.

- b. Authorize the City Manager to approve a change order to the purchase agreement with Nelson Construction for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$17,712.96

Change Order #5 results from an undisclosed water main that runs along the seawall at the east end of Cabrillo Avenue.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 5 to the purchase agreement with Nelson Construction for the Pass-a-Grille Way Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$17,712.96. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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.

- c. Approval of retaining special counsel - Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. to assist the City on pension issues on an "as needed" basis.

It was the consensus of the Commission to remove Item 5(c) for additional discussion with staff and return with an updated report.

- d. Approval to retain special counsel - Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. – for professional malpractice action against the law firm of Bryant, Miller & Olive, P.A.

City Attorney Andrew Dickman requested Item 5(d) be continued to the first meeting in May to allow Mr. James Rolfes, Esq., to attend and represent Dickinson & Gibbons.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to continue Item 5(d), approval to retain special counsel, Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A., for professional malpractice against the law firm of Bryant, Miller & Olive, P.A., to date certain of May 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Road, commented on proceeding with caution in regard to increasing legal expenses.

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

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

- e. Authorization for the City Manager to sign the Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotechnico for the 4th of July fireworks in the amount of \$25,000.00.

City Manager Wayne Saunders explained that the fireworks will be held at Upham Beach on July 4, 2016.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein moved to approve Item 5(e), to authorize the City Manager to sign the Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotechnico for the 4th of July fireworks in the amount of \$25,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on donations from City businesses and residents for a barge for the fireworks display.

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

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

- f. Authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from Certus Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$53,830.50 for concrete sidewalk and curb replacement.

City Manager Saunders noted that the sidewalks are inspected for trip hazards and damaged curbs to establish the priority list for replacement.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(f), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a unit price purchasing agreement with Certus Builders, Inc. for concrete sidewalk and replacement. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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.

6. Ordinances

There were no ordinances submitted for consideration.

7. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2016-06: a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach declaring surplus certain City-owned office furniture and equipment and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of same in the manner required by law.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2016-06, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida declaring as surplus certain City-owned office furniture and equipment and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of said assets in the manner required by law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner 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.

8. Items for Discussion

Vice Mayor Falkenstein requested additional consideration on the proposed fee schedule in regard to parking meter fees and a future discussion in regard to the utilization of Blind Pass Road as a feeder road to the Bayway.

Commissioner Friszolowski requested future discussion in regard to the Florida Department of Transportation's long-term strategy for Corey Avenue Bridge.

Mayor Lowe requested to schedule the top essay winners from Admiral Farragut Academy and St. John Vianney School to attend the May Commission meetings.

9. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, commented on the increased number of beach weddings and the related traffic and parking problems, and requested information on the fees charged by the City to hold the events.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition to a parking garage at the Pinellas County park location and on the County safety ratings for bridges.

Unidentified speaker commented on bridge safety and future astrological sightings.

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

City Clerk did not have a report.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following item:

- Emergency plan and evacuation training

Vice Mayor Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Former Fire Inspector Ernie Hand
- Community Meeting held at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort
- Restricting wedding photographers from walking in the sea oats
- Odor emanating from the pump station located on 55th Avenue

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following items:

- Belle Vista neighborhood picnic at Bill Corrotto Park on May 7th at 4:00 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Lighting team

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Academy of Performing Arts grand opening on April 30, 2016
- Mastry's Brewery opening on May 1, 2016
- Status of the Beach Theatre
- Meeting on April 29th with Cultural Arts Director of St. Pete and Bradenton
- Meeting on April 29th in regard to organizing beach clean-up groups

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- "Lights on Eighth" celebration on May 7, 2016
- Turtle Trackers are busy checking for nests along the beaches
- Residents moving a house from El Centro to Maritana

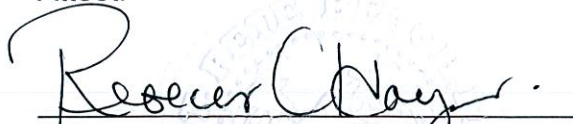
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- Grand opening of the Cobb Theatre
- Community meeting with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office scheduled for May 25, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center
- Sports Fest held on Saturday, April 23, 2016
- Decision by Pinellas County Administrator in regard to the City's proposed CRA
- "Clean the Corner" campaign for June and July

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/24/16