

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 24, 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
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Mike Clarke, Public Services Director (entered the meeting at 6:17 p.m.)
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief
Kelly Intzes, Fire Marshall
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

Vice Mayor Falkenstein suggested adding a discussion, among Commissioners and City Staff, during Presentations in regard to past events with a time limit of five minutes for each person. Mayor Lowe suggested adding the discussion during Changes to the Agenda, and City Manager Saunders agreed.

1. Presentations

- a. Presentation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

Brad Miller, PSTA Chief Executive Officer, gave a presentation to the City Commission and reviewed documents entitled: "PSTA Moving Forward" and "Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit." Mark Deighton, PSTA Representative, Redington Beach City Commissioner, and PSTA Chief Operating Officer, James Bradford, accompanied Mr. Miller.

b. Presentation by Barton & Associates on Impact Fee Feasibility Study and Wastewater Connection Fee Study

City Manager Saunders stated that Barton & Associates reviewed typical fees that cities assess for impacts and prepared an update on the sewer connection fees. Andrew Burnham, Senior Vice President, presented the results of the Impact Fee Feasibility Study and the Wastewater Connection Fee Study performed by Barton & Associates.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Mayor Lowe asked the Commission to approve discussing the following topics:

- Rapper Forgiato Blow's float party
- Public Information Officer
- set goals for the future and present a direction for the City Manager and City Attorney

It was the consensus of the City Commission to discuss the above-mentioned topics, and a general discussion ensued among the Commission.

Mayor Lowe asked the City Commission to relieve her of the duty of being the PIO and asked the Commission to transfer the duty of PIO to the City Manager.

Chairman Friszolowski agreed but requested to review the document where Mayor Lowe was voted PIO. Mayor Lowe stated that it was not a vote but that she was assigned the task of being PIO approximately a year ago.

City Manager Saunders gave a summary in regard to Forgiato Blow's float party and complimented the Sheriff's Department, Public Services Department, Fire Department and the Coast Guard for their involvement and presence.

Mayor Lowe requested an ordinance be prepared and protocol put in place for responding to social media events and for the City Attorney to investigate issuing a Notice of Violation for Rapper Forgiato Blow's float party. Vice Mayor Falkenstein added that he would also like to obtain the Sheriff's opinion, in addition to City Staff's opinion, in regard to social media events. The City Commission agreed to Mayor Lowe's request.

City Manager Saunders requested to remove Consent Item 4.b. and Action Item 5.a.

3. Audience Comments

Neal Blackburn, 107 17th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, submitted a petition with 51 signatures and spoke in opposition to the Pass-A-Grille Community Church renting out parking spaces on Church property to the public.

Rick LaPierre, 1700 Pass-A-Grille Way, President of Gulf Way Pass-A-Grille Condominium Association, spoke in opposition to the Pass-A-Grille Community Church renting out parking spaces to the public.

Eileen Guenther, 111 10th Avenue, spoke about the changes to 10th Avenue regarding residential D permit parking to diagonal public parking and future changes to Pass-A-Grille Park.

Robert Rohlman, 401 Gulf Way, Castle Hotel, spoke in opposition to beach weddings being held in Pass-A-Grille.

Richard Villa, 6412 1st Palm Point, spoke negatively in regard to Mayor Lowe's response to Rapper Forgiato Blow's float party; spoke positively in regard to Chairman Friszolowski's return to the City Commission and hiring a person to be the Public Information Officer for the City.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, St. Pete Beach, spoke in regard to the following: voted best beach with several agencies and magazines, moment of silence on Memorial Day, and Corey Avenue Bridge.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of the following City Commission minutes: March 8, 2016 Workshop and Regular meetings; March 10, 2016 Regular Meeting; April 5, 2016 Special Meeting; April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

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

- b. ~~Approve the ranking and authorize the City Manager to enter into continuing services contract with JAM Construction as the Property Maintenance Contractor for the City for code enforcement abatement~~ **Deleted**

Consent Agenda Item 4.b. was removed from the agenda during No. 2, "Changes to the Agenda."

5. Action Items

- a. ~~Request by Maritana Court Condominium Association, 3390 West Maritana Drive, to change the sidewalk alignment on Pass-A-Grille Way adjacent to their complex~~ **Deleted**

Action Item 5.a. was removed from the agenda during No. 2, "Changes to the Agenda."

- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Purchasing Agreement with Buccaneer Landscape Management in the amount of \$103,480.00 for Landscaping Maintenance of District 1

Commissioner Finnerty moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Purchasing Agreement with Buccaneer Landscape Management in the amount of \$103,480.00 for Landscaping Maintenance of District 1. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

Hearing 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 Green Expectations Landscaping in the amount of \$104,016.00 for Landscaping Maintenance of District 2, 3, and 4

Commissioner Pletcher moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Purchasing Agreement with Green Expectations Landscaping in the amount of \$104,016.00 for Landscaping Maintenance of District 2, 3, and 4. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

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

- d. Appointment of the Board of Adjustment

Vice Mayor Falkenstein made the appointment of Mr. Michael Bomar to the Board of Adjustment.

6. Ordinances

- a. First reading of Ordinance No. 2016-12 amending St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees

City Manager Saunders reviewed the following changes with the City Commission:

- added a Credit Card Convenience Fee

- changed range of costs for mailing of letters to time & materials, add a section for Unauthorized Event Fee that will be three times the normal event fee cost plus any direct costs associated with the event
- proposing to not change the Resident and Non-resident daily use (visitor) fees for multi-facilities
- one-day permits for operators of commercial watersports businesses at Merry Pier will be \$3.00 as stated in the contract
- added the new C parking permits

Commissioner Pletcher suggested the following:

- fireworks permit: increase the cost of \$150 to \$200
- wedding fees: increase the cost of \$20 to \$150 for residents and \$250 for non-residents
- parking meters: increase the cost in Pass-A-Grille's Historic District to \$4

In regard to any changes being made to the fee schedule, City Manager Saunders suggested there be one motion per change as to what is in the agenda packet and a final motion to adopt as amended.

Commissioner Pletcher made a motion to increase the non-resident wedding permit fee to \$250. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

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

Commissioner Pletcher made a motion to increase the parking meter fee for the Pass-A-Grille Historic District to \$3 an hour.

The above-mentioned motion made by Commissioner Pletcher died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Finnerty made a motion to delete the parking meter rates, per 15 minutes, at 25 cents from Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles, Parking Permits. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

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

It was the consensus of the City Commission to revisit the item of parking meter rates for coin operated parking meters at \$2 per hour at a later date.

Ms. Edmunds, Administrative Services Director, suggested deleting nonresident parking passes for \$125.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein moved to delete nonresident parking pass at \$125. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

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

The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote, (3 yeses, Vice Mayor Falkenstein, Chairman Friszolowski, Commissioner Pletcher - 2 nos, Commissioner Finnerty, Mayor Lowe).

At this time Commissioner Pletcher withdrew her fireworks permit suggestion.

Mayor Lowe asked the Commission to discuss the special event fees, and Ms. McMahon, Recreation Director, reviewed the special event procedures with the City Commission.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Ordinance 2016-12, upon first reading amending St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

There were no items for discussion submitted.

9. Audience Comments 2

An unidentified speaker thanked Mayor Lowe for her management of the situation with Rapper Forgiato Blow's float party.

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

Deputy City Clerk Murphy did not submit a report.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following item:

- Schedule a workshop for a presentation of the Pass-A-Grille project at 4:30 p.m. on 6/14/16

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Academy of Performance Arts: attended the ribbon cutting
- Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School: appreciation breakfast for volunteers and adding two crossing guards next year at Blind Pass Road and 85th Avenue and Blind Pass Road and 84th Avenue
- American Legion Post 305, Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach: Ceremony on Memorial Day
- Stephen Yurcaba, Information Technology Specialist II: special thanks for repairing the computer at the American Legion
- length of City Commission meetings: requested Mayor Lowe to control the meetings in term of time

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Pass-A-Grille: shortening the length of trucks
- Code enforcement issues

Vice Mayor Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Last day of school, June 7, 2016: be alert for children playing
- Spoke with J.J. Taylor and Great Bay Distributors in regard to deliveries

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following item:

- Wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- Memorial Day video: American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)
- Husband selected as the Deputy Director of the ABMC and relocating to Paris by the end of the year

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Domonick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor

Minutes approved on: 7-12-2016