

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schechner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Deborah Schechner, Mayor
Rick Falkenstein, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Mike Clarke, Public Services Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2016-17, First Reading and Public Hearing; adopting the millage rate for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017

City Manager Wayne Saunders explained that the proposed budget maintains the current millage rate of 3.15 mills, which will generate an estimated \$7.7 million in property tax revenue.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 1(a), Ordinance 2016-17, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, adopting a final millage rate for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2017;

providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

The ordinance was read in its entirety.

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

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

- b. Ordinance 2016-18, First Reading and Public Hearing; establishing the budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Mr. Saunders reported that the proposed ordinance adopts the FY 2017 budget totaling \$53,237,097.00. The General Fund, Wastewater Fund, Reclaimed Water Fund, Stormwater Fund and Capital Improvement Program are included.

After Commission discussion, it was the consensus to move the \$100,000 allocated for the Fire Department rescue boat to the Stormwater Fund for sewer improvements.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 1(b), Ordinance 2016-18, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, providing appropriations; providing for an effective date, with the change to move \$100,000 that was allocated towards the water rescue vessel to the Stormwater Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

John Childers, Blind Pass Road, commented on library and stormwater funding, underfunded pension plans, and infrastructure repairs.

An unidentified speaker discussed water rescue situations.

Sharon Ritchie, Blind Pass Road, spoke about the sewer system and tanker trucks dumping into the Intracoastal Waterway.

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

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

- c. Ordinance 2016-16, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for an amendment of Appendix A – Fee Schedule, implementing an 8.25% increase in wastewater fees.

Mr. Saunders noted the first reading and public hearing for the proposed ordinance will increase the wastewater fees by 8.25% based upon the consultant's report on current fees and future funding. The proposed rate increase is the second year of a three-year structured, incremental increase.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 1(c), Ordinance 2016-16, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, providing for an amendment of Appendix A – Fee Schedule, of the Code of Ordinances, implementing an 8.25% increase in wastewater fees; providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

An unidentified speaker commented on the St. Petersburg water treatment facilities.

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

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

2. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2016-11, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach relating to the provisions of stormwater management services, imposing stormwater service assessments, approving that stormwater assessment rolls be certified

The City Manager explained the proposed resolution adjusts the stormwater assessment listed on the annual property tax bill and is based upon a five-year plan recommended by the City's consultant.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 2(a), Resolution 2016-11, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, relating to the provision of stormwater management services provided by the City's stormwater system; imposing stormwater service assessments against assessed property located in the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016; approving the stormwater service assessment rolls; directing that the stormwater service assessment rolls be certified to the Pinellas County Tax Collector; and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

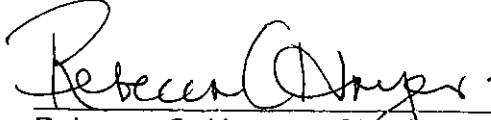
Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Schechner called for the vote.

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

3. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Deborah Schechner, Mayor

Minutes approved on. 10/11/2016