

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Mike Clarke, Public Services Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Presentations

- a. Cookie Kennedy, Representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Item 1(a) was continued to the October 11, 2016 meeting.

2. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Saunders requested to withdraw Items 6(e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) at the applicant's request and to continue Item 7(a) to the next meeting.

3. Audience Comments

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, commented on infrastructure studies in connection with a project proposed by The Tradewinds called "Sugar Sands."

Doug Izzo, Chamber of Commerce, commented that he attended the Pinellas County Delegation Meeting in regard to stormwater overflow.

4. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2016-17, final reading and public hearing, 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 funding and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Saunders commented that the final reading of Ordinance 2016-17 will establish the millage rate of 3.1500 for Fiscal Year 2017.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 4(a), Ordinance 2016-17, upon final 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 CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. That a millage levy of 3.1500 general and operative levy is hereby fixed and adopted for the fiscal year of the City ending on September 30, 2017 and shall be placed upon the total taxable assessed valuation of property of any kind liable for and subject to taxation by the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, including real and personal property, lying within the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Section 2. Said monies as raised by the levy of 3.1500 mills, estimated at \$7,762,445 shall be used for the general operation of the City of St. Pete Beach including, but not limited to, salaries, insurance and energy costs and transfers for capital projects for the aforementioned fiscal period.

Section 3. The fiscal year 2017 operating millage rate of 3.1500 mills is higher than the rolled-back rate of 2.9416 mills by 7.08%.

Section 4. That a certified copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Property Appraiser of Pinellas County, Florida, together with a request that the aforementioned levies be made by her office on behalf of the City of St. Pete Beach for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage.

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Road, commented on redevelopment, pension plan negotiations, commission priorities, and lawsuits.

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

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

- b. Ordinance 2016-18, final reading and public hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, providing appropriations; providing for an effective date.

Discussion was held in regard to allocating monies for a fire rescue boat and it was the consensus of the Commission to hold additional discussion for consideration once an Interlocal agreement was approved.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 4(b), Ordinance 2016-18, upon final reading, adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2017; providing appropriations; providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Road, spoke in opposition to the rescue vessel until additional details are obtained.

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, final reading and public hearing, 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.

Mr. Saunders explained the proposed ordinance will provide for adequate funding and reserves in the City's wastewater budget necessary to upgrade the overall system.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 4(c), Ordinance 2016-16, upon final 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 Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

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

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

5. Consent

- a. Authorization to approve special event application and street closure for Gulf Beaches Elementary Fall Festival. Closures would be 85th between Blind Pass Rd and Boca Ciega Drive. Closures would be in effect on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Miller Recreation and Design, Inc. in the amount of \$20,992.00 for the purchase and installation of replacement equipment at the Vina del Mar playground.

City Manager Saunders explained Consent Items 5(a) and (b) and recommended approval as presented.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Consent Items 5(a) and (b) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.

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

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

6. Action Items

- a. Class Action Lawsuit with Halliburton and Transocean

City Attorney Dickman recommended following the advice of special counsel in regard to the BP Oil spill to seek damages outside of the class-action lawsuit.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(a), to authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to execute the "Opt Out" form associated with the Halliburton and Transocean settlements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

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

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

- b. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement to accept Article 24, Pay Plan of the Communication Workers' of America CBA for FY17 and FY18

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 6(b), to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to accept Article 24, Pay Plan of the Communication Workers' of America, Collective Bargaining Agreement, for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.

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

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

- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Taborelli Construction, Inc., (TBI), for \$78,510.41 for Upham Beach Deck Repairs.

Item 6(c) is included in the current budget.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein moved to approve Item 6(c), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Taborelli Construction, Inc., (TBI), for \$78,510.41 for Upham Beach Deck repairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

An unidentified speaker commented on the deck near Silver Sands Condominiums.

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

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

- d. Authorize the City Manager to sign an Addendum to the Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (approved on February 24, 2015) in the amount of \$53,900.00 to perform additional engineering and consulting services associated with the ongoing citywide waste water Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Study.

City Manager Saunders noted that the additional work was required due to the results of the capacity analysis report.

Mayor Schechner noted that Page 54, line three, states that the City's current system was constructed in 1956 and 1957 and consists of approximate 38 miles of gravity sewer, 17 lift stations and approximately 826 manholes.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(d), to authorize the City Manager to sign an addendum to the Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (approved on February 24, 2015) in the amount of \$53,900.00 to perform additional engineering and consulting services associated with the ongoing City-wide wastewater Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.

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

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

- e. Conditional Use 2016-0031, authorization for a Tiki hut on the west side sand beach of the Tradewinds Island Grande, 5600 Gulf Boulevard.

Item 6(e) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

- f. Conditional Use 2016-0032, authorization for a Tiki hut on the west side sand beach of the Tradewinds Island Grande, 5600 Gulf Boulevard.

Item 6(f) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

- g. Conditional Use 2016-0033, authorization for a Tiki hut on the west side sand beach of the Tradewinds Island Grande, 5600 Gulf Boulevard.

Item 6(g) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

- h. Conditional Use 2016-0034, authorization for a Tiki hut on the west side sand beach of the Tradewinds Island Grande, 5600 Gulf Boulevard.

Item 6(h) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

- i. Conditional Use 2016-0035, authorization for a Tiki hut on the west side sand beach of the Tradewinds Island Grande, 5600 Gulf Boulevard.

Item 6(i) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

7. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2016-15, First Reading and Public Hearing amending the Land Development Code regarding accessory structures for commercial uses (beach concession huts).

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to continue Item 7(a), Ordinance 2016-15, to date certain of October 11, 2016. 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.

8. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2016-07, a resolution for the City of St. Pete Beach relating to the permitting and regulation of weddings held on city beach areas; providing for specific rules and regulations; and providing for an application procedure.

Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director, explained that the policy outlines specific regulations in regard to weddings on the beach and provides to the Sheriff's Office the ability to enforce the regulations.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 8(a), Resolution 2016-07, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, relating to the permitting and regulation of weddings held on city beach areas; providing for specific rules and regulations; and providing for an application procedure. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

Brandon Wheeler, St. Pete Beach, wedding planner, spoke in opposition to the fees.

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

The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote of 4-1, with Mayor Schechner voting "no."

- b. Resolution 2016-15: A resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach relating to the present status of the City's sanitary sewer system; establishing temporary sanitary sewer policies.

City Manager Saunders noted that the proposed resolution provides for a policy on processing applications for new development and redevelopment while the City upgrades the sanitary sewer system. The policy will allow for staff to approve a permit for a project if it does not increase flow into the system.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 8(b), Resolution 2016-15, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, relating to the present status of the City's sanitary sewer system; establishing temporary sanitary sewer policies; providing instructions to the city administration; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Falkenstein.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

Robert Czystczon, Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of allowing hotels to redevelop and compared sewer usage in residential development to hotel development.

City Manager Saunders requested the resolution reflect the correct paragraph numbers.

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

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

9. Items for Discussion

Vice Mayor Falkenstein requested an update in regard to parking meter fees.

10. Audience Comments 2

An unidentified speaker discussed astrological events.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following item:

- A representative from the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office attended the yard sale held at the Community Center to register residents to vote and provided election deadline dates.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Southwest Florida Water Management District approved \$2 million grant funding for Phase II of the Pass-a-Grille Way reconstruction project.
- Reclaimed water grant was increased to 47% for the same project.
- Scheduled a workshop for 4:00 p.m. on October 11th to discuss stormwater system and Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) bus system.

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following item:

- Provided an update on the City's appellate bond waiver.

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Update on the Beach Theatre.
- Update on the East Corey Avenue property.
- Update on Jackie's Bistro property.
- Lighting along Corey Avenue.

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- The 2016 Chowder Challenge is cancelled.

- Pass-a-Grille form-based code meeting is scheduled for October 13th at the Don Vista Cultural Arts Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- The Annual Volkswagen Show is scheduled for October 2nd along 9th Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The October Concert Series begins October 7th in Horan Park.
- The Trolley service is using old buses.

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following items:

- Belle Vista Civic Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 13th at Bill Corrotto Park.
- Lido Beach Civic Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. on October 20th at the Lido Park.
- The history of the reclaimed water system.
- Update on the sewer system agreement with the City of St. Petersburg and the closing of Albert Whitted sewer plant.

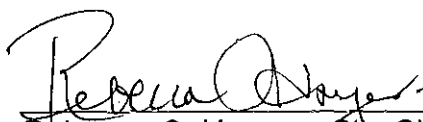
Mayor Schechner reported on the following items:

- Reclaimed waterlines at 46th Avenue.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony at Majesty Title.
- Visited many businesses and received very positive responses.

12. 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



Deborah Schechner, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 12/12/2016