

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2016

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schechner called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

1. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) – Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Proposal

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, introduced the representatives from PSTA.

Brad Miller, Chief Executive Officer of PSTA, provided an overview of PSTA services and the proposed Central Avenue BRT project.

Mr. Miller introduced PSTA Board Members, elected officials and staff members of PSTA.

The following PSTA representatives spoke in support of the BRT proposal:

- Heather Solis, Senior Planner

- Darden Rice, Committee Chairperson
- Mark Deighton, Board of Directors
- Joe Barkley, Committee Chair
- Bill Jonson, Board of Directors

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to increased bus transit services:

- Al Johnson, Blind Pass Road
- John Michael, Bay Street
- Eileen Gunther, 10th Avenue
- Carol Vallie, Bat's Taxi
- Robert Czyszczonek, Gulf Boulevard
- Jerry Vallie, Bat's Taxi

Commission discussion concluded with Mayor Schechner thanking the PSTA representatives for their presentation and assured the representatives that the City will remain open to further discussion.

2. Sign Ordinance Discussion

City Manager Saunders requested Commission direction in regard to signage; in particular, electronic message board and political sign regulations.

Mayor Schechner called for audience comments.

Doug Izzo, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of electronic message board signs.

John Michael, Bay Street, commented about the sign procedures.

Robert Czyszczonek, Gulf Boulevard, spoke in support of electronic message board signs in certain areas.

Commissioners were in agreement to prohibit electronic message board signs in residential and historic districts and along Corey Avenue.

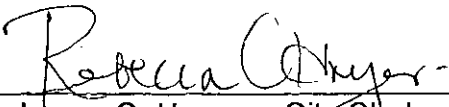
3. Other Items

There were no additional items presented.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Deborah Schechner, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 12/2/2016