CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Al Johnson, Mayor
Ward Friszolowski, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Vince Tenaglia, Administrative Services Director

1. Presentations

There were no presentations for this meeting.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Mayor Johnson requested to pull Consent Item 4(a) to discuss and act upon separately.

Commissioner Finnerty requested to pull Consent Item 4(a) to discuss and act upon separately.

3. Audience Comments

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in opposition to allowing a former elected official to present a for-profit personal business during a public meeting.

Mike Greiger, Hermosita Drive, spoke in favor of establishing specific guidelines to follow in an emergency or disaster event.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski acknowledged that Colonel Greiger presented the City with a U.S. flag flown shortly after the 911 tragedy. The flag was donated during a ribbon cutting ceremony for City Hall and is currently displayed in the second floor lobby.

4. Consent

a. ~~*Approval of Co-Sponsored events for the 2017-18 fiscal year Pulled and re-assigned to Action Items*~~

b. Authorization to approve special event application for Vina Beer Fest for October 7, 2017.

c. Request approval of the proposal in the amount not to exceed $2,440.00 from Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group to design improvements to the electrical service panel at Paradise Grill under the Continuing Engineering Service Contract.

d. Request approval of the proposal from Crib Philbeck Weaver Group in the amount of $6,600.00 to perform a structural evaluation of the wooden piles supporting Merry Pier.

e. Request approval of Amendment #6 in the amount of $18,285.00 for the Blind Pass Road design contract with Michael Baker International for seawall design.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in opposition to fee waivers for City-sponsored events.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved to approve Consent Items 4(b), (c), (d), and (e) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. Request approval of the bid proposal from Gibbs & Register, Inc., for the construction of the Paving & Drainage Improvements, Pass-A-Grille Way from 1st Avenue to 19th Avenue in the amount of $10,200,764.00.

City Manager Wayne Saunders reported that three responses were received from the pre-qualified bidders for Phase II of the Pass-a-Grille Way paving and drainage project. Additional costs will be assessed for items such as trees, utilities, street lights, and a new service connection to the stormwater lift station which will bring the total project cost to approximately $11.5 million.

Discussion was held in regard to the transition process, scheduling and length of the project, baffle boxes, PSTA bus routes, and south-end drainage.

Hearing no further Commission comments or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

> **Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(a), to approve the bid proposal from Gibbs & Register, Inc., for the construction of the Paving and Drainage Improvements, Pass-a-Grille Way Phase II, from 1st Avenue to 19th Avenue in the amount of $10,200,764.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.**

b. Request approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for the relocation of County-owned and operated utilities and reclaimed water lines in conjunction with the Pass-a-Grille Way Road Construction from 19th Avenue to 1st Avenue.

Mr. Saunders explained the project is separate from the Pass-a-Grille Way reconstruction project.

> **Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved to approve Item 5(b), to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for the relocation of County-owned and operated utilities and reclaimed water lines in conjunction with the Pass-a-Grille Way road construction project from 19th Avenue to 1st Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.**

c. Approve the proposal from Cribb, Philbeck, Weaver Group in the amount of $538,900.00 to perform the engineering design to place underground the overhead electrical and related utilities along sections of Gulf Boulevard.

The proposed work will be performed under a contract that is associated with another municipality's project to lessen the costs and is funded through the Big C organization.

Hearing no further Commission comments or any audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and a vote.

Commissioner Falkenstein moved to approve Item 5(c), to approve the proposal from Cribb, Philbeck, Weaver Group in the amount of $538,900.00 to perform the engineering design to place underground the overhead electrical and related utilities along sections of Gulf Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

d. Request approval of the proposal in the amount of $64,670.00 from George F. Young Inc., to perform design for repairs and to secure permits for the repairs for multiple City owned seawalls under the Continuing Engineering Services Contract.

The design and permitting for the seawalls in most need of repair will be based upon the most recent priority list.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(d), to approve the proposal in the amount of $64,670.00 from George F. Young Inc., to perform design for repairs and to secure permits for the repairs for multiple City-owned seawalls under the continuing engineering services contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

e. Authorization of an Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of $2,303,887.78.

Mr. Saunders reported the annual renewal reflects a 5.77% increase due to the additional community policing deputy for beach and neighborhood patrol.

Hearing no further Commission comments or any audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(e), to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of $2,303,887.78. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

f. Request approval of the Public Risk Management of Florida renewal proposal for City insurance policies, effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, in the amount of $572,594.

The City Manager reviewed the coverage associated with the 3.5% increased renewal contract.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(f), to approve the Public Risk Management of Florida renewal proposal for City insurance policies, effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of $572,594.00. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Friszolowski and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

The following item was removed from the consent agenda and moved to action items.

4. a. Approval of Co-Sponsored Events for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year.

Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director, reviewed the organizations that submitted requests for a City co-sponsorship to conduct their events.

Hearing no further Commission comments or any audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Commissioner Falkenstein moved to approve Item 4(a), to amend the budget for City Co-Sponsored Events: SPB Classic, deduct $500; Beach Goes Pops, deduct $500; and SPB 5K Series, deduct $250; and increase the amount for the Pass-a-Grille Boat Parade by $1,250. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Friszolowski.

Mayor Johnson announced that he would abstain from voting on the motion due to the fact that he sits on the Board of Directors for the St. Pete Beach Classic.

The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Mayor Johnson abstaining.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2017-16: First Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida amending the Firefighters' Retirement System.

City Manager Saunders summarized the changes to the pension benefits for the firefighters.

Hearing no further Commission comments or any audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2017-16, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article IV, Firefighters' Retirement System, Division 1, generally, and Division 3, Benefits, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach; amending Section 66-251, Definitions, by amending the definitions of "actuarial equivalent," "credited service," "firefighter," "salary," and "spouse;" amending Section

66-252, Benefit Freeze and Maximum Benefit; amending Section 66-253, Membership; amending Section 66-254, Contributions; amending Section 66-326, Benefit Amounts and Eligibility; amending Section 66-328, Disability; amending Section 66-331, Maximum Pension; amending Section 66-335, Deferred Retirement Option Plan; amending Section 66-337, Prior Fire Service; amending Section 66-339, Benefits, effective January 1, 2013; adding Section 66-339.1, Supplemental Benefit Component for Special Benefits; Chapter 175, Share Accounts; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Ordinance 2017-25: First Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for supplemental appropriations to the Capital Improvement and Stormwater Funds; providing for conflicts, severability, construction, publication, and an effective date.

Mr. Saunders reported that the adjustments will align the Capital Improvement and Stormwater Funds with planned expenditures for the Pass-a-Grille Way road improvement project.

Mayor Johnson called for audience comments.

Malak (no last name provided), Mangrove Street North, St. Petersburg, student at St. Petersburg College, expressed appreciation to the Commission and to Administrative Services Director, Vince Tenaglia, and spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2017-25, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for supplemental appropriations to the Capital Improvement and Stormwater Funds; providing for conflicts, severability, construction, publication, and an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

7. **Resolutions**

a. Resolution 2017-11: Declaring as surplus certain City owned vehicles, assets and equipment, authorization for the City Manager to dispose of same in the manner required by law.

Hearing no Commission or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

> **Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2017-11, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida declaring as surplus certain City-owned vehicles, assets and equipment and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of said assets in the manner required by law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.**

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Audience Comments 2

There were no audience comments.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:
- Planning Board voted to change their monthly meetings to the first Monday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Update to City Commission meeting dates during the holiday season

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:
- City Commission meeting dates during the holiday season are November 14 and 28, 2017; and December 5 and 12, 2017
- Status of debris and seaweed collection

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following item:
- Update on a proposed hoarding ordinance

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:
- Vina del Mar Beer Festival on October 7th
- Vina del Mar Annual Garage Sale on October 4th
- Status of debris collection

Vice Mayor Friszolowski reported on the following item:
- Civic associations will begin their homeowner meetings soon

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:
- Non-working street lights
- Library activities
- Australian Pine tree survey

- FEMA reimbursement guidelines

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- St. Alban's Episcopal Church plantings
- Blind Pass Road and 75th Avenue construction completed
- City Hall landscaping
- Home Rule article

Mayor Johnson reported on the following items:

- Blind Pass Road and 75th Avenue construction completed
- Disaster debris removal
- Legal fees in connection with Anderson lawsuits
- Award of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Proposed comedy hall of fame

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 10/24/2017