

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESENT:

Al Johnson, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Doug Izzo, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Terri Finnerty, Commissioner - Excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Director Parks and Recreation
Vincent Tenaglia, Finance Director
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director

1. Presentations

a. Oath of Office – Doug Izzo/District 2

City Clerk Rebecca Haynes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Doug Izzo.

b. Oath of Office – Melinda Pletcher/District 4

City Clerk Haynes administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Melinda Pletcher, with her husband and daughter in attendance.

Mayor Johnson introduced Deputy Rita Bishop, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, as the new Community Policing Officer for the City of St. Pete Beach.

c. Presentation to recap the SPB Classic Run

Mimi Chavin provided the statistical information in regard to the 2019 St. Pete Beach Classic Run and thanked the community for its cooperation and support.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

Chris Hollands, 3606 ½ Gulf Boulevard, spoke regarding the benefits of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

Ron Aries, 7800 Boca Ciega Drive, spoke regarding the ongoing streets project, the sewer system, manholes, sewer overflow, and reclaimed water.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes from the following meetings: 01/22/2019 special meeting; 1/22/2019 regular meeting.
- b. Request approval of the application to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive for the Salute to the Military event held April 28, 2019 in Horan Park.
- c. Request to approve the special event application and street closure for the Pass-a-Grille Beach Community Church Easter Sunrise Service scheduled for April 21, 2019.
- d. Request approval of the quote from AutoNation Ford in the amount of \$17,354 for the emergency repair of Rescue 23.
- e. Request authorization to submit a public library construction grant application to the Florida Department of State.

Commissioner Pletcher made a motion to approve the Consent Items 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski, and approved unanimously by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. PAG Sidewalk between 28th and 30th Avenues

City Attorney Andrew Dickman introduced Mr. Chris Sanders, a real estate attorney, who has been working with Mr. Dickman on several transactions. City Attorney Dickman and Mr. Sanders reviewed the history of the sidewalk, the plat and the dedicated land use; and reviewed the health & safety aspect.

Attorney Dickman recommended to install signage in the sidewalk area and to schedule a public hearing for an upcoming City Commission meeting, with direct notification to all property owners in Blocks 1 and 2 via U.S. mail.

The following individuals spoke in favor of removing the sidewalk:

Kate Brass, Sunset Way
Lindsey Smith, Student with St. Petersburg College
Jack Slosberg, St. Pete Beach

The following individual spoke against removing the sidewalk:

Mr. Zimmerman, 72nd Avenue

Jack Thompson, El Centro, spoke against the sidewalk in his neighborhood.

6. Ordinances

- a. a. Ordinance 2019-06: Final Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles of the City of St. Pete Beach, Code of Ordinances, by amending Section 82-137, Posted Restricted Parking Zones of Division 1; amending Section 82-203, Parking Permits of Division 3; providing for conflicts, severability, construction, publication, and an effective date.**

Wesley Wright, Community Development Director, noted that parking on 70th Avenue will be allowed on the north and south side between Sunset Way and Gulf Boulevard, "E" hang tags will be allowed for single-family dwellings with a maximum of two per household, and parking along 8th Avenue will be extended to three hours maximum.

Commissioner Izzo made a motion to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2019-06, upon final reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, amending Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, by amending Section 82-137 of Division 1 of Article III related to posted restricted parking zones; and amending Division 3 of Article III related to Section 82-203, providing for "E" hang tag permits; providing for conflicts, severability, construction, publication and an effective date. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2019-05 opposing the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) proposed by the PSTA (Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority) of Pinellas County, Florida**

Mr. Saunders distributed communication from a PSTA representative to the Commissioners in regard to their 60-foot bus proposal.

It was the consensus of the Commission to submit suggestions to City Attorney Dickman for alternate wording of the resolution for action at the April 9, 2019 Commission meeting.

Mayor Johnson made a motion to table Item 7(a), Resolution 2019-05, to the next Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.

Mayor Johnson called for audience comments.

The following individuals spoke against the BRT proposal:

Tom Rask, unincorporated Pinellas County
Dr. Ed Carlson, South Pasadena
Barb Haseldon, South Pasadena
Pete Franco, South Pasadena
Ms. Lowbitz, South Pasadena

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

The motion was passed by an individual roll call vote of 3-1, with Commissioner Pletcher voting "no."

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Audience Comments 2

There were no additional audience comments.

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

City Clerk Haynes did not submit a report.

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Chalk-Lit Competition March 30th at Horan Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Upham Beach re-nourishment beginning mid-May

City Attorney Dickman did not submit a report.

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following item:

- The passing of a long-time community member and volunteer, Lance Peterson, whose memorial will be April 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Don Vista Center

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following items:

- Bell Vista Home Owners Association's Yard Sale will be March 30th

Commissioner Izzo reported on the following item:

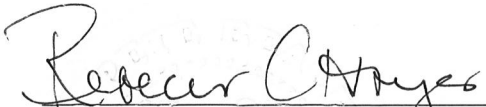
- Blind Pass Construction meeting April 9th at 3:00 p.m. at the Library

Mayor Johnson did not submit a report.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/14/2019