CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Vince Tenaglia, Asst. City Manager

1. Presentations

a. Oath of Office - Alex Rey, City Manager

City Clerk Haynes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Alex Rey as City Manager with the City of St. Pete Beach.

b. Maria Vedder Lowe - Pass-A-Grille Way Construction Survey Results

Ms. Lowe provided the results of a survey she conducted in regard to the effects of a major infrastructure project in the community.

c. PSTA (Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority) – BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Presentation

Janet Long, County Commissioner and Chair of PSTA, and Brad Miller, Chief Executive Officer of PSTA, reviewed the proposed resolution [Item 7(a)] and the current and proposed local bus service.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Finnerty requested to remove Item 9(a) for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

3. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

4. Consent

a. Request approval of minutes from the following City Commission meetings: February 12, 2019 regular; February 26, 2019 regular; March 12, 2019 workshop; March 18, 2019 executive session; and March 12, 2019 regular meetings.

b. Request approval to sign a statement of "no objection" for the property owner to the north of the Belle Vista Mini Park owned by the City for the installation of a residential dock with a catwalk extension that extends more than one-half of the waterway width from the seawall.

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

5. Action Items

a. Pass-A-Grille Way Sidewalk along beach properties between 28th and 30th Avenue.

City Attorney Dickman reviewed the history of the sidewalk between 28th Avenue and 30th Avenue, the health and safety issues, and the deed and plat restrictions.

The following individuals spoke in regard to the sidewalk:

- Sam DiCicco, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Hayward Chapman, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Luella (last name inaudible), Pass-a-Grille Way
- Paul Riley, Sunset Way

- Robert Capusta, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Kate Brass, Sunset Way
- Debbie Burns, Sunset Way
- James Endcott, Sunset Way
- Bob Douglass, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Craig Trimell, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Guy Burns, Sunset Way

Randall Brown, Gulf Boulevard, spoke in favor of maintaining public access to the Pass-A-Grille sidewalk along beach properties between 28th and 30th Avenues.

It was the consensus of the Commission to allow an additional 30 (thirty) days for further review, and to install new signage and increase law enforcement patrol.

b. Request authorization of annual expenditures in the estimated amount of $60,000 to Mend-It Asphalt for asphalt patching.

City Manager Rey explained the necessity of patching the roadways following reclaimed water service line repairs performed by Pinellas County crews.

Mark Grill, 2nd Palm Point, commented in regard to the quality and timeliness of repairs.

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

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize annual expenditures in the estimated amount of $60,000 to Mend-It Asphalt for asphalt patching. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Izzo and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

c. Request approval of Change Order #14 to the purchase agreement with Gibbs & Register, Inc. for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction from 1st Avenue to 19th Avenue in the amount of $41,069.64.

Mr. Rey noted the proposed change order includes vented manhole covers along Pass-a-Grille Way seawalls, additional demolition of a buried seawall and the addition of an asphalt binder to the final lift of asphalt.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve item 5(c), to approve Change Order No. 14 to the purchase agreement with Gibbs & Register, Inc. for the Pass-a-Grille Way Reconstruction Project from 1st Avenue to 19th Avenue in the amount of $41,069.64. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

d. Appointments to Outside Agencies and Organizations.

City Clerk Haynes reported that board appointments are reviewed and decided among elected officials on an annual basis, results as follows:

	Representative	Alternate
Barrier Islands Government Council	A. Johnson	T. Finnerty
Florida League of Cities	T. Finnerty	M. Pletcher
Mayors' Council of Pinellas County	A. Johnson	T. Finnerty
Pinellas County Flood Insurance Coalition	M. Pletcher	A. Johnson
Suncoast League of Cities	T. Finnerty	M. Pletcher
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	W. Friszolowski	D. Izzo

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(d), to approve board appointments as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2019-07: First Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for supplemental appropriations to the General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund, and authorizing the transfer of Wastewater Fund capital project balances.

City Manager Rey noted the necessary appropriations, which will be taken from available reserves, with the net effect increasing the General Fund by $1,161,000.

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

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2019-07, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, providing for supplemental appropriations to the General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund, and the transfer of Wastewater Fund unencumbered account balances; providing for conflicts, severability, construction, publication, and an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski 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. Rey summarized the changes in the proposed resolution and his discussions with representatives from PSTA, noting that a sufficient amount of time remains to finalize additional details of the agreement.

Mayor Johnson called for audience comments.

The following individuals spoke in regard to PSTA bus services:

- Dan Harvey, Jr., property owner
- Vicky Imes, Belle Vista Drive
- Bob Douglas, Pass-a-Grille Way
- Lynn (last name inaudible), St. Petersburg
- Mark Grill, 2nd Palm Point
- Eileen Gunther, 10th Avenue
- Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas
- Barb Haselden, St. Petersburg
- Robin Miller, Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Sharon Calert, Tierra Verde
- Brian Casanas, St. Petersburg
- Steven Herzfeld, St. Petersburg
- Name and address withheld
- Randall Brown, no address given
- Anthony Close, St. Petersburg
- Dan Calabria, South Pasadena
- Dr. Ed Carlson, St. Petersburg

Brad Miller, CEO of PSTA, discussed the bus length and bus service.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the City Manager will continue discussions with representatives of PSTA for a workable solution and bring back a resolution/agreement at the May 14, 2019 meeting.

8. Appointments to Advisory Boards and Committees

Mayor Johnson noted he appointed Mr. Bill Thompson to the Library Advisory Committee. All other appointments remain the same.

Vice Mayor Finnerty's appointments remain the same.

Commissioner Izzo noted he appointed Mr. Tom DeYampert to the Planning Board. All other appointments remain the same.

Commissioner Pletcher noted she appointed Ms. Bev Jackson to the Planning Board. All other appointments remain the same.

Commissioner Friszolowski's will follow through with an appointment to the Historic Preservation Board.

9. Items for Discussion

~~a. Craig Bachelor's reimbursement request~~ **Removed**

10. Audience Comments 2

There were no additional audience comments.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following item:

- Suncoast League of Cities will meet on April 26, 2019 in the City of Seminole

City Manager Rey did not submit a report.

City Attorney Dickman did not submit a report.

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Update on short-term rentals

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Celebration of Life for Mr. Lance Peterson

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following items:

- Budget Workshop at 9:30 a.m. on April 12, 2019 in the Commission Chambers; requested to review improved bicycle lanes along Gulf Boulevard

Commissioner Izzo reported on the following items:

- Status of code violations for house on 59th Avenue

Mayor Johnson reported on the following items:

- Future of the Regions Awards on April 26, 2019 through Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Update logo on City's website

12. Adjournment

After City Officials and Staff sang a spectacular round of "Happy Birthday" to the City Clerk, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/28/2019