CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 23, 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
Vince Tenaglia, Asst. City Manager
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Betcinda Kettells, Library Administrator

Also in attendance were many Library Staff Members.

1. <u>Presentations</u>

a. Presentation of the City of St. Pete Beach financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018

Zach Chalifour, Partner with James Moore, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants, provided the annual audit for Fiscal Year 2018 and answered questions posed by the Commissioners.

b. Recognition of the "2019 Power of Libraries" award presented to St. Pete Beach Library Staff

Betcinda Kettells, Library Administrator, expressed her appreciation to the elected officials, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Advisory Committee for their continued support. A video was shown in regard to a program to digitize documents between the Library Staff, the Gulf Beaches Historical Society and USF entitled, "The Power of Libraries"

Mayor Johnson voiced the Commission's commitment to the Library and presented the award to Ms. Kettells.

2. Changes to the Agenda

City Attorney Dickman requested to add an action item in regard to issuing a Request for Qualifications for Special Magistrate.

Mayor Johnson noted the second category for Audience Comments has been removed.

3. Audience Comments

Harold Hurwitz, Coral Point at Harborside, spoke in opposition to the Bus Rapid Transit proposal through Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority.

4. Consent

a. Request approval to utilize the Purchase Agreement with TLC Diversified, LLC, dated November 20, 2018, in the amount of $277,308.25 for Lift Station 14 Rehabilitation.

b. Request approval to utilize the Purchase Agreement with TLC Diversified, LLC, dated November 20, 2018, in the amount of $417,520.73 for Lift Station 13 Rehabilitation.

c. Request approval of the fireworks proposal from Creative Pyrotechnics for the 4th of July fireworks in the amount of $25,000.00.

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

5. Action Items

a. Request approval of the towing agreement from Mobro Marine, Inc., for the 4th of July fireworks barge in the amount of $15,000.00.

The City Manager reported that approximately $12,000 in donations has been received by the Recreation Department thus far and requested latitude to finalize the agreement with the vendor.

An unidentified person spoke about reimbursement in the event of weather delays.

Commissioner Izzo moved to approve Item 5(a), approving the proposal form Mobro Marine, Inc., for the 4th of July fireworks barge in the amount of $15,000, authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement approved by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Request approval of the Task Order under the Continuing Engineering Services Contract with GGI, LLC. in the amount of $45,885.00 for Facility Property Beautification.

Mr. Rey explained the beautification areas include City Hall, the Recreation Center, the Public Works building, and Horan Park incorporating design, construction improvements, and maintenance schedule.

Russell Zimmerman, 72nd Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

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

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(b), approving the Task Order under the Continuing Engineering Services Contract with GGI, LLC, in the amount of $45,885.00 for facility property beautification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Izzo and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

c. Request for Qualifications – Special Magistrate Services

City Attorney Dickman reported that the current attorney serving as the Special Magistrate has provided a resignation notice. Mr. Dickman requested authorization to proceed retaining an interim attorney from DSK Law Firm and to issue a Request for Qualifications to select a more permanent appointment.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to authorize the City Attorney to communicate with DSK Law Firm to assign another qualified attorney to cover special magistrate services, if necessary, and to authorize the process of a new Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Special Magistrate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2019-07: Final 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 unencumbered account balances.

The net effect increase in the General Fund expenditures is $1,161,000 which will be appropriated from available reserves.

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

Commissioner Izzo moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2019-07, upon final 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 Vice Mayor Finnerty and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions submitted for consideration.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

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

City Clerk Haynes did not submit a report.

City Manager Rey reported on the following items:
- Approval to increase compensation to recruit a new Building Inspector
- Blind Pass Road Reconstruction Project water line connection at the intersection of Corey Avenue; additional presentation by Mike Clarke, Public Works Director

City Attorney Dickman did not submit a report.

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:
- Veterans of South Pinellas County 'Salute to the Military' event at Horan Park
- Beach Theatre Task Force

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:
- Manhole covers in Pass-a-Grille
- Signage on street ends at 28th Avenue and 30th Avenue

- Code violations

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the following item:
- Belle Vista Homeowners Association meeting on April 25, 2019

Commissioner Izzo did not submit a report.

Mayor Johnson reported on the following items:
- Meeting with the City of South Pasadena in regard to Bus Rapid Transit
- Big C Meeting on April 24, 2019
- Veterans of South Pinellas County 'Salute to the Military' event at Horan Park

10. 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: 5/28/2019