

# **CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**MAY 28, 2019**

**4:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Alex Rey, City Manager  
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

#### **1. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Interlocal Agreement**

The Mayor explained that this is a Commission Workshop and input from residents will be allowed.

Alex Rey, City Manager, explained to the Commission that PSTA representatives are present to answer any questions about the proposed bus service. Mr. Rey outlined the components of the Interlocal Agreement as it is currently written.

The Commissioners discussed options including:

- The City operate beyond 75<sup>th</sup> with golf carts (5 passenger), electric vehicles (9 passenger) or trolleys
- Merge with South Pasadena
- Sign resolution to stop the BRT

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the BRT:

Tom Rask, Unincorporated Pinellas County  
Jim Proctor, St. Pete Beach  
Sharon Calvert, Tierra Verde

Pete Franco, South Pasadena  
Laura Otto, St. Pete Beach  
Robin Romaine, South Pasadena  
Eileen Gunther, St. Pete Beach  
Steve Thomas, St. Pete Beach  
Vicky Imes, St. Pete Beach  
Mark Grill, St. Pete Beach  
Julie Fuller, St. Pete Beach  
Peter Kuhlman, St. Pete Beach  
Marty Lafond, St. Pete Beach  
Marilyn Janssen, South Pasadena  
Jill Lafond, St. Pete Beach  
Barb Haseldon, St. Petersburg  
Nancy Markoe, St. Pete Beach  
Cheryl Land, St. Pete Beach  
Susan Dawson, St. Pete Beach

The following individuals spoke in favor of the BRT:

Steven Herzfeld, St. Petersburg

Vivian Fuego, Pass-a-Grille, spoke in favor of the Commission continuing negotiations.

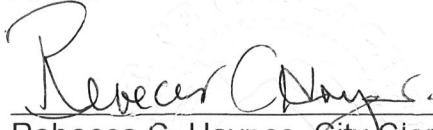
Dr. Ed Carlson, St. Petersburg, encouraged the Commission to invite private industry and free rides to St. Pete Beach.

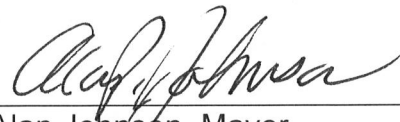
Whitney Fox, Public Relations Manager for PSTA, stated that she has a detailed presentation and ridership information available as to why this service is needed

## **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest:

  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 7/9/2019