

CITY COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

April 7, 2020

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
Doug Izzo, Vice Mayor
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner
Chris Graus, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Director Parks and Recreation

Former Commissioner Terri Finnerty was also present.

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

Former Vice Mayor Finnerty spoke briefly to thank her constituents, residents, and those who supported her during her six years of service to the city and summarized some of her accomplishments and advocacy efforts.

3. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2020-09: A Resolution of the City Commission of St. Pete Beach, Florida, Authorizing and Confirming the Renewal of the Declaration Proclaiming a State of Local Emergency.**

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Resolution 2020-09, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, authorizing and confirming the Declaration Proclaiming a State of Local Emergency in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community and property, both public and private, from the hazard of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Izzo and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

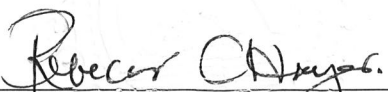
Alex Rey, City Manager, reported that the Recreation Department is in the process of planning a simple Easter event for younger children to enjoy while staying within the CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19.

Mr. Rey also reported on a meeting he had with the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce this morning. Due to COVID-19 affecting small businesses, they are struggling to retain some of their annual membership contributions. The Chamber is providing valuable tools for the community during this time and Mr. Rey suggested that the City make a three-year advance payment for membership (\$2500 per year, equaling \$7500 total for three years) in the Chamber, to assist them with cash flow. City Attorney Andrew Dickman commented that the expenditure is already budgeted, and the City Manager has the authority to do so. The Mayor and Commissioners voiced their approval.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/28/2020