

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING - VIRTUAL

MINUTES

MAY 1, 2020

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Michele Gonzalez, Transportation Director
Jennifer McMahon, Parks & Recreation Director
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director

Matthew McConnell, Esq., of Dickman Law Firm was also present.

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

City Clerk Haynes read into the record correspondence received from "Jerry S."

3. Action Items

a. Status of State of Florida Response to the COVID-19 "Stay at Home" Order

City Attorney Andrew Dickman reviewed the recent documents released by Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida, none of which will affect St. Pete Beach public parking and outdoor dining conditions.

Matthew McConnell, Esq., noted the county was less restrictive than the state regarding non-essential activities, which includes a list of 20 specific items. Activities not listed are allowed to operate with a 25% capacity adhering to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

b. Status of Beach/Beach Parking

City Manager Alex Rey reviewed the beach opening procedures involving the parking, parking rates and deputy patrols.

It was the consensus of the Commission to revise the temporary parking as follows:

- Pass-a-Grille Way: closed except between 7th and 9th Avenues for businesses
- 9th Avenue: open for businesses only
- 8th Avenue: open for businesses only
- 15th Avenue: open for residents only
- 16th Avenue: open for residents only
- Gulf Way: open on west side, closed on east side
- Upham Beach: open

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve parking as noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to temporarily increase parking rates to \$3.25 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Graus moved to support enhanced sanitation for public restrooms according to CDC guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to change the process for temporary use permits to allow for outdoor dining on a temporary basis to be approved by the city manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graus and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

The above motion allows for normal hours of operation, does not allow for amplified music, and restaurants along 8th Avenue and Corey Avenue will be managed separately.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to authorize the city manager to allow businesses on Corey Avenue and on 8th Avenue to use street closures and for restaurants to use public sidewalks as appropriate for outdoor dining and drinking. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- c. Big C Meeting – Status of County Funding for Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding Project/Penny IV

Mayor Johnson distributed documents from the latest Big C meeting regarding the funding for Gulf Boulevard undergrounding project and the level of commitment for front-end loading by Pinellas County.

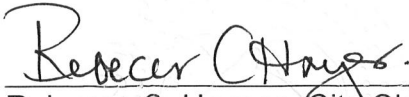
Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve the level of commitment for a total of \$7,998,277 and front-end load as a group request to the Pinellas County Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graus and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Graus moved to approve Resolution 2020-13, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, enacted under the City's current Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) State of Emergency; addressing public beaches, public parking, outdoor dining on private and public spaces; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. The motion as seconded by Mayor Johnson and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/26/2020