

CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING

MINUTES

February 10, 2020

10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Norm Nash, Special Magistrate
Matthew McConnell, Esq., Dickman Law Firm
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk
Wesley Wright, Community Development Department Director
Peyt Dewar, Code Enforcement Manager
Aaron Marceron, Enforcement/Assurance Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Special Magistrate Nash called the Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**
- 2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- 3. CASES COMPLIED OR CONTINUED**

- A. Case No. 20190201
City of St. Pete Beach v. Gentye Dirse [Property Maintenance]
Address: 3614 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706**

Peyt Dewar, Code Enforcement Manager, provided updates since the case was first heard in June of 2019. The city is seeking fines in the amount of \$5,548 (reduced from \$45,750), as the respondent's former guardian did not finalize a permit until January of 2020.

Attorney Hamden Baskin appeared on behalf of the respondent (currently in assisted nursing care), requesting a further reduction in fines. The respondent's former guardian is incarcerated, and the delays in permitting and payment were due to these circumstances. Jean Farnan, the respondent's new guardian appeared and stated that she addressed the violations within three days of learning about them.

Attorney Matthew McConnell clarified the violations and the administrative costs and suggested fines be reduced to administrative costs plus fines for those three days.

The Special Magistrate imposed a reduced fine for administrative costs of \$973 plus three days at \$250 per day for a total of \$1723.

B. Case No. 20160092
City of St. Pete Beach v. Gina Simonaitis [Property Maintenance]
Address: 8920 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Mr. Dewar explained that the respondent is requesting a lien reduction from \$123,500 to \$17,356.65.

John Liu, the new property owner appeared and stated that he immediately brought the property into compliance upon ownership. Attorney McConnell asked Mr. Liu to clarify the chain of ownership of the property.

The Special Magistrate reduced the fine to \$17,356.65, to be paid within thirty days or the fine will revert to the original amount.

4. NEW CASES

No new cases were heard.

5. OLD CASES

There were no old cases heard.

6. REPEAT VIOLATION

There were no repeat violations heard.

7. Next Meeting March 9, 2020

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Special Magistrate, the hearing was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk