City Commission Meeting
October 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Al Johnson, Mayor
Doug Izzo, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 2
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner, District 3
Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:
Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1—(appeared telephonically for the first 15 minutes of the meeting)

STAFF PRESENT:
Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Vincent Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATIONS
- Dr. Ken Guidera and Eric Corliss, Regional CEO for the American Red Cross of Central Florida gave an overview to the Commission on the Red Cross and community involvement and awareness. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the minutes. The Commission thanked Dr. Guider and Mr. Corliss for their presentation and valuable information; they encouraged them to meet with Ms. Kettells, Library Director, to discuss possible use of the new library next year for community meetings.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
Mr. Rey asked that item 7.a. be moved on the Agenda as the next item and Commissioner Friszolowski requested the addition of a Halloween Street Closure Permit for Belle Vista Drive be added as item 5.c. to tonight's Agenda.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
a. Parklet Program Discussion

Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a presentation to the Commission on the Parklet Program for the City. The Parklet Program focuses on the conversion of on-street parking spaces into publicly accessible open space. This Program provides a way for merchants to take individual actions in the development and beautification of the City's public spaces. The presentation discussed the following details:

- Parklets Benefits:
  - Aesthetic enhancement to streetscape
  - Economic solution to increased public open space
  - Provides amenities such as seating, planting, bike parking, art
  - Reflects City's commitment to encourage walking and biking
  - Creates a pedestrian friendly street
- Goals:
  - Meet the demand for outdoor dining
  - Reimagine City streets

  - Encourage pedestrian activity
  - Support local businesses
- Guidelines:
  - On streets with speed limit of 25 mph or less
  - Parklets created where on-street parking exists
  - Located at least one parking space away from street corner/intersection
  - Prohibited in front of driveways, street curves, hills, and where sigh-distance is an issue
  - Prohibited in bus lanes, in front of fire hydrants, at manholes and high turnover parking spots
  - Will not be installed in locations where traffic congestion is an issue or could become an issue
- Design Guidelines:
  - Reflective elements
  - Wheel stops
  - Site conditions
  - Platform
  - Bolting
  - Surface
  - ADA Compliance
  - Drainage
  - Emergency access
  - Emergency action plan

Ms. McMahon discussed the responsibilities and requirements of the permittee. A property owner or tenant would have to make a request for a Parklet from the City, notices would be distributed to surrounding property owners and a public hearing held with the Commission to discuss approval of the Parklet Permit. She assured the Commission that nothing would be approved without coming to the Commission and having a public hearing.

Barry Streib, Brass Monkey Owner, spoke in favor of this Program.

Yvonne Marcus, Art Expo Owner, spoke in opposition of this Program.

Dan Harvey, resident and property owner, spoke in favor of the Program and encourages paid parking or time limit parking along Corey Avenue.

The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with continued discussion of this Program with the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Board and bring back to the Commission.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

4. CONSENT

a. Minutes: October 13 and October 20
b. Re-Appointment of Tim McLean to the General Employees' Pension Board

Motion: **Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.**

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Update to the Personnel Rules and Regulations

Mr. Tenaglia explained that this is a request for an update to Section 16.07 Unused Paid Time Off (PTO) of the Personnel Rules and Regulations. There are times when an employee may not be able to use paid time off during the year and could potentially lose hours at the end of the fiscal year. He explained there are three extenuating circumstances that staff feels would be an exception to the unused paid time off expiration as addressed in the Personnel Rules and Regulations. Those exceptions are:

1. Significant increase in workload
2. Assumption of duties of a vacant position for thirty (30) calendar days
3. Emergency or natural disaster which the City requires work during a scheduled PTO

If an employee falls into one of those three categories, then that employee would be able to convert a maximum of 40 hours to personal days. These hours must be used within the next fiscal year or will be forfeited. This conversion would need to be approved by the supervisor and the City Manager with appropriate documentation. Mr. Tenaglia stated that the converted hours are subject to the provisions as listed in Section 15.01 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations except that no payment of unused balance will be made.

Motion: **Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to amend the Personnel Rules and Regulations as presented.**

b. Discussion of November and December Commission Meeting Schedule

Mrs. LaRowe explained that the City Charter states that the Commission must have two meetings a month. The Commission holds their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. In November, the fourth Tuesday falls on the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving Holiday. In December, the Tuesday meetings fall during the holiday season. Staff is proposing that the meetings in November be changed to November 10^{th} and 17^{th} and the meetings in December be moved to December 1 and December 8.

Commissioner Friszolowski stated that he has a meeting on November 17^{th} and requested a different date or move the time to start at 5:00 p.m. that day. The Commission was in agreement to move the time to 5:00 p.m. on November 17^{th}.

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to schedule the November Commission Meetings as November 10 at 6:00 p.m. and November 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers and the December Commission Meetings to December 1 and December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.**

c. Halloween Event Application (*added to the Agenda)*

Commissioner Friszolowski requested discussion and consideration of the Event Application for Halloween for Belle Vista Drive between 42^{nd} and 44^{th} Avenues. This event is the same as last year.

Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton were present to address the road closure, the event, and the intent to comply with CDC Guidelines as it relates to COVID-19.

Ms. McMahon stated that the reason for the event being denied by Parks and Recreation Department is because, at the time of submittal, Florida was still in Phase 2 of reopening. Since that time, the Governor has opened Florida into Phase 3.

Mayor Johnson addressed the applicants regarding the event. They will have sanitizing stations with gloves and masks. Commissioner Friszolowski thanked the applicants for the flyers that discuss the event and the intent of the trick-or-treating. The applicants are requesting road closure from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to allow for safety for the children during this time.

Karen McBrayer, resident, is in favor of the event.

Motion: **Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the street closure on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Belle Vista Drive at 42nd and 44th Avenues.**

6. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution 2020-32 Don CeSar Entrance Wall Agreement**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HHR ST. PETE, LLC. ("DON CESAR"); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Rey addressed two changes to the Agreement:

- Paragraph 7 will read "Once the decorative wall has been completed, the Don CeSar shall be responsible for all repairs, maintenance, electricity….."
- Paragraph 9 a sentence will be inserted at the end of the paragraph to read "however, such approval shall not be reasonably withheld".

Mr. Rey stated that the Agreement is a fifty (50) year Agreement with two (2) twenty-five (25) year renewals.

Thomas Fraher, General Manager of the Don CeSar, is in agreement with the two changes as mentioned. He is excited to work with the City on this wall and gateway entrance sign.

Attorney Dickman asked for two motions, one to amend the Agreement with the changes as mentioned and the second motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

Motion: **Mayor Johnson moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Agreement with the two changes as mentioned.**

Mark Grill, resident, spoke in opposition of the construction of this wall and the City's expense.
The Commission thanked Mr. Grill for his comments and clarified that the City requested this wall and sign, not the Don CeSar. The Don CeSar is allowing the City to have the sign on their property. Without that property, they would not have the entrance sign that would beautify the entrance to the City from the Bayway Bridge. The Don CeSar will also be providing maintenance of the sign for the next fifty plus (50+) years.

Motion: **Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2020-32.**

b. **Resolution 2020-55 State of Local Emergency**
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 HAZARDS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

Attorney Dickman mentioned that, going forward, the Commission will not be meeting every week for these approvals. He will be working on drafting language that addressed the hardship to meet weekly, in person, for these Resolutions. Mayor Johnson will still sign a Resolution every week for the State of Local Emergency.

Motion: **Vice Mayor Izzo moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2020-55.**

8. CITY CLERK, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

MRS. LAROWE, CITY CLERK—reminded the Commission of the need for an appointment to the City's Fire Pension Board.

ATTORNEY DICKMAN, CITY ATTORNEY—"Go Rays!"

MR. REY, CITY MANAGER—informed the Commission of the renewal rate for the current health insurance; it came in at an increase of over 40 percent. He will bring more information to the Commission in November.

MR. TENAGLIA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER—discussed the Fire Union negotiations. He stated that it appears, they have reached an agreement. A new inspector position was agreed upon, the continuation of the step plan was agreed upon, and the pension plan will be discussed with potential agreement. More information will be coming forward.

COMMISSIONER PLETCHER—discussed the trick-or-treating in Vina del Mar where neighbors have made a scavenger hunt plan.

COMMISSIONER FRISZOLOWSKI—has a replacement appointee to the Planning Board, Gregory Premer; he will email Mrs. LaRowe the contact information.

VICE MAYOR IZZO—"Go Rays!"

MAYOR JOHNSON—mentioned the Big C meeting tomorrow and reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: November 10, 2020

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AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK

Alan P. Johnson

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MAYOR