

**City Commission Meeting
November 10, 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

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

- Hunter Miller, Ocean Gulf Coast Campaign Organizer and Carrie Ruckdeschel, Suncoast Rise Above Plastics Co-Chair gave a presentation to the City Commission on plastic pollution and how it affects the beaches. Their presentation identified ways that municipalities in Florida have taken an active role to combat this issue. Various approaches for the City to take were discussed. Commission would like staff to work on researching and implementing an ordinance(s) that can help with this cause. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the minutes.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Attorney Dickman asked for an item 5.d. to be added to discuss special counsel to assist with undergrounding utilities.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

4. CONSENT

- a. October 27, 2020 Minutes
- b. Toasted Monkey Street Closures
- c. Authorization of Expenditures

Motion: Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Proposed 2021 City Commission Meeting Schedule

Mrs. LaRowe confirmed that the schedule for 2021 follows the second and fourth Tuesday of each

month except for November and December where it varies due to the holidays.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 2021 City Commission meeting schedule as proposed.

b. Variance Request Residential Dock and Boat Lift

Wesley Wright, Community Development Director, informed the Commission that the applicant submitted a dock permit application and variance request form for the installation of a residential dock with one boat lift in September for 4565 Plaza Way. The applicant also received a “no objection” statement from the abutting property owner to the south side. The 46th Avenue Bridge to Boca Ciega Isle is located to the subject property’s north and is owned by the City.

He described the City’s regulation for residential docks. The proposed dock will be 62 feet in length from the seawall, this is approximately 8 feet longer than the City’s regulation. This variation can take place provided that the “no objection” statement is signed by abutting property owners. Staff is in agreement and recommends approval.

Commissioner Friszolowski stated that he met with the property owner and visited the site. The property owner wishes to extend the dock further due to seagrasses and depth.

Motion: Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the City Manager to sign the “no objection” statement for the property owner to the south of the 46th Avenue Bridge to Boca Ciega Isle for the construction of a residential dock with a boat lift that extends 62 feet from the seawall.

c. Hurley Park LED Lighting

City Manager Rey stated that this request is for LED lighting at Hurley Park for the tennis and basketball courts. He stated that the lights are on a timer and turned off by 10:00 p.m. If no one is at the park, they are not utilized; guests can turn the lights on as needed.

Discussion ensued regarding the dog park at Hurley Park opening today. Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the opening of the Park. Concerns were expressed about over utilization by non-residents. Various options for reducing that issue were discussed to include the purchase of an access card for a nominal fee for residents only. Nothing was officially decided upon at this time; staff was directed to monitor the usage of the Park.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the proposal with Musco Lighting in the amount of \$103,582.00 for the LED tennis and basketball court lighting in Hurley Park.

d. Underground Special Counsel (*added to the Agenda*)

Attorney Dickman stated that the Code of Ordinances allows for the City Attorney to ask for authorization to retain special counsel for identified issues. He would like authorization to retain a utility and energy expert to help with the utilities undergrounding project. The cost should be less than \$10,000.

Mr. Rey met with Duke Energy and Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group (CPWG) last week and discussed the

agreement that identifies who does what in regard to this project. Duke will be doing electrical assistance with the purchase, installation and removal of equipment. The special counsel will assist the City with the details of their responsibility for this project. Mr. Rey said that a bid will be issued sometime late December/early January for this project with construction to be sometime in March.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the retention of special counsel to assist with the undergrounding utilities project.

6. Ordinances

a. First Reading Ordinance 2020-24 Outdoor Dining and Drinking Areas

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, DIVISION 2 – DEFINITIONS, SECTION 2.1 WORDS, TERMS, AND PHRASES DEFINED; DIVISION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 6.24 OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR DRINKING AREAS; DIVISION 13 – ROR RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE/ RETAIL DISTRICT, SECTION 13.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES AND SECTION 13.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 14 – RFM RESORT FACILITIES MEDIUM DISTRICT, SECTION 14.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES AND SECTION 14.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 15 – CG-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, SECTIONS 15.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES AND 15.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 16 – CG-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 16.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES AND 16.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 30 – TC-1 TOWN CENTER CORE DISTRICT, SECTION 30.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 30.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 32 – CC1 COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR BLIND PASS ROAD DISTRICT, SECTION 32.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 32.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 33 – CC2 COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR GULF BLVD DISTRICT, SECTION 33.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 33.4 CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 34 – DOWNTOWN CORE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 34.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 35 – (LR) LARGE RESORT DISTRICT, SECTION 35.3 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL AND SECONDARY USES AND STRUCTURES AND SECTION 35.4 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES; DIVISION 37 – TC-2 TOWN CENTER COREY CIRCLE AND COQUINA WEST DISTRICTS, SECTION 37.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 37.5 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 38 - AC ACTIVITY CENTER DISTRICT, SECTION 38.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 38.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 39 – COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL STANDARDS, SECTION 39.6 TEMPORARY LODGING USE OPERATIONAL AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND PROHIBITIONS; DIVISION 40 – COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – EIGHTH AVENUE (CRD-EA), SECTION 40.4 PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES AND STRUCTURES; DIVISION 42 – BR BAYOU RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 42.2 PERMITTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES AND SECTION 42.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; DIVISION 46 – B/HC BOUTIQUE HOTEL/CONDO DISTRICT, SECTION 46.2 PERMITTED USES AND SECTION 46.4 ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Wright gave a presentation to the Commission. The proposed changes include:

- Definition for roof dining or drinking area
- Amend definitions for outdoor dining and outdoor drinking
- Make on-site (private property) outdoor seating without music a permitted use in all districts that

- permit restaurants
- Make on-site (private property) outdoor seating with music or roof dining/drinking areas as a conditional use.

A copy of the presentation is made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Wright noted that the Planning Board met and discussed this Ordinance and recommended approval of the first reading to the City Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Mayor Johnson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-24.

7. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution 2020-57 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).

Motion: Vice Mayor Izzo moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2020-57.

8. Items for Discussion

No items for discussion.

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

Mrs. LaRowe, City Clerk—informed the Commission that the annual Angel Tree Cards are located in the City Clerk's Office on the bulletin board. If you take one, please let Miss Wilson or another staff member know so we can keep an accurate log.

Attorney Dickman, City Attorney—discussed block M and N of the Don CeSar neighborhood. He stated that a one-page letter with a map will be mailed out to residents of the subdivision to inform them of some issues that the associations would like to manage. He has included his email along with the City Clerk's so that feedback can be received. A community meeting will probably occur sometime early next year; he will email a copy to the Commission.

Commissioner Pletcher—discussed the docks at the Busch Estate and questioned if there has been any progress. Attorney Dickman went out to the property today and can see the large boat that protrudes into the City's waterway. He has called and spoken to the Estate Attorney who will be looking into it.

She commented on the dog park that opened today and is excited to have that available to the residents.

Commissioner Pletcher discussed the Special Magistrate Hearings and the large docket. She enquired if it would be better to have more than one special magistrate because of the cases that are occurring. Attorney Dickman said it is not unreasonable to have another magistrate for specific types of cases. He can put out a letter to see if

there are any attorneys that would be available to assist. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Attorney Dickman should proceed with finding another attorney to help with the case load.

Commissioner Friszolowski—discussed Hurricane ETA new track; he stated that it now appears to be coming up the coastline.

Vice Mayor Izzo—if the storm does come up the coast, he wanted to ensure that staff will pick up all detour signs that are in the City.

Mayor Johnson—discussed Envoy Point Park. Residents are asking for some motion censored lighting to assist with late night loitering.

He mentioned that residents have been complaining of people running stop signs in Boca Ciega Isle and have discussed proposed speed bumps to slow traffic down. Mr. Rey addressed this topic, stating that information is scheduled to be presented to the Commission on traffic calming devices and standards in the City on December 8th; he would like to develop consistency.

Mayor Johnson stated he will be attending the first in person Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee meeting on Monday since COVID-19.

He wished Commissioner Friszolowski a Happy Birthday on Monday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: December 1, 2020



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR