

**City Commission Meeting  
November 17, 2020  
5:00 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  
Michelle Gonzalez, Parking and Transportation Director  
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Alex Rey, City Manager, removed item 3.a. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Seawall Design Task Order from tonight's Agenda; to be moved forward to the meeting in December.

**2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Jody Powell, resident, spoke regarding short term rentals in the City. The Code only allows rentals to be 30 days or more, nothing shorter. Ms. Powell has met hard times due to the pandemic and is seeking to rent out a room in her house, not the entire house, for weekly rentals. Discussion regarding the Code and State Law ensued; Mayor Johnson and City Manager Rey will meet to discuss this issue.

**3. CONSENT**

- a. ~~17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Seawall Design Task Order~~
- b. Caveman Concrete Work Order

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Graus moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as recommended by the City Manager with the removal of item 3.a.**

**4. ORDINANCES**

a. **Public Hearing Ordinance 2020-21 Parking Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 82 ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING;" AMENDING DIVISION 1- GENERALLY SECTION 82-131 PARKING AT DON VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER; SECTION 82-132 – SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR BUSES AND TAXICABS; REMOVING SECTION 82-133 – PARKING ON UNIMPROVED PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 82-134 – PARKING WITHIN MARKED PARKING STALLS; SECTION 82-135 PARKING IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 82-136 – PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY; SECTION 82-137 – ESTABLISHMENT AND DESIGNATION OF

LIMITATIONS ON PARKING WHERE SIGNS ARE OFFICIALLY POSTED; ESTABLISHING DESIGNATION OF STREETS WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME; SECTION 82-138 – DESIGNATION OF STREETS WHERE STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING IS PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS; AMENDING SECTIONS 82-138 – 82-165 – RESERVED; DIVISION 2 - ENFORCEMENT SECTION 82-166 – VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS DEEMED NUISANCE; CONTINUOUS PARKING IN METERED OR RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES; SECTION 82-167 — NOTICE ON ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE; SECTION 282-168 – ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS; SECTION 82-169 — EVIDENTIARY PRESUMPTION; SECTION 82-170 PARKING VIOLATION HEARINGS; SECTION 82- 171 — NOTICE OF EXCESSIVE PARKING VIOLATIONS TO STATE; ESTABLISHING SECTION 82-172 — FINES FOR VIOLATIONS; SECTION 82-173 PARKING VIOLATION AMNESTY PROGRAM; SECTION 82-174 - ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT TO INCLUDE IMMOBILIZATION, IMPOUNDMENT, AND USE OF A COLLECTION AGENCY; SECTION 82-175 — IMMOBILIZATION OR IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES; SECTION 82-176 — RELEASE OF IMMOBILIZED OR IMPOUNDED VEHICLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 82-177 – 82-200 – RESERVED; DIVISION 3 — METERED PARKING SECTION 82-201 — TIME LIMITS; SECTION 82- 202 — PARKING DECALS AND PARKING PERMITS; REMOVING SECTION 82-203 – PARKING PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 82-205 — RATES GENERALLY; SECTION 82-206 — DEFACING OR INJURING METERS; ESTABLISHING SECTION 82-209 — ESTABLISHMENT OF EXCLUSIVE MOBILE PAYMENT ZONES; SECTION 82-210 LEASING OF METERED PARKING SPACES TO BUSINESSES; SECTION 82-211 PUBLIC-PRIVATE JOINT USE PARKING AGREEMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 82- 212 – 82-235 – RESERVED; DIVISION 4 — RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS SECTION 82-239 — DESIGNATION OF CONTROLLED PARKING RESIDENTIAL AREAS; SECTION 82-240 — ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTROLLED PARKING RESIDENTIAL AREAS; SECTION 82-242 — SPECIAL PARKING PERMITS; SECTION 82-243 — PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS ON PERMITS; SECTION 82-244 – RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS; REMOVING SECTION 82-245 “C” RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS; DIVISION 5 — GENERAL PARKING PERMITS AMENDING SECTION 82-260 — METERED AND NON- METERED PARKING SPACE PERMITS; RENUMBERING SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**b. Public Hearing Ordinance 2020-22: Towing Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 82 ARTICLE IV RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF CERTAIN VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY OR RIGHT-OF-WAYS; AMENDING SECTION 82-271 - AUTHORIZED; REMOVING SECTION 82-272 – NOTICE, SECTION 82-273 – FEES, AND SECTION 82-274 – RELEASE; AMENDING SECTION 82-272 –82-300 – RESERVED; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**c. Public Hearing Ordinance 2020-23 Appendix A**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING, DELETING, AND ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Gonzalez discussed Ordinances 2020-21, 2020-22 and 2020-23. She reiterated topics discussed at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, noting that individual meetings with the Commission were had and that the City allowed for a three-week public comment period before the drafting and presentation of the Ordinances. The only change made since the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was to Ordinance 2020-21 where it is identified that parking permits are not applicable at County owned parks located in the City because those are maintained by Pinellas County.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing after no comments.

Commissioner Friszolowski discussed the section of the Ordinance that states decals must be placed on the left rear bumper; what about on the rear windshield? Ms. Gonzalez indicated that as long as it is easily visible by Parking Enforcement, it is okay to place on the windshield.

The Commission complimented the work that went into the writing of these ordinances.

**Motion: Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2020-22.**

**Motion: Vice Mayor Izzo moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2020-21.**

**Motion: Vice Mayor Izzo moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2020-23.**

**d. First Reading: Ordinance 2020-25 Amending the General Employees' Pension Plan**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE II, GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH; AMENDING SECTION 66-27, MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rey discussed this Ordinance, stating that the City allows Managerial, Administrative, Professional, Supervisory (MAPS) employees to participate in the defined contribution or the defined benefit plan. The recently updated Personnel Policy allows for MAPS employees to only participate in the defined contribution plan. This Ordinance brings this in line with the Personnel Policy. Any MAPS employees that are participating in the defined benefit plan will continue to do so; any newly hired MAPS employees will only participate in the defined contribution plan.

**Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Izzo seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-25.**

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

No items for discussion.

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

**MRS. LAROWE, CITY CLERK**—congratulated Vice Mayor Izzo and Commissioner Pletcher on qualifying for re-election to District 2 and District 4 respectively. No other resident in the City ran, therefore, they are re-elected for another two-year term as of March 2021.

She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**MR. REY, CITY MANAGER**—discussed an increase in revenues than previously projected. It was anticipated that there would be a decrease in revenues due to the pandemic; however, there has been about a one percent increase. In January, staff will bring back the amount and discuss what projects the Commission would like to contribute funding to.

**COMMISSIONER GRAUS**—thanked all City staff for working so diligently through and after Tropical Storm ETA from last week.

**VICE MAYOR IZZO**—appreciated all the hard work and continued efforts on cleaning up after ETA.

**COMMISSIONER FRISZOLOWSKI**—thanked all City staff for their hard work. Would like the City to consider a sandbag program going forward.

**COMMISSIONER PLETCHER**—commented on the storm last week and thanked the hard work of all staff during and after ETA.

She has her first Tourist Development Council meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and looks forward to representing the City on the Board.

**MAYOR JOHNSON**—complimented the hard work of staff during and after ETA.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: December 8, 2020



AMBER LAROWE  
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON  
MAYOR