

City Commission Meeting

May 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alan Johnson, Mayor

Ward Friszolowski, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 3

Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1

Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2

ELECTED OFFICIALS EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

a. 2021 National Water Safety Month Proclamation

Mayor Johnson presented the National Water Safety Month Proclamation to Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director and Patrick Sullivan, Eagle Scout.

b. Eagle Scout Project Update

Patrick Sullivan gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout Project for the installation of lifesaving throw bags at Dog Beach, Pass-A-Grille Beach, Upham Beach, and the County Beach. The Commission was very thankful for his idea to do this and for installing them all along the beaches.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grill asked that item 4.d. from the Consent Agenda be removed from Consent for further discussion.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

4. CONSENT

a. April 13, 2021 Commission Minutes

b. Approval of Appointment to General Employees' Pension Board of Trustees

c. Ratification of Appointment of the Fifth Trustee to the Fire Pension Board

d. Fire Pension Board of Trustees Appointment—*Moved from Consent to 7 for discussion*

e. Warren Webster Flooring Replacement

f. TLC Diversified LS 4 Construction

Motion: Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the May 11, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2021-10: Fire Pension Multiplier

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR INCREASE IN THE CITY FUNDED BASE MULTIPLIER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Ordinance 2021-10.

6. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 2021-11: Conditional Use Permit – Off Site Parking Tradewinds and Hotel Zamora

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE RESOLUTION 2019-02 FOR AN OFF-PREMISE PARKING LOT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3815, 3855, 3859 AND 3891 GULF BOULEVARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No action taken; this Resolution is continued to the May 25, 2021 City Commission Meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion: Fire Pension Board Trustee

Commissioner Grill recapped the March meeting when Mr. James Kopco was appointed. At that meeting it was discussed about diversifying the Board to make sure there were not any possible conflicts. Mr. Grill acknowledged that Mrs. Elder is the spouse to the District Fire Chief, and he asked Attorney Dickman if this was a conflict.

Attorney Dickman stated that this is the first time hearing that Mrs. Elder is spouse to a current Fire Department employee and does not know of any possible conflicts; however, would prefer to defer this item to allow him to discuss with the Pension Board Attorney.

Mrs. LaRowe commented on her recent discussion with the Plan Administrator to identify any conflicts in the Board's Operating Rules and Procedures. The Administrator stated that there are no conflicts per the Procedures nor the State Statute that governs the Pension Board. Mrs. LaRowe reminded the Board that this is their appointment and, therefore, can choose to proceed however they feel comfortable.

The Commission agreed to defer this appointment to the May 25th Commission Meeting to allow Attorney Dickman time to speak with the Board Attorney.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk—discussed the windows in Chambers and the desire to have them tinted. This is due to the glare that emanates during daytime meetings making it hard for the television viewers. A quote was received for \$1,200 from the company who recently did the Pinellas County School Board Chambers; Mrs. LaRowe requested permission to use the contingency funds from the Commission budget. The Commission agreed and gave consensus to allow the window tinting in this years' budget.

Mrs. LaRowe informed the Commission that the City Clerk's Office will be attending a Supervisor of Elections training in Pinellas Park tomorrow. The Office will be closed from 10:45 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. A notice will be posted on the City Clerk's door as well as a message on the phone.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager—discussed with the Commission July Budget Workshop dates. He explained that he would prefer to hold the Commission meeting after the Finance and Budget Committee meeting on July 14th but before the July 27th City Commission regular meeting. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling the meeting the week of July 19th. Other dates of July 15th, 16th and 26th were suggested. The Commission agreed to hold the Budget Workshop meeting on July 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Alex Rey, City Manager—discussed the recent Governor's mandate and the City not requiring masks. Staff will respect each other and anyone who prefers to wear a mask can. Plastic partitions will remain.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski—asked for a more simplified outreach to residents regarding road construction. He would prefer a more straightforward approach where the topics are basic: where, when, start date, and how long.

Vice Mayor discussed the recent Bayway Bridge backup and how that was the result of Frontier work, not the City. He reminded everyone that Legislature removed the control from cities on regulating/being informed of utility work by companies.

Commissioner Grill—commented on the projects throughout District 2. He complimented the Hilton Garden Inn and the beautiful frontage. He also discussed the increase in tourism lately.

Commissioner Graus—announced a May 24 Boca Ciega Drive Workshop to discuss traffic options; this will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Johnson—has received complaints about the construction yard on 46th Avenue. Public Works will be working with the contractor to ensure that the area is kept clean and tidy throughout the duration of the construction.

Mayor Johnson announced the Barrier Island Hurricane Summit on May 19th at Madeira Beach from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: June 8, 2021



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR