

**City Commission Meeting
February 8, 2022
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
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

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

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grill requested the removal of item 3.b. from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

3. CONSENT

- a. January 11, 2022 City Commission Minutes
- b. ~~Merry Pier Change Order 4~~ *Removed for discussion*
- c. Swigwam Event Street Closure

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 8, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager with the removal of item 3.b.**

3.b. Merry Pier Change Order 4 Discussion:

Commissioner Grill discussed this item as presented at the last meeting and was concerned with the way this project was handled overall with little contingency. He opined that the expectations for this project should have been better developed prior to putting it out for bid. He wanted to make sure that, going forward, projects are not handled this way and that there is better contingency for unforeseeable issues. In regard to the pile caps, he was glad to see they will be installed now and inquired if the same could be done for Egan Park as there were never any purchased or installed prior to the completion of that project.

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to retroactively approve the Merry Pier Change Order 04.**

4. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-02: Parks and Recreation Impact Fees

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; IMPLEMENTING A PARKS AND RECREATION IMPACT FEE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, reminded the Commission of the discussion at their last meeting as well as the presentation made by Stantec in December. These fees do not apply to current properties, only new construction.

No public comment.

Motion: **Commissioner Graus moved, Vice Mayor Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-02.**

b. First Reading Ordinance 2022-07: Supplemental Budget Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Tenaglia stated that this is a correction to Ordinance 2022-01 that was adopted at the last meeting; it is for the Wastewater retained balance that was erroneously omitted. These are funds that remain available from the prior year via previously authorized budget appropriations but have yet to be expended or encumbered. These funds are recommended to be re-appropriated for the purposes of contingency expenses that may arise before the completion of the sanitary sewer expansion project.

Motion: **Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-07.**

5. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 2022-05: Business Site Improvement Grant Program Agreement

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE BUSINESS SITE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Alex Rey, City Manager, stated that this program will help local businesses meet and exceed local codes. Local businesses may apply for this program beginning this month through the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce (TBBCoC). The City has budgeted \$50,000 towards this program with the funds being a reimbursement; essentially the businesses apply and, if accepted, will be reimbursed upon the TBBCoC submitting receipts to the City. This program will have a review committee to include a City staff member and someone from the TBBCoC. Attached to the Agenda tonight is a set of guidelines/criteria for acceptance into the program.

Commissioner Grill expressed some trepidation about using tax dollars to fund a program for business; he opined this program is not warranted.

Mr. Rey understood Mr. Grill's concerns and stated that keeping local businesses in the City is valuable to the residents and the City overall.

Discussion ensued on the guidelines, criteria, and committee. Robin Miller, CEO of the TBBCoC, addressed some of the concerns and questions; is excited to work with the City on this program.

Attorney Dickman stated that tonight's approval is for the agreement with the TBBCoC to begin the program. He stated that the guidelines as shown in the agenda need a little more work and has talked with Mr. Rey on providing guidance on that should he need it.

Motion: **Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2022-05.**

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No items.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk—stated that the Supervisor of Elections has mailed out ballots to residents in the County for the March 15, 2022 election.

Alex Rey, City Manager—the Film Commission has informed him of some filming that will be occurring in Pass-A-Grille on February 17th for a movie that is titled "Spring Break Nightmare".

Attorney Dickman, City Attorney—announced that Assistant City Attorney Matthew McConnell will be getting married on Friday.

Commissioner Pletcher—she is continuing to hold her District 4 Monday meetings at 6:00 p.m. and they are going well.

Vice Mayor Ward Friszolowski—announced the Belle Vista HOA meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.; City staff member Mandy Edmunds will be in attendance.

Mr. Friszolowski is the City's representative on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, who awarded resiliency funds to the City for a resiliency project on Pass-A-Grille for the seawall and/or living shoreline. This award comes with valuable expertise and engineering to assist the City in completion of this project.

Commissioner Grill—commented on the traffic along Gulf Winds Drive due to the construction at the intersection of Gulf Boulevard; the City Manager is working to help alleviate some of that issue.

Commissioner Graus—a "no stopping" sign has been installed on Boca Ciega Drive to assist with the school traffic; he has seen some improvement.

He attended the Sunday Morning Market on Corey Avenue and witnessed a lot of people really enjoying the signs.

Mayor Johnson—complimented the look of the new gateway and park signs in the City and has received many compliments from residents.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 22, 2022

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AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK

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ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR