

City Commission Meeting
February 22, 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
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

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

Before the agenda items began, Alex Rey, City Manager asked that items 5.d. and 6.b. be discussed. A request for continuance has been made by the Corey Landings development team and City staff. Attorney Dickman explained that it is recommended to continue both items to March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. He also asked that any members from the public who have signed up to speak on these items hold their comments until March 8th if they can attend at that time, so that the applicant can address any comments made when they are present.

5. d. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-03: The Corey Landings Project

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF 150 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT "RU" DENSITY POOL RESERVE, AS ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO THE PROPOSED COREY LANDINGS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 10 COREY AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue the final reading of Ordinance 2022-03 to March 8, 2022.**

6.b. Resolution 2022-03: The Corey Landings Project Conditional Use

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.7 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE COREY LANDINGS PROJECT, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 10 COREY AVENUE; INCORPORATING THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion: **Commissioner Grill moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue Resolution 2022-03 to March 8, 2022.**

1. PRESENTATIONS

Libby Hctor, Duke Energy Senior Public Engagement manager, made a presentation on the Duke Energy Grid Improvements. A copy of this presentation is made a part of the record. Ms. Hctor addressed the grid

strengthening, resiliency, and equipment upgrades. Discussion ensued on the other utilities that utilize the poles having the option to underground alongside Duke Energy or to take over the maintenance of the poles.

A comprehensive plan on the improvements throughout the City was discussed and will be provided to the City Manager; this specific presentation is in regard to the Pasadena substation improvements.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Discussed at the first of the meeting.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Bev Jackson, resident, discussed the January 31st meeting with the City Manager and Commissioner Pletcher. She looks forward to continuing to work together.

St. Pete Beach Astronomer, resident, discussed light pollution.

Deb Schechner, resident, discussed traffic concerns, parking and the consideration of allowing the public to comment after the applicant on projects as well as at the end of the meeting.

Betty Rzewnicki, resident, discussed the Boca Ciega parking signs during school hours and the school resource officer's (SRO) new duties on cone placement. She opined this is not a good utilization of the SRO duties and also inquired if a traffic study was done.

4. CONSENT

- a. Commission Minutes: January 25, February 8 5:00 p.m., and February 8 6:00 p.m.
- b. Fire Station 23 Concrete Repairs

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 22, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-04: Lobbying

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 2 - CODE OF ETHICS, ESTABLISHING SECTION 2-68 - DEFINITIONS; SECTION 2-69 - REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS; SECTION 2-70 – VALIDITY OF ACTION; SECTION 2-71 – RECORD KEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES; SECTION 2-72 – MAINTAINING REGISTRATIONS AND CONTACT LOGS; SECTION 2-73 – PROHIBITED CONDUCT OF CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; SECTION 2-74 – COMPLIANCE, PENALTIES, AND RESERVING SECTIONS 2-75 – 2-95; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE..

No public comment was heard.

Mrs. LaRowe mentioned that the effective date for this Ordinance is September 1, 2022.

Motion: Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried

5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-04.

b. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-05: Appendix A – Addition of Lobbyist Annual Registration Fee

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 MEMBERSHIPS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No public comment was heard.

Mrs. LaRowe mentioned that the effective date of this Ordinance is September 1, 2022.

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-05.

c. Final 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.

No public comment was heard.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, stated that no changes have been made since the first reading at the last meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Grill moved, Vice Mayor Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-07.

6. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 2022-06: Boca Ciega Drive Grant Agreement

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BOCA CIEGA DRIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Rey stated that this Resolution is to allow for the City to accept the funding from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Boca Ciega Drive Grant; this is a reimbursement program, and the City has already budgeted the funds for this project in this fiscal years' budget.

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2022-06.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No items for discussion.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk—reminded the Commission of the Parliamentary Training next week, March 2nd, 1:00-5:00 p.m. in these Chambers; the training will be televised and broadcast on the internet. No Zoom option is available.

Commissioner Grill—announced the Gulf Winds Drive Community meeting next week, March 1st, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers; there will be a Zoom option available.

He mentioned two new businesses that have opened in his District; Sea Grapes Wine Lounge and Engel & Völkers Real Estate. Both businesses are located on Gulf Boulevard.

Commissioner Grill was thankful for the traffic issue assistance that District 2 has been receiving for the current construction going on along Gulf Boulevard and Gulf Winds Drive.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski—mentioned the HOA and Civic meetings that have occurred and are planned in his District.

He asked to receive a copy of the Florida League of Cities ethics training calendar, when available.

Commissioner Pletcher—discussed the recent traffic and parking issues in Pass-A-Grille over the weekend with visitors to the beach. She opined the parking rates may need to be increased and/or adjusted to increase during peak hours, weekends, and holidays.

Commissioner Pletcher discussed private companies that are providing picnic style services to patrons on the beaches in the City. These companies prepare picnics with essentials, blankets, etc. and set up on the beach. She inquired about how to regulate these businesses, as in permitting and taxing them. Mrs. Pletcher opined that this would be the best way to ensure the company(ies) are adhering to clean-up and other codes in the City.

Mayor Johnson—mentioned the upcoming Florida League of Cities Ethics Webinar and tomorrow's BIG-C meeting at Madeira Beach, 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: March 8, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR