

City Commission Meeting
April 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alan Johnson, Mayor
Chris Graus, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 1
Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner, District 3
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer
Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Pletcher presented the Pass-A-Grille Woman's Club 100 Year Anniversary Proclamation to Club President Sue Rae.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Rey removed item d from the Consent Agenda. He also asked that item 5.b. be moved right after the Consent Agenda approval.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Brenda E., resident, discussed the recent parking rate increase article from a local newspaper.

4. CONSENT

- a. Appointment to the General Employee Pension Board of Trustees
- b. Approval of Street Closure with Wet Zones
- c. 51st & 52nd Avenue Dune Crossover Replacement Basis of Design
- d. ~~8th Avenue Alley Conceptual Design~~ *removed from the Agenda*

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 26, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager with the removal of item d.**

5. ACTION ITEMS

b. Brass Monkey Parklet Permit and Agreement

Mrs. McMahon discussed the history of the Parklet Program and the specifics in regard to the Brass Monkey Parklet Permit. She stated that there has been a total of five applications for a parklet; this is the first Permit to be in front of the Commission.

Mr. Rey addressed the parking, stating that the City has the option to add more parking if the Commission

approves along Gulf Way at 5th and 6th Avenues.

Commissioner Grill expressed concerns about the City removing the four parking spaces for this parklet, stating that there are already a lot of issues and complaints about the finite parking the City has. If this is approved, he opined that the parking spaces should be added as the City Manager stated. Mr. Grill went on to express other concerns in regard to the ADA parking and the City providing funding for a private business to use public space. He questioned if the business can use the parklet during certain times and remove the parklet during non-used times.

City Manager Rey addressed some of the concerns stating that a removable parklet is not the intent of the Program, part of that is due to the City having the option to withdraw the permit at any time. In regard to the \$36,000 funding, Mr. Rey stated that if the Parklet costs less than that, the City will adjust the months of the waiver [currently the monthly payments to the City will begin 18 months from the effective date of the Agreement].

Steve Christiansen, General Manager for Brass Monkey, answered questions from the City Commission. He stated that there is no outdoor music and is unsure if the television will be placed back outside or not.

The Mayor opened the public comment:

Bill Loughery, resident & Historic Preservation Board member, spoke in regard to the Historic Preservation Board not giving the City Commission any recommendation as required.

The following members of the public spoke in opposition of the Parklet:

- Martin N.
- Theresa S.
- Lisa C.

The Mayor closed the public comment.

Commissioner Pletcher expressed her thoughts on the Historic Preservation Board not giving their recommendation to the Commission. She opined that this is not the right fit right now and expressed concerns that residents in her district have shared.

Commissioner Friszolowski would like to see this go to the Historic Preservation Board for their review and recommendation.

Mayor Johnson expressed some concerns in regard to the funding and agreed that the Historic Preservation Board should give a recommendation before the Commission sees this item again.

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to move this item to the Historic Preservation Board for their review and recommendation then bring this back to the City Commission with that information.**

a. **City Manager Performance and Contract Review**

Mayor Johnson gave comments in regard to the City Manager's performance since he started with the City as well as over the last year. He and the other Commissioners expressed gratitude for the way projects are moving along in the City, the teamwork that seems to be more apparent since Mr. Rey began, and the responsiveness of both he and his staff.

Mayor Johnson suggested an increase in salary to \$210,000.00.

Mayor Johnson opened the public comment.

The following members spoke in opposition of the City Manager performance and contract:

- Lisa (unknown last name)
- Lisa C.
- Danielle M.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the City Manager's annual salary be adjusted from \$199,500.00 to \$210,000.00, effective on his anniversary date of April 1, 2022 and a contract extension until March 31, 2025.

c. Landscape Architecture Services Agreement: Halff Associates, Inc.

Mrs. McMahon stated that this Agreement is for Halff Associates, Inc. to design for the beautification of Pass-A-Grille Park and the adjacent streetscape.

Motion: Commissioner Grill moved, Vice Mayor Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the task order under the existing continuing service contract with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$57,319.15 for the design and beautification of Pass-A-Grille Park and adjacent streetscape.

6. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-06: Off-Street Parking (Updates to LDC Division 23)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO DIVISION 23 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS IN THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director, mentioned that Section 23.11 was updated to ensure that the new design and landscaping standards are flexible and adaptable to various types of parking arrangements found throughout the City.

The Commission requested that regardless of whether the ballroom is attached to a hotel or standalone, the parking requirements remain at 1 space per 300 square foot floor area and to add a requirement for an overflow parking plan to be provided to the City for the transient accommodations that include a ballroom during high season times.

Motion: Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 with the changes as discussed.

7. RESOLUTION

None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

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

Alex Rey, City Manager—thanked Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, and staff for all the work done while he was on vacation. He also thanked the Commission for their comments tonight during his annual performance evaluation.

Attorney Dickman, City Attorney—mentioned the handout he distributed before the start of the meeting. It is the first and second quarter report for this fiscal year. The report is made a part of the record.

Vice Mayor Graus—commented on the wall at the Don CeSar and how nice it looks.

Commissioner Friszolowski—mentioned the District 3 Town Hall last night and the good turnout.

Mayor Johnson—mentioned the BIG-C meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at Madeira Beach City Hall; the presentation this month is on climate change.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 10, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR