

City Commission Workshop
April 12, 2022
3:30 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney
City Attorney Andrew Dickman, City Attorney (via telephone)
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Johnson called the workshop to order at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

a. Rules of Procedure: Commission Meetings

City Clerk Amber LaRowe made a presentation to the Commission on rules of procedure for the conduct of Commission meetings. The presentation included a discussion of Resolution 2014-04 that currently governs the procedures of Commission meetings. Other information included Statutes, Parliamentary Procedure Training, and research on other Pinellas County municipalities. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the record.

Discussion regarding City Clerk recommendations:

- Public comment cards; consensus was to continue using them.
- Consensus was to continue with a three-minute public comment time allotment with no extensions
- Consensus was to cap organizational public comment at 10 minutes (at least 4 members of that organization must be present)
- Mayor or City Manager may delegate staff or others for follow up on public comments
- Add statement "The City recognizes... meetings in the public, not of the public" to resolution
- Consensus was to continue submitting agenda items 14 days prior to meetings and agenda published 5 days prior
- Order of Agenda - Place Roll Call after the Pledge of Allegiance; add Approval of Agenda
- Mayor may add reminder that public comment is not a dialogue (business meeting in, not of, the public)
- Clapping prohibited unless for recognitions
- Political t-shirts – research restrictions with legal team
- Workshops on in-depth items and/or ordinances; City Manager would guide when to recommend and poll Commissioners
- No meeting to extend beyond 10:00 PM; add verbiage to resolution
- Advisory Boards and Committees may consider adoption of the rules or Commission may direct to do so

Assistant City Attorney McConnell mentioned Resolution 2010-11, which relates to quasi-judicial hearings; it has not been updated and the legal team requested permission to make adjustments now and add reference in this resolution that procedures may be amended for quasi-judicial proceedings.

2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 10, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR