

City Commission Meeting
May 10, 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
Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
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

- a. Head Recreation Coach Andria Nicholson, Parks and Recreation, presented Tynan Clark and Arianna Pauta with the "Good Citizen" Award for their consistent help, positivity, and being good role models to their peers.
- b. City Manager Bart Diebold, Pinellas Park, presented Andy Butterfield and Public Works staff with a plaque thanking them for their willingness to help during a tornado event in 2020.
- c. *(Added)* Fire Chief Jim Kilpatrick recognized EMT Brian Peterson who was recently awarded EMT of the Year by Pinellas County for his quick thinking and bravery assisting with a fire and rescue February 1, 2022.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT

- a. City Commission Minutes: April 12th and April 26th

Motion: Vice Mayor Graus moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 10, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **July 4th Fireworks Agreement**

Mrs. McMahon stated that Pyrotecnico was the only company that provided a proposal to the City for this year's 4th of July Fireworks display; Pyrotecnico has been contracted with the City for the last three years for the

fireworks show. This year's fireworks were planned to be shot off from the barge; however, it appears the barge will not be completed in time. The fireworks show will be shot from the East end of Corey Avenue. The Fire Department, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, and staff agree with this location. Next year, staff hopes to have the barge ready to go for the event.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the City Manager to approve the fireworks proposal and enter into an agreement with Pyrotecnico for the 4th of July Fireworks in the amount of \$30,000.00

6. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-08: Parking Fines (Updates to Code of Ordinances Chapter 82)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 82 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III – STOPPING STANDING AND PARKING; DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY, SECTION 82-135 – PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY; DIVISION 2 – ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 82-172 – FINES FOR VIOLATIONS; DIVISION 3 – METERED PARKING, SECTION 82-201 – TIME LIMITS; SECTION 82-207 – MANNER OF PARKING VEHICLE; SECTION 82-211 – PUBLIC-PRIVATE JOINT USE PARKING AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director, stated that since the April 12 first reading, staff updated the Ordinance as follows:

- Ensure the intent of the Ordinance is clear and to not place undue burden on City residents
- Section 82-135(e)(3)
 - Updated to clarify that only motorhomes over 3,500 pounds are prohibited from parking on the City rights-of-way, and
 - Updated to clarify that camping trailers are prohibited from parking on City rights-of-way whether attached or unattached to a vehicle
- Section 82-135(d) remained the same
- Section 82-135(g) was further clarified to ensure that vehicles are not parking on dirt, grass, or landscaped City rights-of-way, medians, or swales.
- Time limit was placed on Egan Park to align parking with the boat ramp

Assistant City Attorney McConnell addressed the issue regarding the blocking of driveways. He stated that blocking a driveway is an obstruction of traffic as well and allows the City the right to tow vehicles because of that. The City will try all avenues to contact the owner of the vehicle first before towing.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-08.

b. Final Reading Ordinance 2022-09: General Pension

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE II GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY AND DIVISION 3, BENEFITS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH; CLOSING THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO NEW MEMBERS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021; AMENDING SECTION 66-26, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 66-27 MEMBERSHIP;

AMENDING SECTION 66-116, BENEFITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENOR'S ERROR, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, stated that there have been no changes since the first reading on April 12th.

There was no public comment.

Motion: **Vice Mayor Graus moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Ordinance 2022-09.**

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk-- discussed an email that was sent today regarding the meetings in September. She asked if the Commission could meet on Monday September 12 and Wednesday September 28 instead of September 13 and September 27. This is to meet the statutory requirements for budget and millage adoption. The Commission agreed to the date change. Mrs. LaRowe will send a revised calendar invite.

Alex Rey, City Manager—discussed the plans for the beach ordinance that staff is working on. He plans to have community meetings, a meeting with the Beach Stewardship Committee, and a workshop with the City Commission.

The City was awarded a \$64,000.00 grant to apply to the vulnerability study.

He stated that the City received a request from the PSTA for the SunRunner. They are requesting feedback on the placement of a “mini kiosk” in the bus stops. The kiosks will show patrons information about the SunRunner. The Commission discussed the placement of these and how they could potentially distract drivers. They would like staff to inform PSTA that they would prefer to not have a separate standalone kiosk, if it could be inside the bus stop, that would be better.

Commissioner Friszolowski—mentioned the Belle Vista Annual Picnic on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

He updated the Commission on the renaming of Corey Bridge. As previously discussed, the Stambaugh family has asked for recognition for their family and contributions that they made to the City. Commissioner Friszolowski asked the Legislature for the dedication of Corey Bridge to the Stambaugh family. In so doing, the Legislature determined that the City had that Bridge officially dedicated to the Corey Family. Mr. Friszolowski is working with the City Clerk in determining when that officially happened because he thought it was just dedicated and not renamed. He will provide more information as it is available and will look for other ways to recognize the Stambaugh family in the City.

Commissioner Grill—discussed the complaints from residents for the Frontier installation. Issues that are mentioned apply to the cabling across lawns with a delay in undergrounding the wire; this causes issues for residents who want to mow their lawn, drive over their driveway, and it is rather unsightly.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 24, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber LaRowe".

AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Johnson".

ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR