

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alan Johnson, Mayor
Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Chris Graus, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 1
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner, District 3

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 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Recognition: Firefighter Bobby Barber (*item continued to a future meeting*)
- b. Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation recognizing Chad Adkins, Andria Nicholson, Victor Perkins, Ayako Ruckdeschel, and Jay Witte for recent career accomplishments.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Laura Trivison, resident, discussed the clearing of land near Lido Park and the effects it will have on residents.

James Proctor, resident, discussed the Tradewinds Hotel possible development.

Amy Auerbach, resident, asked questions regarding density, heights, development, comprehensive plan, and the City's plan to be able to assist with the growth.

Adrian Petrilla, resident, discussed the speeding on the waterways and the safety issues.

Deb Schechner, resident, left a voicemail to discuss the possible parking lot development near Lido Park.

4. CONSENT

- a. **July 12, 2022 City Commission Workshop and 6:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Commissioner Grill moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried to 3-0 approve the July 26, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. **Grow Care Outdoor Solutions Tree Trimming Proposal**

Mrs. McMahon discussed the bid process and the two proposals received. The price proposed from Grow Care was more affordable than the second bid and the current vendor. The City will be moving to a program to trim the palm trees on a schedule; the contract with Grow Care will be a price per tree basis.

The Commission was pleased with the costs proposed from Grow Care with slight concerns expressed on the business location of North Fort Myers.

Motion: Commissioner Grill moved, Commissioner Pletcher seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to award Grow Care Outdoor Solutions for tree trimming services not to exceed budgeted fund.

b. **2707 Pass-A-Grille Way, LLC vs. City of St. Pete Beach Case No. 21-000823-CI**

Attorney Dickman discussed the attached proposed settlement agreement and displayed a PowerPoint to explain the terms; a copy is made a part of the record. The terms include:

- a. Demolition Principal Structures:** within 6 months of the effective date, an application will be made for a Demolition Permit, to demolish the existing structures on the property within 12 months of the City's issuance of all necessary permits authorizing the demolition
- b. Discontinue Corporate Retreat Use:** upon completion of the demolition of the existing structures on the property, the currently authorized grandfathered use of the property shall cease and no longer have authorized use. 2707 Pass-A-Grille Way shall record in the public records a document signifying the end of the grandfathered use under the 2004 settlement documents.
- c. One Single Family Home:** property shall collectively be considered one single family, residential lot, for purposes of the development of one single family residential home.
- d. The Dock Permit Shall be Reinstated and the Existing Dock Vested As-Built:** the current dock with 9 slips shall be vested in the location and configuration as illustrated in Exhibits C and D.

Attorney Dickman also mentioned one change since the publication of the Agenda. A new Exhibit D has been added to include a copy of an as-built survey once it has been completed by the City. Mr. Dickman reiterated that there are no special approvals for this property, the Code Enforcement case will be removed, and the Agreement will be recorded with the Pinellas County Clerk of Court and stay with the land, not the property owner.

Alex Rey, City Manager, reminded the Commission that once a demolition permit is applied for, that permit/request will go to the Historic Preservation Board for approval, the Board cannot deny such request.?

Evan Dix, Hill, Ward, & Henderson Law Group, spoke as a representative of the plaintiff. He advised the Commission that the plaintiff agrees with all that Attorney Dickman stated above as well as the inclusion of Exhibit D for the survey.

Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the settlement agreement with the inclusion of Exhibit D as stated by Attorney Dickman.

6. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution 2022-15: Proposed Millage Rate**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; SCHEDULING PUBLIC

HEARING DATES FOR BUDGET ADOPTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Assistant City Manager Tenaglia stated that this Resolution will provide a millage rate of 3.1500 mills to be communicated to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office and to be mailed to the residents notifying them of the City's proposed millage as well as the two public hearing dates (September 12 and September 28). The millage rate of 3.1500 mills has been the millage rate since 2015.

Motion: **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 2022-15.**

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. **Review of Draft Resolution 2022-13: Public Meeting Rules and Procedures**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS AND BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk, identified the areas that were modified to the current rules and procedures as discussed at the April 12th City Commission Workshop. A copy of those modifications is outlined in the Agenda Memorandum and made a part of the record.

Laura Travison, resident, complimented the proposed rules/procedures and encouraged that they be published so the public is reminded of what is and is not acceptable. The City Clerk confirmed that the Resolution, once adopted, will be posted at the front of the room on the table with the agendas and speaker's cards, the rules of decorum will be summarized on the back of the speaker's cards, and it will be posted on the City Clerk's page of the City's website.

St. Pete Beach Astronomer, resident, spoke regarding the flexibility of rules/procedures to be altered by the Mayor during meetings.

This will be on the August 9th Agenda for adoption.

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

Alex Rey, City Manager—discussed the list of proposed developments as emailed out and posted to the City's website. A copy of the list is made a part of the record. He confirmed that a Conditional Use Application has been submitted for the Plaza Beach Hotel specifically for the property that they purchased (sold by Duke Energy) located near Lido Park. The request is to use the property for a commercial parking lot and there is a secondary request to use the lot as parking for the Plaza Beach Hotel.

The Commission discussed the proposed developments and asked for updates as needed, at least once a year. Mr. Rey agreed that as anything new comes up with these on the list or anything else, information will be presented and updated on the City's website.

Commissioner Pletcher discussed the 2014 Settlement Agreement that made changes to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code. City Attorney Dickman stated that a copy of that Settlement Agreement was emailed to the Commission last week and is a public record. It was reiterated that no changes have been made since the changes as outlined in that Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Pletcher—is excited to have Brandon Berry back on staff in the Planning Department next week.

She also complimented Tara Salmieri, PlanActive Studio, on her consulting services to assist with the Historic Preservation Board workshops.

Commissioner Pletcher discussed how important the advisory boards are to the City and suggested that each Commissioner reach out to their appointees and make sure that they are still willing to serve and appear at the meetings as scheduled.

Commissioner Grill—discussed the comments and responses that he has received from residents in District 2 related to the development; the comments have been both pros and cons.

He has been reminding residents about the workshops on the proposed beach ordinance and stated that this is ongoing and going to take time; a second workshop has been scheduled for August 9th.

Commissioner Grill stated that a resident informed him of a personal flying craft that has been flying over the beach and expressed concern if this was going to be a new thing occurring around the City. He understands that technology is every changing, and, as it changes, the City should continue ensuring the safety and enjoyability of all.

Mayor Johnson—mentioned that Julie Marcus, Supervisor of Elections, will be the speaker at tomorrow's BIG-C meeting.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 9, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR