

City Commission Meeting

November 8, 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer

Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief, recognized Firefighter Michael Servis for his recent life-saving efforts.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Assistant City Manager Tenaglia removed item 5.a., Donation Policy, and Guidelines Discussion, from tonight's Agenda; it will be carried forward to the next Commission meeting.

Attorney Dickman added an announcement for a request for brownfields designation to the Agenda as item 5. b.

Motion: Commissioner Grill moved, Vice Mayor Graus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the November 8, 2022, City Commission Agenda.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Deborah Schechner, resident, expressed her concerns about the City's Mission Statement which does not reference "resident(s)". She opined that the City needs to conduct more in-depth reviews of developers' submissions and consider using Forward Pinellas' services.

4. CONSENT

a. October 25, 2022, City Commission Minutes

b. Kimley-Horn Task Order for Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Support Services

Motion: Vice Mayor Graus moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the November 8, 2022, Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. ~~Donation Policy and Guidelines~~ *removed*
- b. **Brownfield Resolution and Meeting Discussion:** *added to the agenda*

Attorney Dickman displayed a timeline for the Green Reuse Area Designation Request that was made by Attorney Brett Brumund (Goldstein Environmental Law Firm). A copy of this timeline is made a part of the record. He explained that per Florida State Statute 376.80, when an application is made for this type of designation, the applicant must hold a community meeting and the City must announce the community meeting and the application. Mr. Dickman stated that the applicant will be holding a community meeting, not a City sponsored meeting, here in Chambers tomorrow, November 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The applicant noticed this information in the Tampa Bay Times and the City Clerk posted it to the City's website, and bulletin boards, and submitted it for the e-newsletter.

As a second layer to this, the City will have two public hearings on a resolution related to this Green Reuse Area Designation Request pursuant to Florida State Statute 376.80. The first public hearing will be held on November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in these Chambers and the second public hearing will be held on December 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in these Chambers. The notice was sent to the Tampa Bay Times to advertise for both hearings, one advertisement has been published, and the second advertisement is scheduled to be in the newspaper on November 23, 2022. In the advertisement, it will have the resolution title as well as a map of the area.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk—informed the Commission that the qualification period for the District 2, District 4, and Mayor seat opened yesterday at noon and closes at noon on November 18, 2022. City Hall will be closed Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager—stated that, with the help of City Clerk LaRowe and Keri Ferenc-Nelson, the City now has an Employee Recognition Program.

Keri Ferenc-Nelson, Human Resources Manager, gave a brief outline of the program to include an employee-represented committee that will vote on the employee of the quarter submissions each quarter. The winner will be announced at a Commission meeting and monetary awards for winning. Another component of the Employee Recognition Program is the "on the spot" recognition. This can occur at any time an employee sees another employee doing something well (specific criteria are outlined in the program) then that employee is eligible for a gift card in recognition of their job well done. She thanked Amber LaRowe, Rita Bishop (City Manager's Office), and Jennifer McMahon, COO, for all their help in the creation of this Program.

Attorney Dickman—gave a brief synopsis of what has transpired since the executive session that was held last month to discuss the possible settlement of the David Green appeal cases. It does not appear that Mr. Green is interested in settling in the manner discussed; therefore, a settlement is not moving forward at this time. He will keep the Commission updated.

Commissioner Friszolowski—had a good turnout in Belle Vista during Halloween.

He confirmed that the November and December Commission meetings alter from the normal second and fourth Tuesday; next week, November 15th, is the next City Commission meeting and December 6th and December 13th are the two meetings in December.

He commented on the public comment that was made earlier, stating that the plans, drawings, applications, etc.

that are submitted by applicants/developers are heavily reviewed and vetted by staff before they are approved or brought forward to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Grill—mentioned the Brightwater Beach Estates meeting that happened over the weekend. He thanked Assistant City Manager Tenaglia for joining him at the meeting to answer questions.

He inquired why the sign ordinance community meeting is being held on Friday, November 18th, before a holiday week. Mrs. McMahon confirmed that the presentation that is given will be published on the City's website and comments, questions, and concerns can be submitted. Commissioner Friszolowski stated that there will be more meetings on the subject because this is a heavy item that needs proper discussions.

Vice Mayor Graus—mentioned the well-attended District 1 Town Hall meeting last night.

He reminded residents that the FreeBee service now runs north and south on the island. He encouraged residents to take the FreeBee to the north end of the island and visit all the great restaurants and businesses in District 1.

Mayor Johnson—stated that he received a letter from Sister City International requesting the City to renew its membership; he is unsure of the benefits, but if the Commission wanted to continue, the cost is \$400. The consensus was to not renew the membership.

He announced the Mayor's Council of Pinellas County Holiday Luncheon on December 9, 2022, at 11:30 AM in Indian Rocks Beach at Salt Rock Grill; if anyone would like to attend, please let the City Manager's Office know.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: DECEMBER 6, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR