

City Commission Meeting

April 11, 2023

6:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Adrian Petrilă, Mayor

Mark Grill, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 2

Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1

Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner, District 3

Chris Marone, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager

Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer

Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director

Brett Warner, City Engineer

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

1. PRESENTATION

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief introduction to the City of St. Pete Beach Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year 2022. His presentation included changes in net position, contributing factors, and financial position. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the record.

Zack Chalifour, CPA of James Moore and Company gave the annual audit for the year ending September 30, 2022 presentation to the City Commission. His presentation included a Certificate of Excellence, auditor's reports, general fund balance information, business type fund information, and pension funds information. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the record.

A brief question and answer session followed whereby Mr. Chalifour and the Finance Department were recognized for their hard work.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Grill requested that Consent Agenda item 4.a. be moved to item 5.b. for discussion.

Mayor Petrilă requested an addition of a Freebee discussion as item 6. b.

Discussion: Clarification was sought on whether item 6.a. was a discussion or action item. It was the opinion of the Attorney that a motion can be made at any point no matter the placement and title of the agenda. If the Commission would rather move it to action items, that is allowable as well. It was decided that the placement of this as a discussion item was appropriate.

Motion: Vice Mayor Grill moved, Commissioner Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 11, 2023 City Commission Agenda as modified.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Vincent T., a resident, commented on Citizens Property Insurance and the increase in prices.

Based on the above comments, the Commission requested that Representative Linda Chaney be asked to attend a future Commission meeting to provide updates after the current Legislative Session ends.

Ms. Reece, a resident, made a request to the Commission that the Sirata Community Meetings be televised for those that cannot attend.

Staff was asked to investigate a way to televise the meetings.

A resident, Amy Auerbach commented on the Sirata notice mailed to residents and the boardwalk as mentioned on the site plan. City Manager Rey stated that staff has had conversations with the prior owners of the Sirata about the possibility of having a boardwalk installed along the beach behind all properties.

4. CONSENT

- a. ~~Approval of Tak Order with Kimley Horn for Sunset Way and 71st Sidewalk Design and Support Services~~
this item was moved to 5.b. for discussion.

No action is required.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Gulf Way Paving Design

Brett Warner, City Engineer, explained the unique complications with this area in the City and the problematic drainage. He explained the process of the preparation needed to correct the drainage issues with an expected design completion date of September 2023.

The Commission requested a community informational meeting be held in District 4 to allow the residents to obtain more information.

The installation of crosswalks was discussed; Mr. Warner explained that any crosswalks that may already be in this area will be removed during the regrading and paving and will need to be reinstalled.

Vice Mayor Grill requested that vendors not use the City logo on their forms.

Susan Konczal, a resident, commented on insufficient crosswalks along Gulf Boulevard between 44th and 75th Avenues.

Motion: **Commissioner Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Marone seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the expenditure of \$153,555.78 under the continuing engineering services contract with George F. Young, Inc. for Gulf Way pavement resurfacing from 1st to 22nd Avenue design.**

b. Approval of Task Order with Kimley Horn for Sunset Way and 71st Avenue Sidewalk Design and Support Services

Commissioner Grill mentioned the feedback he has received from various members of the public regarding this project. He commented on the task order amounts, noting that there is a discrepancy of \$1.00.

Mayor Petrila mentioned the projected sidewalk installation as displayed by Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director. A copy of the sidewalk area is made a part of the record. He stated that the sidewalk goes and then just stops and does not lead to any area; he opined that the City needs to review this path and make the sidewalk complete to allow the public to utilize it safely and appropriately. Discussion ensued.

Gary Canfield, a resident, and representative of Envoy Point Condominiums expressed some concerns with the sidewalk abutting the installed landscape that is between the wall and the road along Sunset Way and 71st Avenue.

The Commission asked for a community meeting to be held with residents in the area to discuss this project.

Motion: Commissioner Graus moved, Vice Mayor Grill seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve the task order for \$41,937.00 with Kimley Horn to complete the design and related services for a sidewalk on the west side of Sunset Way from Corey Avenue to 71st Avenue, and on the north side of 71st Avenue from Sunset Way to Beach Plaza. Mayor Petrila voted no.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. **Discussion to Conduct an Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the St. Pete Beach Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Petrila stated that this was added as a discussion item to the Agenda due to comments made at the last meeting and wanting the specifics advertised ahead of time to allow the public to be informed.

Discussion took place on the following:

- April 25th Workshop with the Planning Board
 - Attorney Dickman and City Manager Rey to create a presentation that will be made a part of the Agenda and distributed in the middle of next week.
 - Attorney Dickman is to attach a copy of the 2015 settlement agreement to the Agenda prior to the meeting.
- Direct the Planning Board to be responsible for review and make recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan
- The process of determining if a moratorium is necessary.
- Allowing the public to submit questions 24 hours ahead of the April 25th meeting to allow the elected and appointed officials to be prepared at the meeting; no public comment at the workshop.

The following residents spoke in favor of a review of the Comprehensive Plan:

- James Proctor
- Amy Auerbach
- Lisa Robinson

Kenneth Amos Jr., a resident, spoke regarding the three items as mentioned in the motion as written in the Agenda packet and opined the Commissioners need to look at the components as three individual items.

b. **Freebee Discussion added**

Mayor Petrila mentioned the various comments he has received from residents regarding the long wait times for Freebee and questioned if there can be some type of priority delineated in the app for St. Pete Beach residents.

Discussion ensued with staff being directed to add this topic on the next agenda and to bring forward the statistics related to average wait times and ridership as well as information on the cost to add additional service.

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

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk—mentioned the Board and Committee list as provided to each of the Commissioner prior to the start of the meeting; this information can be found on the City’s website.

Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer—explained that the City has budgeted \$30,000 for fireworks for the July 4th Holiday. She would like to know if the Commission would prefer to have a drone show this year instead. Discussion ensued with the consensus of the Commission for staff to provide more information about drones. Also, the Mayor would like a survey posted to the City’s website to incite feedback on this topic and to educate the residents on what to expect; he would like the results at the next meeting.

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney—stated that his staff and the City Clerk will work together to prepare a training to the boards and committees on ethics, Sunshine Law, and Public Records Law.

Commissioner Marone—commented on the events last weekend in Pass-A-Grille.

He mentioned the Historic Preservation Board’s discussion on the lights for the Vina Bridge – there will be a community meeting on this topic.

Commissioner Friszolowski—announced the two dates for the Sirata Community Meeting to be held at the Community Center on April 13th and April 20th, both at 5:30 p.m.

District 3 Town Hall will be held on April 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Vice Mayor Grill—April is National Volunteer Month. He thanked all the volunteers that serve on the City’s advisory boards, both new and old.

April 23rd – 29th is National Library Week.

Mr. Grill expressed his opinions about the work that Duke Energy is performing for hardening in his District as well as the delayed undergrounding.

On April 15th there will be a 3 Palms Point Neighborhood annual garage sale.

Vice Mayor Grill thanked the Parks Department for the well-attended Easter Egg Drop event at the pool last Saturday.

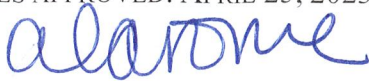
Commissioner Graus—commented on a recent golf cart accident over the weekend and reminded everyone that there are more golf carts on the roadways so please pay attention and drive safely.

He complimented Michelle Gonzalez for her recent interview on Freebee services with the Tampa Bay Times; the article was in the Sunday paper.

Mayor Petrila—announced Mayor’s Office Hours at the Library on the Mondays before the Commission Meetings from 6pm to 7pm.

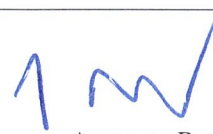
There being no further discussion, Mayor Petrila adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: APRIL 25, 2023

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AMBER LAROWE

CITY CLERK

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ADRIAN PETRILA

MAYOR