

**Special City Commission Meeting
January 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Adrian Petrilu, Mayor
Rich Lorenzen, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 4
Karen Marriott, Commissioner, District 1
Nick Filtz, Commissioner, District 2
Betty Rzewnicki, Commissioner, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney – present via Zoom
Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Petrilu called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Attorney Dickman explained the process that led to the Special City Commission meeting being scheduled today from the meeting held on December 5, 2023. The Applicant's Attorney, Elise Batsel, submitted a request for continuance on Conditional Use Permit #23053 and Attorney Dickman opined that is probably the best course of action at this time. He stated that [Resolution 2023-21] would need to be readvertised; City Clerk LaRowe stated that the Resolution would need to be advertised at least 10 days in the Tampa Bay Times before the hearing. Attorney Dickman opined it is best to readvertise and for the entire process to start over again with staff presentation, applicant presentation, and public comment.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Rzewnicki seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 10, 2024, City Commission agenda.

Attorney Elise Batsel, representing the Applicant, requested the Commission reschedule [Conditional Use Permit #23053] as soon as possible.

Mrs. LaRowe stated that the soonest an advertisement could be in the paper would be January 24, 2024, and the hearing could be scheduled 10 days from that date.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Pinellas County resident Tom Rask provided comments on the process, the continuation, and the Attorney's recommendation.

3. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 2023-21 (Conditional Use Permit #23053): 5300, 5350, 5380, 5390

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, UNDER SECTIONS 35.3.(b)(1) AND 35.4.(b) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 290 TEMPORARY LODGING UNIT, TEN STORY, 115'-6"-TALL HOTEL WITH ROOFTOP FEATURES NOT TO EXCEED 127'-6" IN TOTAL HEIGHT FROM BASE FLOOD ELEVATION ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE SITE, AND A 130 TEMPORARY LODGING UNIT, EIGHT STORY, 88'-6"-TALL HOTEL WITH ROOFTOP FEATURES NOT TO EXCEED 100'-6" FROM BASE FLOOD

ELEVATION HOTEL ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE SITE, ALONG WITH ANCILLARY AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AND PERMIT A ROOFTOP DINING AND DRINKING AMENITY THAT INCLUDES THE PLAYING OF OUTDOOR MUSIC, TO PARCEL #06- 32-16-80172-000-0010, WITH ADDRESSES OF 5300, 5350, 5380, AND 5390 GULF BOULEVARD; INCORPORATING THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Petrila opened public comment on anyone wishing to speak on the request to continue.

Resident John Kurzman referenced an email he submitted to the Commission regarding the ordinance verbiage of security versus scrutiny.

Attorney Jane Graham, representing Protect St. Pete Beach Advocacy Group, is in favor of the continuance and touched on reasons for that.

Attorney Batsel addressed a few comments as mentioned by Attorney Graham, the Code requirements regarding a community meeting, and the revised documents as submitted by the applicant at the request of the Commission [during the December 5, 2023, City Commission meeting] and from staff.

The Commission discussed possible dates in February.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Vice Mayor Lorenzen seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to continue this hearing to Wednesday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk LaRowe announced her leave from the City beginning February 1st; therefore, because this hearing is starting over, all those who registered to speak, via the online method, will need to sign up to speak; there will be no "holding" in line for the February meeting. She will put information out there so that the public is aware.

Attorney Dickman addressed availability for the January 23, 2024, Executive Session (as mentioned during last night's City Commission meeting); Mayor Petrila will be letting the City Clerk know by the end of the day tomorrow, [January 11, 2024].

Mayor Petrila adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: FEBRUARY 13, 2024



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DEPUTY CITY CLERK



ADRIAN PETRILA
MAYOR