**ST. PETE BEACH COMMISSION MEETING**
**MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 11, 2009**
**06:30 p.m.**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

**Mayor Mike Finnerty**
**Commissioner Al Halpern**
**Commissioner Christopher Leonard**
**Commissioner Bev Garnett**
**Commissioner Jim Parent**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**City Attorney Mike Davis**
**City Clerk Theresa McMaster**
**City Manager Mike Bonfield**

Mr. Bonfield requested that an item be added to the agenda. It was regarding Sea Oat Planting Project. It was added as Agend Item 1c.

Vice Mayor Halpern asked that he be able to give one of his reports befor the end of the meeting. It was regarding the skate park.

**1. Presentations**

**a. Presentation to update City Commission on the Corey Avenue Sunday European Style Market.**

Sunday Morning Market Update

Mr. Cellon reported that the events have been successful. The market will be closed for the summer and will reopen in the fall.

**b. Project close out of the Beach Drive-Over capital improvement project.**

Beach Drive-Over Project Close Out

Steve Hallock, Public Services Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the completed project.

**c. Sea Oats**

Kevin Hing, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee, addressed the Commission. He announced the Sea Oats Planting Project.

Commissioner Garnett mentioned that the Sirata is providing water and the Hurricane is donating nutrition bars.

**2. Audience Comments**

Ward Friszolowski, 3566 Belle Vista Drive East addressed the Commission, spoke about the St Pete Beach Civic Association; noted they have sent letters to all of the presidents of condo, civic and homeowners associations announcing a meeting on June 17, 2009 at the Community Center at 6:30. He welcomed anyone who wishes to participate.

Dale Hughes, 8301 Boca Ciega Drive noted the he has written an email to Mr. Bonfield regarding a consultant that has been retained by the City and their purpose was. He also requested the last six months of credit card bills for the Mayor.

Mike Welch, 3410 E. Debazan Avenue addressed the Commission. He discussed pedestrian crosswalks and how he has been involved in attempting to get more crosswalks in the City. He gave a history of his actions on this issue. He mentioned a meet with staff and representatives from other agencies. The Mayor, Linda Chaney and Mr. Welch attended. He reported that staff left the meeting abruptly.

Rosemary Manning, 200 1st Avenue addressed the Commission and discussed the crosswalk at the Don CeSar. She stated that the employees of the hotel should use the cross walk. She mentioned Forth of July fireworks and noted that reader board on 75th Avenue that states "lock you car" is not a welcoming hat the City should be marketing the City.

Bill Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way addressed the Commission and discussed doing some serious planning for the future and the City working together to make things happen.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Ilse Drive addressed the Commission. She expressed support for additional crosswalks and mentioned grant funding. She mentioned the water lines in need of repair.

Harry Metz, 504 Pass A Grille Way addressed the Commission about firefighters being trained as inspectors that was discussed during the budget workshops last year.

Linda Chaney, 5401 Aloha Drive addressed the Commission and noted that she attended the meeting regarding crosswalks mentioned earlier. She was dissappointed that staff left the meeting. She mentioned the Penny for Pinellas Funds that wil be dispersed by the BIGC. She said if the City doesn t submit a plan, they will not get funding. She further stated that FDOT offered to proceed with plans and suggested that the City "get the ball rolling"

Mr. Bonfield responded to the discussion on the crosswalksand the meeting that had been referenced. He stated that there are no City funds allocated; that he requested the meeting with the FDOT and that Mr. Welch and Ms. Chaney attending the meeting was inappropriate.

Mr. Bonfield related that Staff thinks it make sense to talk about all of Gulf Boulevard and not piece meal it. There has been a plan developed for the beaufitication for quite some time. He explained that it made sense to wait and do it all at one and not to tear up crosswalks that were done a short time before the entire project is underway.

Mayor Finnerty explained that he had arranged the meeting with FDOT, to which Mr. Bonfield disagreed.

Mayor Finnerty said that he asked FDOT to come up with a plan.

Mr. Bonfield said that type of action is inappropriate.

There was some disagreement between between Mr. Bonfield, Ms. Chaney and Mr. Welch.

Commissioner Garnett stated that this was not the forum for that kind of discussion.

Linda Chaney asked that items 4d and 4e be moved up on the agenda, as there several residents that were there for those items.

Vice Mayor Halpern presented some photos to the Commission of the skate board park. They showed the vandalism that has been occurring. Skaters sit on the private side of the fence,$ get in the private pool and graffiti the skate park equipment and the buildings in the complex.

Mr.Hallock responded and reported that this has been an ongoing issue. There have been $5,000 repairs to the fence. The Park is trashed a almost everyday. The clean up takes about 30 to 45 minutes.

It was noted that there is a skate park event on June 21, 2009 and the participants and observers will all be notified that if this type of behavior continues to ocurr, the skate park will be disassembled and closed.

Vice Mayor Halpern mentioned that he has spoken with the parents of a younger child who was intimidated by the skaters.

There was discussion about survellance.

Commissioner Parent suggested that an attempt be made to have some of the skaters to police it themselves.

There was discussion about relocating the park, as well as having a stakeholders meeting to encourage the skaters to participate in polcing themselves.

Discussion was held about what issues should be moved up on the agenda.

**3. Consent**

**a. Minutes for approval.**

Minutes of May 13, 2009 Attorney/Client meeting

**Commissioner Jim Parent moved to approve Consent Commissioner Al Halpern seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

**4. Resolutions**

**5. Ordinances**

**d. Ordinance 2009-11, First Reading and Public Hearing, 8th Avenue Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

Ordinance 2009-11 agenda report

Ordinance 2009-11

**Commissioner Bev Garnett moved to approve Ordinance 2009-11, First Reading and Public Hearing, 8th Avenue Comprehensive Plan Amendment, changing the election date to November 3, 2009. Commissioner Al Halpern seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

**e. Ordinance 2009-12, First Reading and Public Hearing, Charter Amendment**

Ordinance 2009-12 agenda report

Ordinance 2009-12

Ordinance 2009-12 backup

Linda Chaney, addressed the Commission and noted that the ordinance that is being presented is not what was discussed by the Commission in the past. She encouraged the Commission to delay the election on this issue until next March. She said that there seems to be a loophole wherein a comprehensive plan including height, density and land use categories could be adopted without a vote of the citizens. She suggested sending this item to the Planning Board for input.

Bill Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way advised the Commission not to take action that would create unintended consequences.

Will Jacoby, 8100 Gulf Boulevard addressed the Commission and noted that they are elected to make decisions and be teachers. The Commission need to educate the voters as to the decisions they will be making during elections.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive addressed the Commission and noted that she feared that these items would have passed tonight had it not been brought to their attention. She encouraged fair and neutral education on the issues.

The Mayor suggested that this item go to the Planning Board. Discussion was held regarding the Planning Boards next meeting. It was noted that the next regular meeting is on July 15, 2009. It was decided that the Planning Board would be invited to a Commission Workshop that was scheduled for June 30, 2009. Ms. Chaney, member of the Planning Board, addressed the Commission and said that the one member that would be out of town, could attend via phone. Staff was asked to contact the Chairman of the Planning Board and have a special Planning Board Meeting before the workshop on June 30, 2009.

a. **Ordinance 2009-04**

Considerable discussion was held regarding the requirement of a landscape architect under certain circumstances.

**Commissioner Al Halpern moved to approve Ordinance 2009-04 Commissioner Christopher Leonard seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

b. **Ordinance 2009-09, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 pertaining to Parks and Recreation fees.**

Rec Fee Adjustment 6-9-09

Ordinance 2009-09

Rec Fee Schedule 6-9-09

**Commissioner Jim Parent moved to approve Ordinance 2009-09, Final Reading and Pulbic Hearing, amending Chapter 58 pertaining to Park and Recreation fees.**

**Commissioner Bev Garnett seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

c. **Ordinance 2009-10, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for appropriation and reallocation of budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2009 in the General Fund, increase in appropriations for the Wastewater Fund, and elimination of the Stormwater Fund and providing for funding.**

Ordinance 2009-10 Memo

Ordinance 2009-10

Dale Hughes, Boca Ciega Drive asked for an explanation of this issue.

Mike Bonfield explained the ordinance

**Commissioner Jim Parent moved to approve Ordinance 2009-10, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for appropriation and reallocation of budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2009 in the General Fund, increase in appropriations for the Wastewater Fund, and elimination of the Stormwater Fund and providing for funding. Commissioner Bev Garnett seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

**6. Action Items**

**a. Donation to the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce for July 4th Fireworks for the balance of the funds requested.**

Fireworks agenda report

Mr.Bonfield noted that no one from the Chamber was present. Commissioner Garnett stated that they do not need any additional funds. They have collected enough to pay for the fireworks.

The Commission instructed Mr. Bonfield to ask someone from the Chamber of Commerce to attend the next meeting.

**b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Southeastern Petroleum Contractors Inc, Port Richey, Florida for work specified as Fuel**

**Tank Closures at the City s Fire Station #23 and Merry Pier in the amount of $32,000.**

Mr. Bonfield addressed the Commission regarding this issue.

Rosemary Manning, 200 First Avenue inquired as to what would be placed in the tanks to fill them.

Mr. Hallock responded to the question.

**moved to**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

c. **Authorization for the City Manager to partner with PSTA to begin replacing the old City owned bus shelters within the City.**

Bus Shelter Agenda Report 6-11-09

Mr. Bonfield reported on the issue.

Steve Hallock, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Finnerty reported that he has spoken with representative of PSTA. The cost of the standard bus shelter is $3,875. He said that if a different style is chosen, they would credit the City that amount towards the shelter.

Discussion was held regarding the style and cost of different types of structures.

It was suggested by Commissioner Parent that the Commission individually look at the catalog on the website and choose the top three choices and come back to this issue at a later date for discussion.

**7. Items for Discussion**

**a. Beautification Awards - Commissioner Leonard**

This item was continued until next meeting.

**8. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports**

City Manager Report

City Attorney Report

Commissioner Leonard's Report

Commissioner Garnett s report

Vice Mayor Halpern s report

Commissioner Parent s report

Mayor Finnerty s report

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on