

**ST. PETE BEACH COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2009
06:00 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**

During the Agenda Meeting a presentation from Kevin Hing on the Sea Oats Project was added.

1. [Presentations](#)

Kevin Hing, Chairman of the Beach Stewardship Committee, gave a summary of the 1st Annual Sea Oats Planting Project that was held on June 20, 2009.

2. [Audience Comments](#)

Lorraine Huhn, 9425 Blind Pass Road

Harry Metz, 504 Pass-A-Grille Way

Robert Manning, 200 First Avenue

William Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way

Carol Walker, 5396 Gulf Boulevard

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive

Some discussion was held about the Bayway Bridge and its replacement. Mr. Bonfield noted that a recommendation for replacement was forwarded to the MPO who will be disseminating the grant funding.

Discussion was held about whether there were a decreased number of police officers on the street due to budget cuts.

The Mayor noted that the City contributes 20% of the bed tax collected by the County and he expressed his desire that the City get more of those tax dollars back for use by the City.

Commissioner Leonard suggested that residents contact their State Legislators regarding funding for the Bayway Bridge.

Mayor Finnerty noted that he has invited Representative Frishe and Senator Jones to the next Meeting for a legislative update.

3. Consent

- a. Minutes for approval: April 14, 2009, February 26, 2008, February 12, 2008 and June 11, 2009.**

[Minutes of April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting](#)

[Minutes of February 26, 2008 Regular Meeting](#)

[Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Regular Meeting](#)

[Minutes of the June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting](#)

Commissioner Bev Garnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda Commissioner Jim Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

4. Resolutions

5. [Ordinances](#)

- a. [Ordinance 2008-47, Final Reading and Public Hearing amending the Housing, Infrastructure, Capital Improvements, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Conservation and Coastal Management Elements of the Comprehensive Plan to implement policy changes identified in the City's 2007 Evaluation and Appraisal Report.](#)

[ORDINANCE 2008-47 REPORT](#)

[ORDINANCE 2008-47](#)

[EAR ATTACHMENT A PART 1](#)

[EAR ATTACHMENT A PART 2](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner, addressed the Commission with a brief presentation.

Ms. Hartley answered questions from the Commission.

Discussion was held regarding what would happen if the voters do not approve this ordinance.

William Pyle, 6600 Sunset Way spoke in opposition of the Ordinance.

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Ms. Hartley answered questions posed by Mr. Pyle.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive asked questions regarding the Ordinance.

Ms. Hartley responded to Ms. Schechner s questions.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

- b. [Ordinance 2009-11, Final Reading and Public Hearing, establishing the date of public referendum for the adopted 8th Avenue Comprehensive Plan amendment.](#)

[ORDINANCE 2009-11 REPORT](#)

[ORDINANCE 2009-11](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Karl Holley, Community Development Director, addressed the Commission. He noted that the only change that was made in this ordinance was the date of the election.

This amendment is to allow new construction to be consistent with the development pattern already in existence in the Eighth Avenue District..

Commissioner Al Halpern moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-11, Final Reading and Public Hearing, establishing the date of public referendum for the adopted 8th Avenue Comprehensive Plan amendment. Commissioner Bev Garnett seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

6. Action Items

a. Voting Delegate Designation for Florida League of Cities Conference

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Mayor Finnerty was appointed to be the voting delegate for St. Pete Beach.

7. Items for Discussion

a. Discussion of proposed requirements for construction site management.

CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION REPORT

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Mr. Holley addressed the Commission.

Mr. Holley reviewed the issues that are addressed in this ordinance which dealt with commercial and multi-family construction.

Mr. Holley said that there are continuing complaints about single family residential development regarding noise, parking, etc.

Mr. Bonfield suggested that staff provide construction site plan management regulations for single family construction at a future date.

Bob Manning, 200 First Avenue

b. [Partnership with PSTA to replace the old City owned bus shelters within the City.](#)

[Bus Shelter Agenda Report](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue. Steve Hallock, Public Services Director, addressed the Commission.

The Commission agreed on several styles of bus shelters to be replace the old ones currently in place. Staff was instructed to come back to the Commission with pricing on the styles that where chosen by the Commission.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive

c. [Beautification Awards - Commissioner Leonard](#)

Commissioner Leonard brought up the issue of recognizing beautification efforts in the Community. He suggested that each Commissioner appoint committees to make recommendations to receive beautification awards.

City Attorney Davis cautioned the Commission about appointing committees. He related that any committee appointed would need to adhere to the Sunshine Law regulations.

Mr. Davis advised the Commission to simply get advice from their constituents, not to appoint a committee.

Commissioner Parent recommended that this type of program might be something that the new St. Pete Beach Civic Association would be interested in taking on.

Mayor Finnerty said this would be a nice challenge to the Association.

Commissioner Leonard said that he would explain the Program to the community groups in his district.

Mr. Bonfield suggested that the Commission decide whether or not they would like to extend the challenge to the Civic Association to handle.

Commissioner Leonard expressed concern that some residents will not be participating in that association.

It was the consensus of the Commission to ask the Association if they would be interested in coordinating such an effort.

Mr. Bonfield said that he would contact the Civic Association and report back to the Commission.

8. [City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports](#)

[City Manager's Report](#)

[City Attorney's Report](#)

[Commissioner Garnett s Report](#)

[Commissioner Leonard s Report](#)

Commissioner Parent s Report

Vice Mayor Halpern s Report

Mayor Finnerty s Report

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on
