

**City Commission Special Meeting
Executive Session
February 6, 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
Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk— (left after the close of the public portion and returned upon the reopening)
Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney

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

Attorney Dickman announced that the meeting today is an Executive Session, closed meeting, according to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, as requested at the January 23rd City Commission meeting, to discuss the litigation with Protect St. Pete Beach Advocacy Group, et.al. versus the City of St. Pete Beach, [Case No. 24-00004-CI; Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida], and Red, White & Booze, LLC, et. al. versus the City of St. Pete Beach, [Case No. 8:23-cv-2704-KKM-AAS, United States District Court Middle District of Florida Tampa Division]. Attorney Samuel Salario, Jr. was present in Chambers and Attorney Caroline Poor was present via Zoom; both attorneys are part of the defense council for the St. Pete Beach Advocacy Group case.

Attorney Dickman requested that, once the public portion of the meeting is closed, the case on Red, White & Booze is discussed first.

Mayor Petrilu closed the meeting to the public at 4:03 p.m. and reopened the public portion of the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Attorney Dickman stated that he has received clear direction on the next steps that he will take; no vote is necessary at this time.

Mayor Petrilu discussed lawsuits being mentioned on social media and asked for the Attorney's advice. Mr. Dickman understands that the elected officials serve at the pleasure of their constituents and that means listening to their thoughts and concerns; however, he asked that if a Commissioner feels like they want to reach out to the public regarding litigation, they call him first so that a consistent message is delivered. He offered to speak to the public if the Commission receives any questions or comments about open litigation. As always, he encouraged the Commissioners to share what is public record such as the information that is filed with the Clerk of Court.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Petrilu adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: 2/27/2024



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DEPUTY CITY CLERK



ADRIAN PETRILU
MAYOR