

**ST. PETE BEACH COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, September 21, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

THOSE PRESENT:

**Mayor Finnerty
Commissioner Leonard
Vice Mayor Halpern
Commissioner Garnett
Commissioner Parent**

ALSO PRESENT:

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

A Resolution regarding EMS funding was added as Item 5a Resolutions.

Commissioner Leonard asked to be allowed to make some comments regarding the Union contracts. The Mayor agreed.

2. Audience Comments

Rick Falkenstien, 6441 4th Palm Point.

Ike Cakarnis, 105 12th Avenue.

Paul Pfister, 8090 Gulf Boulevard.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive.

Rusty Ercius, 111 12th Avenue.

Joe Caruso, Coconut Inn.

3. Consent

- a. Minutes of the November 10, 2008 City Commission Meeting and the March 24, 2009 City Commission Meeting.**

[Minutes of the November 10, 2008 City Commission Meeting.](#)
[Minutes of the March 24, 2009 City Commission Meeting](#)

- b. Authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement accepting an Edward Byrne Memorial-U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Grant of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Non-Matching Funds in the amount of \$160,490.00.**

[FDLE Grant Agenda Report](#)
[2009 ARRC Amount Recommendations](#)
[FDLE Console Grant](#)

- c. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) – Lodge 43 for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012.**

[FOP contract Agenda Report](#)
[FOP Contract](#)

- d. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Communication Workers of America (CWA) – Local 3179 for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012.**

[CWA Contract Agenda Report](#)
[CWA contract](#)

- e. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) – Local 2266 for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012.**

[IAFF Contract Agenda Report](#)
[IAFF Contract](#)

Commissioner Leonard complimented all parties that were involved in the Union negotiations. He noted that it was a big accomplishment for the Community.

Vice Mayor Halpern moved to approve Consent Commissioner Leonard

seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

4. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2009-21, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida; establishing the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010; providing for an effective date.**

Ordinance 2009-21 Agenda report
Ordinance 2009-21

City Manager Bonfield summarized the issue.

Finance Director Elaine Edmunds was present to answer questions from the Commission. There were no questions from the Commission or staff.

Commissioner Parent expressed concerns regarding a possible shortfall in extra legal budget.

Vice Mayor Halpern noted that the impact fee studies are estimated at \$200,000 and if new construction or redevelopment begins to occur, the studies will be necessary.

Commissioner Leonard noted that the City needs to be in survival mode and give relief to the residents.

Audience Comments

Paul Pfister, 8090 Gulf Boulevard.

Deborah Schechner, 810 Boca Ciega Isle Drive.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Ordinance 2009-21, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida; establishing the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010; providing for an effective date. Commissioner Garnett seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by individual roll call vote of (4-1) with Commissioner Leonard voting no.

- b. [Ordinance 2009-22, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida; adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010; providing appropriations; providing for an effective date.](#)

[Ordinance 2009-22 Memo](#)
[Ordinance 2009-22](#)

Commissioner Garnett moved to approve Ordinance 2009-22, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida; adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010; providing appropriations; providing for an effective date. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by individual roll call vote of (4-1) with Commissioner Leonard voting no.

- c. [Ordinance 2009 – 13, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances.](#)

[Ordinance 2009-13 Agenda Report](#)
[Ordinance 2009-13](#)
[Ordinance 2009-13 Fee Schedule](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Vice Mayor Halpern moved to approve Ordinance 2009 - 13, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

- d. [Ordinance 2009-16, Final Reading and Public Hearing providing for amendment of Article III of Chapter 98 of the City of St. Pete Beach Municipal Code of Ordinances establishing requirements for construction site management.](#)

[Ordinance 2009-16 Report](#)

[Ordinance 2009-16](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Vice Mayor Halpern moved to approve Ordinance 2009-16, Final Reading and Public Hearing providing for amendment of Article III of Chapter 98 of the City of St. Pete Beach Municipal Code of Ordinances establishing requirements for construction site management. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

- e. [Ordinance 2009–18, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances related to room rental rates.](#)

[Ordinance 2009-18 Agenda Report - Final Reading](#)
[Ordinance 2009-18 - Final Reading](#)
[Ordinance 2009-18 Fee Schedule - Final Reading](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Steve Hallock, Public Services Department Director, answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Garnett moved to approve Ordinance 2009-18, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances related to room rental rates. Vice Mayor Halpern seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle, objected that the resident rate discount of only 10%.

- f. [Ordinance 2009-20, Final Reading and Public Hearing providing for amendment of Article I of Chapter 74 of the City of St. Pete Beach Municipal Code of Ordinances.](#)

[Ordinance 2009-20 Report](#)
[Ordinance 2009-20](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Ordinance 2009-20, Final Reading

and Public Hearing providing for amendment of Article I of Chapter 74 of the City of St. Pete Beach Municipal Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

- g. [Ordinance 2009 – 23, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances related to catering services.](#)**

[Ordinance 2009-23 Agenda Report](#)
[Ordinance 2009-23](#)
[Ordinance 2009-23 Fee Schedule](#)

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

Commissioner Garnett moved to approve Ordinance 2009 - 23, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances related to catering services. Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

5. Resolutions

- a. [Resolution 2009-20 requesting Pinellas County to continue funding Rescue 23 for the FY09/10 budget in the amount of \\$325,000](#)**

Mr. Bonfield summarized the issue.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Resolution 2009-20 requesting Pinellas County to continue funding Rescue 23 for the FY09/10 budget in the amount of \$325,000 Vice Mayor Halpern seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

6. [Action Items](#)

- a. [Authorization to schedule an attorney client session on Monday, October 5th at 1:00 pm](#)**

[Attorney Client Session agenda report](#)

It was the consensus of the Commission to change the time of the attorney client session to 3:30pm on October 5, 2009.

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

Mr. Bonfield's Report

Mr. Davis' Report

Commissioner Garnett's Report

Commissioner Leonard's Report

Commissioner Parent's Report

Vice Mayor Halpern's Report

Mayor Finnerty's Report

Theresa B. McMaster, City Clerk

Mike Finnerty, Mayor

Minutes approved on
