

City Commission Special Meeting
Executive Session
April 23, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Commission Chambers

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney
Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk (left after the close of the public portion and returned upon reopening)

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

City Attorney Andrew Dickman announced that the meeting was an Executive Session, closed meeting, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss the lawsuit Protect St. Pete Beach Advocacy Group, et al. v. City of St. Pete Beach; Case No. 24-000041-CI, Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida.

Attorney Dickman explained that under statute this is one rare instance of allowable discussion outside of the sunshine, for settlement discussion or expenses related to litigation strategies. A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings; a transcript will be sent to the Clerk and remain sealed as a public record until the litigation is concluded. He provided rules of thumb to the Commission to speak clearly for the court reporter. Mr. Dickman stated that in addition to himself, Assistant City Attorney Matthew McConnell and defense counsel Sam Salario (via Zoom) were present.

Unincorporated Pinellas County resident Tom Rask provided public comment on the City's compliance with the Sunshine Law and public records.

Mayor Pettila closed the meeting to the public at 5:03 pm

Mayor Pettila reopened the public portion of the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pettila adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: 5/14/2024

AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK

ADRIAN PETRILA
MAYOR