

City Commission Special Meeting

December 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Adrian Petrila, Mayor

Joe Moholland, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 4

Karen Marriott, Commissioner, District 1

Lisa Robinson, Commissioner, District 2

Betty Rzewnicki, Commissioner, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Becky Vose, Interim City Attorney

Frances Robustelli, City Manager

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

Brandon Berry, Senior Planner

Denise Sanderson, Interim Community Development Director

Mayor Petrila called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robinson requested the addition of the following:

- Discussion and motion to terminate the contract with Freebee
 - This was not added because proper noticing was necessary.
- Discussion of the 2014 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) consent order and the 2017 memorandum
- Request for the addition of a discussion item for the January 28th City Commission agenda on decoupling permits
 - This was not added as a discussion item; the City Clerk was asked to add this to the 1/28/2025 Commission agenda.
- Discussion of electrical rewiring

All these discussion items will be added as number 4, a. and b. respectively.

Motion: Vice Mayor Moholland moved, Commissioner Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the amended December 20, 2024, Special City Commission agenda.

2. HELENE AND MILTON RECOVERY EFFORTS – STANDING AGENDA ITEM

Denise Sanderson, Interim Community Development Director, updated the Commission on the recovery efforts, permitting process, and debris collection for hurricanes Helene and Milton. A copy of her presentation is included in the record.

The Commission discussed the permitting process, inspections, and the additional staff.

Resident John Kurzman shared his opinions and comments on the presentation.

a. Interpretation Changes to 1-Year Lookback Period; Ordinance 2024-16

Brandon Berry, Senior Planner, presented the new interpretation of adopted Ordinance 2024-16, which reduced the lookback period to 1 year and included the exceptions clause to allow for re-roofs, mechanical equal changeouts, and impact window/door changeouts. A copy of the presentation is included in the record.

The following individuals made public comments about this discussion as well as the permitting process:

- Jackie McCall
- Steve Moore
- Jill Mederos
- Julie Fisher
- Lynn Savoia
- John Kurzman

The Commission requested a special meeting on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and possibly approve an emergency ordinance changing the lookback period to no-lookback.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Authorize the City Manager to adjust the Building Official Salary Range to a Certain Percentage Above the Pay Study

City Manager Robustelli discussed the complications the City has had recruiting an on-staff Building Official. To remain competitive, she requests approval to adjust the pay range by 7.5% and move this position into the “at-will” and leadership category, thereby increasing the retirement contribution.

City Clerk LaRowe read Resolution 2024-31 into the record.

Motion: Vice Mayor Moholland moved, Commissioner Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2024-31 authorizing the City Manager to adjust the Building Official pay range 7.5% above the pay study, moving the position from Grade 16 to Grade 17, and to update the Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 1.02(B) to include the Building Official as an “at-will” employee; further, this includes amending the City of St. Pete Beach 401a Adoption Agreement to add the Building Official position to be grouped with department directors whereby the Employer shall contribute on behalf of the Building Official who is a participant 12% of earnings for the Plan Year.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS – AS ADDED AT THE FIRST OF THE MEETING

a. 2014 DEP Consent Order and 2017 Memorandum

Commissioner Robinson discussed the consent order and the memorandum, which were distributed at the start of the meeting and are part of the record. She requested that Legal review these items and determine if appropriate steps were taken to meet the DEP’s Order. Legal said they would review the information and do their best to present it on January 14th.

b. Electrical Rewiring

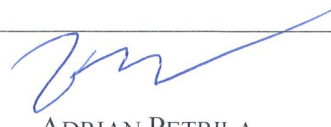
Commissioner Robinson mentioned the process for electrical rewiring, both partially and whole house. Cloth wiring was discussed.

Ms. Sanderson informed the Commission that electrical must be brought up to Code if it is not currently; this is a requirement for both the National and Florida Building Electrical Codes.

Mayor Petrila adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: JANUARY 14, 2025


AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK


ADRIAN PETRILA
MAYOR