

**City Commission Special Meeting
December 23, 2024
6:00 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Betty Rzewnicki, Commissioner, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Ralf Brookes, Interim City Attorney
Adam Poirrier, Acting Assistant City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Denise Sanderson, Interim Community Development Director

Mayor Petrila called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Moholland would like to make an announcement at the end of the meeting; this was added as item 3.c.

Motion: **Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the amended December 23, 2024, Special City Commission Meeting agenda.**

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following residents made public comments:

- Grant Izzi – private providers who can assist with permitting; Mayor Petrila will send Mr. Izzi his information on this topic.
- John Kurzman – FEMA maps vs. State maps regarding flood zones and a FEMA grant available for homeowners to apply via the community.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Emergency Ordinance 2024-19 for Substantial Improvement/Damage Lookback Period

Staff prepared the Ordinance according to directives given on Friday, December 20th.

City Clerk LaRowe read Ordinance 2024-19 into the record; a copy of this Ordinance is saved into the record and was provided to the Commission at the start of the meeting.

Denise Sanderson, Interim Community Development Director, addressed the changes made in this Ordinance compared to the adopted 1-year lookback Ordinance 2024-16.

The following residents made public comments:

- Grant Izzi – in favor of the no-lookback period.
- John Kurzman – commented on the 2021 ordinance adopting the prior 5-year lookback period and

resiliency.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2024-19.

b. Discussion on the Freebee Contract

Adam Poirrier, Acting Assistant City Manager, said he reached out to Freebee; however, no one could attend this evening. Freebee is prepared to participate in the January 14, 2025, City Commission meeting. He read an email from Freebee earlier today into the record.

Each Commissioner expressed their opinions on Freebee's service and contract.

The following members of the public spoke on Freebee:

- John Kurzman – suggested some questions to be asked of Freebee on 1/14
- Richard Nelson – in favor of keeping Freebee
- Deb Schechner – opined the Commission should open the contract back up for better negotiations
- Tonia McLinn – in favor of keeping Freebee
- Laila Baumanis – in favor of keeping Freebee
- Rick Paulson – Freebee driver, shared his experience working for Freebee in the City
- Grant Izzi – agreed with the Mayor to table further discussion and decisions until 1/14
- Christopher Hollands – commented on possible transportation requirements that the City may have to work with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

This item was tabled until the January 14, 2025, City Commission meeting.

c. Vice Mayor Moholland's Announcement -- added

Vice Mayor Moholland announced a special District 4 meeting at the Warren Webster at 5:30 p.m. on December 26th to discuss zero-damage homes that have received substantial damage and non-substantial damage letters within his district.

Mayor Petrila adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: JANUARY 14, 2025



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ADRIAN PETRILA
MAYOR