

**City Commission Meeting**  
**August 19, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Adrian Pettila, Mayor  
Karen Marriott, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 1  
Lisa Robinson, Commissioner, District 2  
Betty Rzewnicki, Commissioner, District 3  
Jon Maldonado, Commissioner, District 4

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Frances Robustelli, City Manager | Devon Schmidt, Finance Director              |
| Ralf Brookes, City Attorney      | Laura Canary, Community Development Director |
| Renee Rose, City Clerk           | Camden Mills, Public Services Director       |
| Brandon Berry, Senior Planner    | Adam Poirrier, Assistant City Manager        |
| Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief       | Mandy Edmunds, Interim Recreation Director   |

Mayor Pettila called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

City Manager Frances Robustelli requested to move 6a to the beginning of the meeting and remove Consent Items E and F to bring to a future meeting.

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Maldonado moved, Commissioner Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 19, 2025 City Commission Agenda, as amended.**

**6a. Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-15: Emergency Bridge Loan**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$16,000,000 IN ORDER TO FINANCE OR REIMBURSE OPERATING COSTS INCURRED OR TO BE INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Brookes read Ordinance 2025-15 in title only.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public came forward.

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Maldonado moved, Vice Mayor Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Ordinance 2025-15.**

Mayor Pettila called for a 5-minute recess at 6:06pm to execute the ordinance and supporting loan documents. The meeting resumed at 6:11pm.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Gulf Beaches Elementary School**

Mayor Pettila reflected on the significant damage caused by Hurricane Helene, which led to major flooding including the closure of Gulf Beaches Elementary. The recent reopening of the school on August 6 was described as more than just a building restoration, but a community homecoming and a symbol of resilience. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was highlighted as an inspiring event filled with excitement, pride, and joy among students,

parents, staff, and teachers. A plaque was also presented to the City in recognition of this milestone.

**b. Recognition of Employee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

City Manager Robustelli announced Deputy City Clerk Ginny Keeter-Bodkin as Employee of the Quarter for Q3. She was recognized for her outstanding dedication and leadership, particularly during the recent vacancy in the City Clerk position when she served as Acting City Clerk. In addition to managing her own duties, Ginny ensured the Clerk's Office continued to run smoothly, publishing and recording all City Commission meetings, workshops, and numerous community meetings. She also supported advisory boards, pre- and post-agenda sessions, management meetings, and strategic leadership meetings, all requiring extensive preparation and review. Ginny went above and beyond by training staff on CivicClerk and Laserfiche, participating in the implementation of new finance software, and preparing the Clerk's Office budget for the annual budget process. Prior to the arrival of the new City Clerk, she developed standard operating procedures to ensure a smooth transition, prepared materials, trained the incoming clerk on software systems, and even stayed late to provide support during her first Commission meeting. Her initiative, commitment, and excellence exemplify the highest standards of service. Her efforts have been instrumental to the continued success of the Clerk's Office.

**c. Fire Department Proclamation – Dolphin Village**

Mayor Petrila read a proclamation honoring St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue for their outstanding service and heroism during the May 13, 2025 Dolphin Village fire. The proclamation recognized their courage, professionalism, and teamwork in responding to a dangerous blaze that threatened lives and property. Fire Rescue was commended for their skill in containing the fire, protecting neighboring structures, and ensuring public safety. The City Commission expressed gratitude for their bravery, dedication, and commitment to the community.

**d. Hurricane Recovery and Preparedness Update**

Community Development Director Laura Canary provided a presentation on hurricane recovery and preparedness. The presentation was made part of the meeting record.

- **Historic Designations & Certificates:** 60 historic designation applications submitted, with 45 approved, 12 pending, and 3 withdrawn. Of 27 certificates of appropriateness, 23 were approved and 4 pending.
- **Permits & Inspections:** 5,118 permit applications submitted to date; staff averaging 69 permits issued daily and 83 inspections daily. 867 permits have been closed.
- **Demolitions:** 138 demolition applications received, 82 issued, and 19 closed. Average processing time is 30 days.
- **Elevations:** 30 elevation applications submitted, 13 issued, averaging 32 days for processing. Of 12,000 statewide Elevate Florida applications, 328 were from St. Pete Beach, and only 4 advanced to the next FEMA review step. Many remain on waitlists or unfunded.
- **FEMA Compliance:** Approximately 800 properties remain un-permitted. The City will send follow-up letters with detailed property information to ensure compliance and maintain progress toward safe home restoration.

Ms. Canary noted preparedness initiatives, including training and personnel updates, impacts of Senate Bill 180, and service enhancements within Public Services.

Public Services Director Camden Mills reported that facility roof repairs are underway as part of recovery-related capital improvements. City Hall's roof was completed last week, the Warren Webster facility roof has been replaced, and work has started on the Aquatic Center and Hurley Park Pavilion. The Community Center roof will follow later this month. On preparedness, Mills noted that generator inspections have been conducted at City Hall, wastewater pump stations, and mobile units. Additional rental bypass pumps have been secured to assist with flooding and sewer operations, and a fuel auxiliary tank was installed on a utility vehicle to support fueling needs. The City also plans to bid for an on-site fuel storage tank to improve long-term readiness. He outlined pre-event procedures, including reviewing emergency plans, identifying hazards, staging equipment, securing lift stations,

and activating debris removal contractors 72 hours before a storm. At 48 hours, hazards are cleared, equipment fueled and moved to higher ground, contractors alerted, and coordination begins with Pinellas County, St. Petersburg, and Duke Energy. At 24 hours, vehicles and equipment are relocated to the emergency operations center, wastewater operations are maintained as long as possible, and coordination ramps up with county partners while final preparations are made for impact reporting and recovery.

Ms. Canary continued, reporting that staff continue to attend ICS training, as well as recent training on the new Forerunner damage assessment software in coordination with the County. An Emergency Operations Center functional exercise, simulating a major wind event, is scheduled for August 21 to test updated plans. On personnel, two contracts for community development temporary staffing during emergency and non-emergency periods were presented for approval, ensuring additional support is available when needed. She provided updates on Senate Bill 180, which impacts community development, building, and permitting. Impacts include a prohibition on certain moratoriums and burdensome amendments to the comprehensive plan, elimination of impact fees for replacement of same-use structures, a freeze on permit and inspection fee increases for 180 days following a state of emergency, and requirements for transparent post-storm permitting procedures and a minimum of 40-hour permitting operations as soon as feasible after an event. The City is mostly in compliance, with adjustments being incorporated into the Substantial Damage Assessment Plan (SDAP), which will reflect FEMA compliance and post-storm operational requirements. Ms. Canary clarified questions regarding impact fees, noting that if a residential property is demolished and the lot is split, one replacement home of the same use would not incur impact fees, but any additional home would. Operational updates included improvements to permit processing through partnerships with business analysts and IT, resulting in faster call response times and better customer support. A new kiosk in the City Hall lobby offers a customer satisfaction survey, with feedback reviewed weekly to guide service improvements. She expressed appreciation to the community development and permitting team for their adaptability and hard work in managing a heavy workload over the past year.

Discussion included concerns about delays in the permitting process due to incomplete applications and suggested creating checklists for applicants. Ms. Canary reported that demo and elevation checklists, along with a list of typical inspections, are in draft form and expected to be finalized soon, with a private provider checklist to follow later. Commissioners noted positive feedback from residents about the building inspection team's performance. Questions were raised regarding coordination with the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office, as current monthly reporting does not account for closed or canceled permits and may not reflect accurate valuations. Ms. Canary explained that they are working with the Property Appraiser's Office to adjust the process so that valuations better align with closed permits, providing for more accuracy for property records. There was discussion on the recent 2025 FEMA assessment letters, which in many cases reflect property values reduced by half, causing confusion regarding substantial damage determinations. Ms. Canary noted this could create challenges but said St. Pete Beach manages valuations at the municipal level, which provides more consistency. Residents can obtain private pre-storm appraisals if needed. Commissioners discussed enforcement for properties where damage occurred but no permit has been pulled. Ms. Canary said it can be difficult when a property looks okay from the outside but records suggest major damage and no permits have been filed. Staff are working with legal on options, such as tagging unsafe structures, but said the goal is compliance, not punishment. A new round of more detailed letters is being sent to property owners to get more responses and hopefully resolve the harder cases.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Petrila addressed public concerns and clarified misinformation that the City was planning to shut down live music at 7:00 p.m. It was explained that no such ordinance has been adopted or voted on, and the commission has not discussed ending live music at that time. A staff presentation on possible revisions to the noise ordinance, which mentioned a proposed 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. noise limit, was for discussion only. Discussions are ongoing, and no ordinance has been brought forward.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance changes:

Elizabeth Ventura, 523 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

Deborah Ritterson, 7225 Boca Ciega Dr, St. Pete Beach

Seth Campbell, 460 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Petersburg

Mayor Petrila called for a 10-minute recess at 7:10pm. The meeting resumed at 7:20pm.

Mayor Petrila proposed giving the audience the option of continuing under the current rules of decorum, no interruptions, clapping, or outbursts, or moving comments to the end of the agenda with a more relaxed approach. City Attorney Brookes read the city's rules of decorum. After a show of hands, the audience chose to proceed under the existing rules.

Vincent Tormenia, 3514 Casablanca Ave, inquired whether the City is involved in the HB180 lawsuit or a lawsuit concerning water issues between Pasco and Pinellas, Mayor Petrila said the Commission has not taken any action on these matters, though other cities are involved.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance changes:

Geoffrey Caputo, 4604 49<sup>th</sup> St N, Kenneth City

Mia Hartley, 68 71<sup>st</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

Larry Levine, 4217 Holland Dr, St. Pete Beach

Christopher Harman, 2816 Linthicum Pl, Tampa

Justin Rice, 206 Water View Ct, Safety Harbor

Amy Lynn Dixon, 8221 12<sup>th</sup> Way N, St. Petersburg

Danny James, 3605 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Petersburg

Brett Wilkins, Seminole

John Kurzman, 5810 Bahia Honda Way, St. Pete Beach

Angelique Stamp, 6273 51<sup>st</sup> Ter N, Kenneth City

Robert Kehr, 310 78<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

Mark St. Clair 7050 Sunset Dr, South Pasadena

Dylan Witkowski, 11522 60<sup>th</sup> Terr, Seminole

Jeffrey Bonnell, 440 80<sup>th</sup> Way, St. Pete Beach

Kevin Hannigan, 651 64<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

Anthony Colesanti, 7115 Coquina Way, St. Pete Beach

**Motion: Mayor Petrila moved, Vice Mayor Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to amend the Agenda to add Discussion Item 7b to discuss the proposed noise ordinance.**

#### 4. CONSENT

- a. Approval of the July 22, 2025 City Commission Budget Workshop #4 Minutes and the July 22, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve Amendment #1 to the City Manager's Contract, as amended
- c. City Commission Approval of City Clerk Contract as Charter Officer
- d. Approve a Nomination of Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks from the City of Madeira Beach to Represent the BIG-C on the Forward Pinellas Board
- ~~e. Approve a Special Permit for VDubs Beach Bash (Volkswagen car show) on October 4, 2025~~
- ~~f. Approve a Special Permit with street closure for the annual Belle Vista Halloween Block Party scheduled for October 31, 2025~~
- g. Authorize the execution of a Services Agreement with Florida Parking, Inc., DBA Yellow Dawg, for asphalt road patching in the amount of \$150,000 annually
- h. Authorize the execution of a Service Agreement with Conure Telecom Services, LLC for OLIOS Smart License Plate Recognition solution in the amount of \$30,000 for a one-year term

- i. Authorize the execution of a Service Agreement with Joe Payne, Inc for Community Development Temporary Personnel during Emergency and Non-Emergency Periods
- j. Authorize the execution of a Service Agreement with C.A.P. Government, Inc for Community Development Temporary Personnel during Emergency and Non-Emergency Periods

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Marriott moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 19, 2025 City Commission Consent Agenda, as amended.

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

**a. Authorize the Execution of a Contract in the amount of \$393,714.75 with Hennessy Construction Services for Construction Manager at Risk Services for Fire Station 22**

Fire Chief Kilpatrick provided a presentation on the proposed contract for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the Fire Station 22 rebuild project. The CMAR approach was recommended due to the complexity of the project, including FEMA compliance, life safety requirements, specialized building systems, and the timeframe to return the station to service.

The CMAR will:

- Collaborate with the City and project architect during design.
- Provide cost estimating and open-book budgeting.
- Oversee construction and serve as the City's on-site representative.
- Deliver the project for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Risk responsibility is held by the CMAR, including potential cost overruns, schedule delays, subcontractor issues, and quality concerns. This structure provides the City with cost certainty, schedule reliability, and quality assurance. He recommended Hennessy Construction as the CMAR for Fire Station 22, citing their proven track record with public safety facilities, extensive CMAR experience, established relationships with local contractors and suppliers, and commitment to value engineering.

The discussion included Hennessy Construction's past projects with the City, asking whether they historically met Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) commitments. Mr. Kilpatrick didn't know if Hennessy had previously served as CMAR versus a general contractor, but noted that under the CMAR process, once the GMP is established, the CMAR assumes responsibility for costs, schedule, and performance, with adjustments only if the project scope changes. It was noted the importance of public understanding that the current estimate may change until the GMP is finalized. Mr. Kilpatrick is confident with the design and cost estimates at this stage. It was also noted the project cost was originally \$12 million but is now estimated at approximately \$9 million. Mr. Kilpatrick highlighted funding support, including a \$2 million grant, a \$3 million grant, and an additional \$1 million expected from insurance/FEMA, significantly reducing the City's direct cost. He clarified that the CMAR fee is not included in the \$9 million estimate and that the selection process was conducted through a competitive bid.

**Motion:** Commissioner Maldonado moved, Vice Mayor Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the execution of a contract in the amount of \$393,714.75 with Hennessy Construction Services for Construction Manager at Risk Services for Fire Station 22.

**b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a short-term interim Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for continued collection of multimodal fees**

City Manager Robustelli explained that the City has been part of the County's multimodal impact fee program for years, but there's never been a direct agreement between the City and County. Right now, the City keeps 54% of the fees (including a 4% admin fee) and the County gets 46%. Because the City doesn't have its own nexus study, it relies on the County's process to collect and defend these fees. A new state law requires an interlocal agreement by October 1, 2025. Without one, developers could rely on their own traffic studies to set fees, and the City would have to reduce those fees by 10%. To avoid losing revenue, staff recommended approving the current 54/46 split now, then immediately starting talks with Forward Pinellas and the County to try for a better deal. Ms.

Robustelli noted the importance of this step, since upcoming projects like Tradewinds (over \$500,000 in phase one) and the Sirata Resort (nearly \$900,000) will generate major impact fees, with millions more expected from future phases. Entering into the agreement now keeps revenue secure while the City explores options for negotiating a higher share or doing its own nexus study in the future.

There was discussion about the process and cost of conducting the City's own nexus study. Ms. Robustelli explained it would require hiring an experienced consultant through a competitive bidding process, likely taking 60–90 days and costing around \$25,000. It was noted that under the new state law, any multimodal impact fees collected by Pinellas County must now be spent within the same district where they are generated. For St. Pete Beach, this district includes Treasure Island, St. Pete Beach, and Tierra Verde. If the City continues under the County agreement, 46% of fees could still be directed to projects outside the City despite the impacts occurring locally. With upcoming developments projected to generate millions in fees, the City should explore options to retain a larger share. Consensus was to move forward with the interlocal agreement while also requesting bids for a nexus study in the next 60 days. This would give the City better information on costs, strengthen its negotiating position with the County, and potentially allow the City to keep more of the revenue generated by local development.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Marriott moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to authorize the City Manager to enter into a short-term interim Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for continued collection of multimodal fees, as amended to secure request for bids.

**c. Resolution 2025-21: Temporary waiver of single- and two-family landscaping and accessory structure compliance requirements during and for up to one year following a local state of emergency**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH FINDING INTENT; PROVIDING EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE CITY MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE AND PAUSE ENFORCEMENT OF CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REQUIREMENTS DURING ALL OR A PART OF THE TEMPORARY STATE OF EMERGENCY TO ALLOW RECOVERY EFFORTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS; AND REQUIRING REPORTING OF ALL SUCH PAUSE ACTIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONSTRUCTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE.

City Attorney Brookes read Resolution 2025-21 in title only. Senior Planner Brandon Berry provided a presentation that was made part of the meeting record. The proposed resolution that would authorize the City Manager, on a case-by-case basis, to temporarily waive certain land development code requirements for up to one year following a declared local state of emergency, through April 2026 for the 2024 storms. The waiver would allow homeowners additional time to comply with landscaping and ground cover requirements, such as sod and tree installation, as well as the removal of non-conforming accessory structures like sheds or pools that do not meet current code standards. The resolution would not permit any permanent exemptions or variances, which would still need to be addressed through the Board of Adjustment, the City Commission, or a formal land development code amendment. The purpose of the resolution is to improve the re-occupancy and recovery process for homeowners who are elevating or substantially improving their homes, while preserving the City's ability to address long-term code issues through the proper legislative process.

The discussion supported the proposed resolution, noting that while some property owners already comply with landscaping requirements during home elevations, others face significant challenges and need more time. The goal is to help residents prioritize reoccupying their homes after substantial improvements or storm recovery, while still maintaining eventual compliance with the code. It was agreed that providing temporary flexibility is a reasonable step that eases the financial and logistical burden on homeowners and supports the broader recovery process.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Marriott moved, Commissioner Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Resolution 2025-21.

6. ORDINANCES

**a. Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-15: Emergency Bridge Loan**

~~AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$16,000,000 IN ORDER TO FINANCE OR REIMBURSE OPERATING COSTS INCURRED OR TO BE INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.~~

**b. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-17: Specifying elevation requirements for replacement of flood-damaged equipment associated with non-substantially improved and non-substantially damaged buildings**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 98 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, TO SPECIFY MINIMUM ELEVATION STANDARDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOOD-DAMAGED EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED OR DAMAGED BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERROR; CONSTRUCTION; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Brookes read Ordinance 2025-17 in title only. Senior Planner Berry provided a presentation that was made part of the meeting record. Under the current Florida Building Code, exterior equipment like A/C condensers and generators damaged by flooding must be elevated to the full design flood elevation, even when the house itself has not been substantially damaged or raised. In some cases, equipment has to be lifted six or more feet off the ground, which can be difficult or impractical. The proposed ordinance would give property owners more flexibility by allowing this equipment to be elevated to either four feet above grade or to the finished floor elevation of the home, whichever is higher. This matches a change proposed to the state building code that will take effect in 2027, meaning the City would simply be adopting it earlier. There is some risk in adopting a rule that differs from the current code, but the risk is low and the change will help homeowners recover more easily without significantly affecting resiliency. The ordinance will come back for a second reading once the language is finalized.

The discussion confirmed that the proposed ordinance would replace Emergency Ordinance 2024-14 and clarified how it interacts with existing land development code standards. Mr. Berry said the potential drawback for homeowners would be if the ordinance were later repealed, as equipment would then need to meet the higher design flood elevation currently required. However, the building official has reviewed the issue and believes the risk is minimal. Questions were raised about practical challenges, such as installing equipment at higher elevations near eaves or on two-story homes with limited space. Mr. Berry noted that the Florida Building Code only applies to exterior equipment, not interior components, and that the proposed change would lower the elevation requirement by several feet in many cases, which would help in difficult situations. It was confirmed that the ordinance applies only to flood-damaged equipment and not to voluntary replacements after a storm. Staff added that this is already a stricter standard than what is required under the National Flood Insurance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward.

**Motion:** Commissioner Maldonado moved, Commissioner Rzewnicki seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-17.

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### **a. Announcing intent to present a resolution to declare a green reuse (brownfield) area designation for 75 Corey Avenue and 85 Corey Circle**

Senior Planner Berry said this is a restatement of the announcement made at the prior Commission meeting because City Hall was closed. Statutorily the City has to announce it again. He will bring the resolution to Commission at the August 26, 2025 meeting for first reading. It is a resolution, but it has to be read twice based on state statute.

### **b. Discussion of Noise Ordinance**

Mayor Petrila discussed the feedback and the need to improve enforcement of existing ordinances. He suggested that the City Manager work with Code Enforcement to identify problem properties and create a targeted enforcement plan, including after-hours and weekend coverage if needed. The proposal included running this approach for about seven and a half months, with an update to the Commission in January and the program continuing through April to cover the busy season. This would help determine whether current ordinances, if properly enforced with adequate resources, are sufficient or if further ordinance changes should be considered.

There was further discussion about the concerns by residents about repeat nuisance properties, noting that the issue extends beyond music or noise to ongoing disruptive activities that frustrate neighbors. They need to address “repeat offenders” more effectively, with better tracking of complaints and stronger coordination between the Sheriff’s Office and Code Enforcement. Targeted enforcement, including after-hours and weekend coverage, would help identify and respond to problem properties. The City should focus on enforcing the rules already in place before considering new ordinances. The discussion highlighted that the real concern is repetitive nuisances and the perception that nothing happens when complaints are filed. It was agreed that stricter enforcement of current rules, and accurate data collection, would give the City a clearer picture of what works and whether future ordinance changes are necessary. Mayor Petrila requested the Commission re-open public comment.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke in support of enforcing the current noise ordinance:

Dylan Witkowski, Seminole

Mia Hartley, 68 71<sup>st</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

Jeffrey Bonnell, 440 80<sup>th</sup> Way, St. Pete Beach

Kevin Hannigan, 651 64<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Pete Beach

John Kurzman, 5810 Bahia Honda Way, St. Pete Beach

Seth Campbell, 460 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Petersburg

## 7. CITY CLERK, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

**City Clerk** – congratulated Deputy Clerk Ginny Bodkin for earning Employee of the Quarter. It is very well deserved. She has been instrumental in helping me get started here.

**Frances Robustelli, City Manager** – She will add a budget presentation to the next meeting agenda as the presentation at the workshop will be the largest presentation to date. She met with Sheriff Gaultieri. With retirements and promotions in the Sheriff’s Office, new leadership is being put in place, including a new captain and several sergeants. The meeting focused on relationship building, and improving communication and response to community concerns.

**City Attorney Brookes** – The Florida Commission on Ethics released findings from its July 25th meeting. In the case involving former City Manager Alex Rey, the commission found no probable cause on allegations that he

misused his position related to vendor payments, contract approvals, or oversight of p-card transactions. He explained that a finding of no probable cause does not mean the actions did not occur, but rather that they did not constitute a violation of ethics laws. As a result, the complaint has been dismissed and is now a public record, available through the Florida Commission on Ethics.

**Commissioner Maldonado** – He commended the City Manager, Public Works, and Fire Department for their quick response to flooding on Vina Del Mar following a 25-year storm. Staff identified and cleared a blockage, preventing further damage to homes, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

**Commissioner Rzewnicki** – She echoed thanks to Fire and Public Services staff for their quick response to flooding in District 3. She announced two upcoming District 3 community meetings: an open house on August 21 at 6 p.m. at Lido Beach Park, and a community meeting for the Don Cesar neighborhood on August 27 at City Hall, with the time to be confirmed.

**Commissioner Robinson** – She thanked Deputy Clerk Ginny Bodkin and Fire Rescue for their service. She announced plans to hold a community discussion with District 2 residents regarding the Corey Landings project. She will have library hour on September 2 from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

**Vice Mayor Marriott** – She reported that recovery in District 1 is progressing, with several homes being demolished to make way for new elevated structures. She noted the opening of a new gym at the former FitforLife building and work appears underway at the laundromat on Blind Pass Rd. She highlighted the positive community connections made through recent discussions, giving special recognition to local musician Mia Hartley for her recent song release.

**Mayor Petrila** – He asked for updates on beach renourishment and Publix. City Manager Robustelli will bring updates to the next meeting.

Mayor Petrila adjourned the meeting at 9:33pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2025



RENEE ROSE  
CITY CLERK



ADRIAN PETRILA  
MAYOR