NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING
ST. PETE BEACH CITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
2:00 p.m.

The St. Pete Beach City Commission will hold a Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., at City Hall, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, in the Commission Chambers.

1. **Discussion of City's 2012 Budget**

2. **Adjournment**

The public is invited to attend.

Pamala Prell

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (F.S. 286.0105). The City does not furnish verbatim transcripts; interested parties should make the necessary arrangements for verbatim transcripts.

Agenda Material is available for review at City Hall on Friday, preceding the meeting. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act and F.S. 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City at 727-363-9243 no later than four (4) days prior to the proceeding for assistance.

Posted: March 15, 2011

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING

March 29, 2011
2:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mike Finnerty
Vice Mayor Jim Parent
Commissioner Al Halpern
Commissioner Marvin Shavlan
Commissioner Beverly Garnett

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Finance Director Elaine Edmunds
Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk
Mike Davis, City Attorney

City Manager Bonfield noted that this Workshop Meeting is a pre-budget discussion that is part of the yearly budget process.

1. Items for Discussion

a. FY 2012 Pre-Budget Discussion

Finance Director Elaine Edmunds presented the proposed budget for FY 2012 by means of a power point presentation. She advised that the City is proposing to keep the current millage rate constant with no increases or decreases.

In summary, the General Fund as presented is over expended by $463,000 for the proposed budget. Waste water has an overage of $300,000 and can be set aside for future repairs.

The proposed CIP was discussed at length. City Manager Bonfield spoke about upcoming funding of projects that will need to be paid e.g. the debt of City Hall, Police Station and the Community Center.

City Manager Bonfield noted some of the projects that need additional funding and the possible of seeking grants for improvements to Pass-a-Grille Way, Blind Pass Road/Corey Avenue and a municipal marina.

There was a general discussion regarding upgrades and or repairs are needed at the Fire Stations and the Library.

Mayor Finnerty commented that the landscaping at the library looks very nice. He suggested that the Commission consider the possibility of Boca Ciega Drive having speed pumps.

Commissioner Halpern advised that he has spoken to a lot of people in the area and the majority of them are not in favor of speed bumps.

Mayor Finnerty suggested taking another poll to see if there have been fewer accidents.

Mr. Bonfield recalled that they had talked about this in the past and he has some preliminary layouts for their review.

Commissioner Halpern inquired about the road paving budget of 6%. He felt that any work being done to improve the roads is not noticeable. Mr. Bonfield pointed out that the 6% is actually for maintenance and not actual paving.

Vice Mayor Parent stated that he would like to get more information about the additional $100,000 being requested by the Building Services Director. He also stated that he felt that the City's first priority should be preserving what they have. He agreed that the road paving is important as well as the trimming of the Washingtonian Palm Trees. He stated that beyond preservation is leveraging what we already have then consider things such as a marina, special events and better utilization of the Community Center.

Vice Mayor Parent mentioned a legislative bill regarding police assessments and urged the City staff to be aware of the proposed legislation.

Commissioner Halpern reported that the City of Treasure Island has a Bingo night and the organization that sponsors it has raised $800,000 for their City last year. He felt this was worth looking into for our Community Center.

Commissioner Shavlan asked Mr. Bonfield if they could do a bond for the major street repairs. Mr. Bonfield stated that could be explored. There was a general discussion held regarding this matter.

Commissioner Shavlan questioned the future of the library and felt that they were becoming more of an internet café. He stated that he felt that in the future the library may require less space.

There was a general discussion of relocating the Library to City Hall or the Community Center. Vice Mayor Parent suggested putting up a two story parking garage to include the Library in its present location. Mr. Bonfield pointed out that to retrofit either building would be costly.

Commissioner Garnett expressed her concern for maintaining what the City already has in the best possible way because replacement would cost a lot of money. She stated that Pass-a-Grille Way needs re-paving very badly. She would also like to see a growth study in the City. She felt that Grant writing is another very important issue. She pointed out that if there is a decision to replace or relocated the Fire Stations that it is done after they have finished the work on Pass-a-Grille Way so that the Emergency Vehicles can get through.

Mayor Finnerty then asked if the 54% for fire and police would be adequate to keep the present level of service.

Mr. Bonfield replied that he thinks it is adequate today. He pointed out that the rest of the budget has gone down at a greater rate so the percentage of public safety goes up every year. He did not suggest any changes.

Mayor Finnerty then opened the Workshop to audience comments. Hearing none, he asked for further comments from the Commission.

Vice Mayor Parent suggested that they develop a list of things for the Finance and Budget Review to review aside from their normal departmental reviews. He suggested things such as funding for special events, the Community Center, maintenance of the Washingtonian Palm Trees and other City assets.

Mimi Gewanter, 265 S. Tessier Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the library and marina.

Mayor Finnerty asked for an update regarding the marina study. Mr. Bonfield replied that they have received some preliminary information and the study should be completed soon.

Mr. Bonfield mentioned that he met with PSTA and they are looking at an increase in cost but he doesn't know exactly what it will be. He pointed out that

they mentioned that St Pete Beach had a prohibition for advertising on the trolley and they may be asking the City of St. Pete Beach to change that which may generate some money to offset the costs.

Mayor Finnerty asked if Mr. Bonfield could ask PSTA about the bus shelter across from the Tradewinds.

There was a general discussion of having better beach access signs to guide the public.

Commissioner Garnett asked for an update regarding the City Clerk interview process. Mr. Bonfield stated explained the itinerary which will be held on April 28, 2011. There was a general discussion of holding a separate meeting for public interviews.

Mayor Finnerty thanked the department directors for attending and also the Commissioners for their questions.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Workshop was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk

Mike Finnerty, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 4/26/11