



COMMISSION MEETING CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH

155 Corey Avenue

Tuesday, August 09, 2011

6:00 PM

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Roll Call

REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Changes to the Agenda** - Any agenda items to be added, moved, or deleted will be addressed at this time. Added items will be assigned agenda item numbers and moved items should remain with the same item numbers. Notation will be made that those items will be taken out of order. Consent items may be removed for discussion, changes, and/or anticipation of a non-unanimous vote and considered separately on the request of anyone on the Commission or by a majority vote of the City Commission upon request of an audience member.
- 2. Presentations** - Presentations shall be limited to 5 minutes for non-city government related items.
 - a. Support Our Troops - Terri Finnerty**
 - b. 79th Ave Street End Park project close out.**
- 3. Audience Comments** - Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person to issues not on the agenda.
- 4. Consent**
 - a. Approval of the July 26, 2011 Minutes of the City Commission Workshop and the July 26, 2011 Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting**

- b. Request from the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to approve a change to the funding formula to reallocate capital funds to operating expenses in the amount of \$420,000 on a one-time basis for the 11/12 fiscal year, conditioned on maintaining a balance of at least \$500,000 in the capital reserve fund.
- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into Amendment 2 of the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for maintenance of traffic control signal and devices.
- d. Authorize the City Manager to allow access to Upham Beach for the Upham Beach Stabilization Project as outlined in the FDEP/ACOE Joint Coastal Permit application.
- e. Authorize the City Manager to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over the Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for the 2012 Suntan Art Center/City of St Pete Beach 100 Artists Shows.
- f. Authorize the City Manager to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over the Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for the 2012 October Friday Nights Concert in the Park Series.
- g. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into ALS First Responder Agreement Extension with Pinellas County

5. Action Items

- a. Approval of proposed change to the PSTA Route 35.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Eveland Bros., Inc., for \$83,796.68 for Horan Park Improvements.
- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with L&S Curb Service for \$20,154.20 for Horan Park Improvements.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2011-22, First Reading and Public Hearing, Revision of Article II, Emergency Management.

7. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2011-15, of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida authorizing the City Manager to apply for Boating Infrastructure Grant Funds administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission through the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service for the costs associated with the design and construction of transient boat docks and related amenities adjacent to the St. Pete Beach Community Center and Colonel Horan Park.

- 8. Items for Discussion – none for this agenda**
- 9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

APPEALS

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 the Friday preceding the meeting. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and F.S. 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Public Services at (727) 363-9243 no later than four (4) days prior to the proceeding for assistance.

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2011
2:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Garnett
Commissioner Halpern
Commissioner Shavlan
Commissioner Parent

ABSENT:

Mayor McFarlin

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Mike Bonfield
City Clerk Rebecca Haynes
City Attorney Susan Churuti

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Presentations

a. Support Our Troops - Terri Finnerty

Ms. Terri Finnerty spoke on behalf of "Support Our Troops" reporting that the non-profit group distributed 247 boxes to our troops overseas with the assistance of eleven volunteers. She thanked the individuals and businesses who contributed and encouraged others to join the group and help the men and women who serve our country. Ms. Finnerty read correspondence received from Chaplain Sean Mulholland and showed photos of our troops.

79th Ave Street End Park project close out.

City Manager Bonfield reported that some platted roads were never paved and the street ends eventually were converted into small parks or neighborhood parking lots. Mr. Bonfield introduced John Kretzer, Public Properties Crew Chief, who reported that

staff renovated the property at the east end of 78th Avenue immediately off Boca Ciega Drive at a cost of \$12,000 versus \$25,000 to hire an outside firm.

3. Audience Comments

Maria Urban, St. Pete Beach, commented on the petitions she previously submitted re: city attorney expenses and requested an audit be conducted.

Ann Still, 81st Avenue, spoke about "Support Our Troops" and her displeasure that they were removed from the City of St. Pete Beach's website.

Bill Howard, 85th Avenue, Chaplain of American Legion volunteers, commended the efforts of the "Support Our Troops" volunteers. Mr. Howard spoke about our military men and women and asked that the City continue their support by co-sponsoring them on the City's website.

Dr. Terri Finnerty, Blind Pass Road, noted how much the troops appreciate the care packages "Support Our Troops" sends to them. She requested Commissioners find a way to continue supporting them via public television and website access.

Debra Schechner, Boca Ciega Isles, stated that she has worked with the program for two years and encouraged the Commission to continue co-sponsoring "Support Our Troops."

City Attorney Susan Churuti noted her personal affiliation with and support of veterans. Ms. Churuti stated that elected officials are required to adhere to the Constitution when making decisions and must allow equal access by all groups with no regulation on content. Ms. Churuti noted the City of St. Pete Beach has a designated public forum which may allow equal, non-regulated access, and is also guided by the cable contract.

The Commissioners requested adding "Save Our Troops" as a discussion item.

Debra Edny, St. Pete Beach, requested the Commissioners make an exception and allow "Support Our Troops" to advertise on the City's website and public television.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, addressed audience members and requested they speak at the podium rather than shout from their seats.

Maureen Carr, Blind Pass Road, requested information on why the sponsorship issue is being raised.

City Manager Bonfield responded that donations are still accepted at City Hall, and removal of the organization from the City website and public television is not politically motivated. Mr. Bonfield noted the City has an ordinance, passed by a

previous Commission, that prohibits anything on the website or public television channel that is not a City sponsored event or organization. He noted that he was not asked by any Commissioner to request an opinion from Ms. Churuti.

Rick Falkenstein, St. Pete Beach, thanked City workers for saving money by improving the park space rather than hiring an outside company.

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Commissioner Parent moved to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Shavlan seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Approval of proposed change to the PSTA Route 35.

City Manager Bonfield informed Commissioners about the revised motion. He then introduced Ms. Denise Skinner, PSTA Transportation Director, who highlighted the changes in the transportation routes.

Denise Skinner, Transportation Director, reviewed the proposed service modifications to the Suncoast Beach Trolley based upon a grant the County received. Ms. Skinner explained the Suncoast Beach Trolley would start at the Park Street terminal and terminate at Gulf Boulevard and 75th Avenue, and Route 35 would provide service south to Pass-A-Grille.

Discussion was held about ridership and service levels, tourist and worker transfers, advertisement opportunities and the style of trolleys.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, asked if the trolley service will extend to 1st Avenue or to the ball field, and discussed the shelters.

Jeff Danner, St. Petersburg City Council Member and PSTA Board Member, commented on the potential increase in the social/cultural exchange between the two cities sharing museums, art centers, beaches and restaurants.

Rick Falkenstein, St. Pete Beach, requested the trolley service remain the same for the benefit of tourists.

Debra Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, commented on bringing vacationers directly to St. Pete Beach from the airport.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Item 5(a) and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with PSTA to modify Suncoast Beach Trolley to incorporate Route 35. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Eveland Bros., Inc., for \$83,796.68 for Horan Park Improvements.

City Manager Bonfield requested Commissioners discuss Items (b) and (c) as one item as they both relate to Horan Park; however, each contract would need a separate motion if approved.

Mr. Bonfield stated that improvements include a walking path, patio, new lighting and electrical outlets.

Renee Cooper, CIP Construction Manager, reviewed the bid results and the cost savings realized from value engineering.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 5(b) and authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Eveland Bros., Inc., for \$83,796.68 for Horan Park Improvements. Commissioner Shavlan seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

- c. **Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with L&S Curb Service for \$20,154.20 for Horan Park Improvements.**

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Item 5(c) and authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with L&S Curb Service for \$20,154.20 for Horan Park Improvements. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. **Ordinance 2011-22, First Reading and Public Hearing, Revision of Article II, Emergency Management.**

City Manager Bonfield reported that Fire Chief Dan Graves updated the comprehensive emergency management plan which necessitated revising a portion of the emergency ordinance. The emergency plan was created from the ordinance changes and will be presented at the next meeting along with the final reading of the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Parent requested the changes for the next meeting.

There were no comments from the audience.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2011-22, First Reading and Public Hearing, Revision of Article II, Emergency Management. Commissioner Halpern seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2011-15, of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida authorizing the City Manager to apply for Boating Infrastructure Grant Funds administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the costs associated with the design and construction of transient boat docks and related amenities adjacent to the St. Pete Beach Community Center and Colonel Horan Park.**

City Manager Bonfield explained this project was reviewed at the Budget Workshops. The grant funding available is available through the Boating Infrastructure Grant Funds and will be used for one transient dock/boat slip and related amenities.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2011-15, of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida authorizing the City Manager to apply for Boating Infrastructure Grant Funds administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the costs associated with the design and construction of transient boat docks and related amenities adjacent to the St. Pete Beach Community Center and Colonel Horan Park. Commissioner Parent seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Discussion of "Support Our Troops"

City Attorney Churuti reviewed sections of the City Code that regulate advertising on the City's website or cable television station.

The City Manager was requested to provide clarification guidelines on sponsoring or co-sponsoring outside organizations and events. City Manager Bonfield responded that he would poll surrounding communities for their policies and provide a summary to the Commissioners.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported that the Planning Board will meet August 16 at 4:00 p.m. to address the Land Development Code. He received official notice that construction of the new Bayway Bridge is approved. Bids will be sent out in October, award of bid is scheduled for November and the anticipated construction start date is January 2012. Mr. Bonfield noted registration is open at the Recreation Department for the after school program and Friday, August 12 is the last Dive-In Movie of the season. Agenda items for the next Commission meeting include the City's website status, introduction of an ordinance re: land use and zoning, approval of the comprehensive emergency management plan, adoption of the emergency management plan ordinance,

the Special Magistrate service, a storm water permit and a bid award.

City Attorney Churuti provided an update on the Anderson case.

Commissioner Shavlan reported the residents of Maritana have concerns regarding the Bayway Bridge construction.

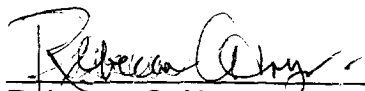
Commissioner Parent commented on the Bayway Bridge official construction notice, thanked Ms. Churuti for her work on the appeal package, noted the "100 Artists Show" at Horan Park and reported that he will attend the upcoming Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

Commissioner Halpern thanked the City Public Services crew for their work on the 79th Avenue Street End Park project and informed the Commissioners the speed hump is installed at Captiva Circle.

Vice Mayor Garnett requested mulch be added along the Bayway road, noted the "100 Artists Show" sponsored by the Suntan Art Center and reminded everyone to support their local merchants. Vice Mayor Garnett commented on her hearing in Tallahassee before the State of Florida Ethics Commission regarding the filings against her by Mr. Harry Metz.

00201 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on

9-14-2011