

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 13, 2011

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor
Beverly Garnett, Vice Mayor
Al Halpern, Commissioner
Jim Parent, Commissioner
Marvin Shavlan, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Elaine Edmunds, Finance Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Dave Romine, Police Chief
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Bonfield requested that the Kiwanis Club and the Montessori School be added to the agenda as Items 2 (a) and 2 (b) respectively.

Commissioner Shavlan requested to schedule a Shade Meeting and discuss the property adjacent to the Sable Palm in Pass-A-Grille. The Commission agreed to add this as Item 8 (a).

City Attorney Churuti gave the Commission a report on the previous comp plan cases.

2. Presentations

- a. Gulf Beaches Kiwanis Club

Library Administrator Ruscella explained that the Gulf Beaches Kiwanis Club purchased a new bike for a library volunteer who had her bike stolen while at work. Ms. Ruscella returned an unused check to the Kiwanis organization. Police Chief Romine introduced the Kiwanis members and gave the check back to the volunteer for purchasing reflectors and a helmet.

b. Montessori School

Nicole Wilson, from the Montessori By-The-Sea School, thanked the City for their support of the Fish Broil and presented the Library with a \$500.00 check from the proceeds.

3. **Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

4. **Consent**

City Manager Bonfield read the Consent Items.

a. Approval of minutes for the City Commission Regular Meetings of November 8, 2011 and November 22, 2011.

b. Authorization for the City Manager to sign a proposal from Cardno TBE in the amount of \$12,000 for geotechnical investigation, analysis and construction estimates for Pass-A-Grille Way.

c. Authorize the City Manager to expend \$16,606 to TLC Diversified for wet well lid replacement at wastewater Lift Station # 4.

d. Authorize the City Manager to Expend \$44,769 to Rocha Controls for Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) panel replacement at the Reclaimed Water Booster Station.

e. Authorize the City Manager to purchase two (2) Fire Department staff vehicles through Duval Ford for \$59,394.

f. Authorize the City Manager to expend \$32,270 to Hinterland Group, Inc. for wastewater manhole rehabilitation.

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. **Action items**

There were none for this meeting.

6. **Ordinances**

There were none for this meeting.

7. **Resolutions**

a. Resolution 2011-23, supporting Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plan and Disability Presumption Reforms.

City Manager Bonfield explained that this resolution repeals the actions the State took to eliminate home rule.

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-23, a Resolution of the City Of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida supporting Police Officer and Fire Fighter Pension Plan and Disability Presumption reforms to make the plans sustainable, sound and secure for current and future Police Officers and Firefighters. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Will Newton, District Vice President for Florida Professional Firefighters, spoke in opposition of the Resolution.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

b. Resolution 2011-24, appointing the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate for the City's Code Enforcement Division.

Commission members were asked to pass their Special Magistrate vote results to City Manager Bonfield to tally. Herbert E. Langford was the top choice for Special Magistrate.

Vice Mayor Garnett made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-24, a Resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, appointing Herbert E. Langford as the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

a. 1307 Gulf Way

Commissioner Shavlan mentioned that this property is a good location for hotel development.

City Attorney Churuti advised that the Commission wait until the Public Hearing is scheduled to discuss the specifics of this property.

City Manager Bonfield stated that a property cannot have more density than The Historic District plan provides. The Commission members had a general discussion concerning The Historic District plan.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported on the upcoming agenda items

City Attorney Churuti gave her report at the beginning of the meeting.

Vice Mayor Garnett thanked those who helped decorate the parks in Pass-A-Grille and the volunteers who helped with the new tile mural at the Suntan Art Center. She reminded everyone that her next Citizen's meeting is on January 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Don Vista and to shop local for the holidays. She thanked all the City staff for their work throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Shavlan reported that the equipment for Lido Park has been ordered and the Belle Vista Christmas Party is being held at the Community Center on December 14th at 6:30. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Parent reported that he is not holding his Round Table Meeting this month and Creative Loafing ran an article named "20 Places to Dine on the Pinellas Beaches" in which 14 of the restaurants mentioned were in St Pete Beach.

Commissioner Halpern reported that there was a tremendous crowd of approximately 1,500 people at the Boat Parade. He asked the City Manager if the trucks and construction equipment related to the DOT street work could park in the back of the Egan Park lot. Commissioner Halpern wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

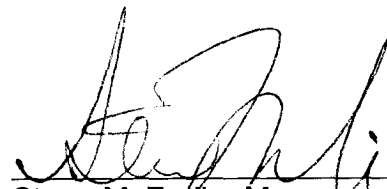
Mayor McFarlin agreed that the Boat Parade went very well and that the Park has become a great location for kids and the community to gather. He thanked the City staff for all their hard work to make the holiday events a success.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1/10/2012