

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 10, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Steve Hallock, Director of Public Services
Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner
Elaine Edmunds, Finance Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mayor McFarlin asked that discussion of signs for the Sunday Market at the Community Center be added as Item 8(a) on the agenda.

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Richard Miranda, 3999 Moody Street, asked about the use of pension funds by the City.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the City Commission Attorney-Client Session of November 2, 2011; the City Commission Special Meeting of December 13, 2011; and the City Commission Regular Meeting of December 13, 2011
- b. Authorize the City Manager to purchase three 2012 Ford Police Utility Vehicles in the amount of \$95,073.00 from Duval Ford
- c. Authorization for the City Manager to approve the payment of \$10,150.00 for the yearly maintenance costs to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for the Arc GIS products
- d. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Meter Products Inc., for the purchase of 150 refurbished coin-operated parking meters and related mounting hardware in the amount of \$24,425.00
- e. Authorization for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement accepting an Edward Byrne Memorial, non-matching, U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$4,441.00
- f. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with L.S. Curb Service in the amount of \$17,879.25 for drainage improvement at 93rd Ave
- g. Authorize the City Manager to expend \$13,500.00 to Oracle Elevator to replace the cylinder on the Police Department Building elevator
- h. Approve a request from Pass-a-Grille Community Association to close 8th Avenue at noon and to serve alcohol within the public right-of-way from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. on January 21, 2012

Vice Mayor Garnett requested Item 4(h) be amended to read "...from 12:00 a.m., midnight, on January 20, 2012 to 12:00 a.m., midnight, on January 21, 2012."

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Progress Energy for the installation of two (2) car charging stations near Horan Park

Steve Hallock, Director of Public Services, presented the staff report and project details. The Federal Government has granted funds and Progress Energy will provide two car charging stations for the City. Corey Avenue and City Hall were considered for charging stations, but technical specifications posed problems with both locations.

Horan Park was then considered and currently has one panel installed. There is no charge for the stations and the electricity charge will be offset by the recent installation of solar power units. Federal grant funding will not allow the City to charge for the electricity for the first two years; after two years, the City will have ownership and may consider charging consumers.

Vice Mayor Garnett stated the stations are a great idea.

Mayor McFarlin asked if anyone will incur costs and the answer was not for the first two years; subsequent to that, a user fee may be added to recoup electricity charges.

Commissioner Parent noted Walgreens has a car charging station. He asked about installing a station along the side of City Hall where the A/C units are located, and Mr. Hallock responded that the engineers and electricians from Progress Energy noted the City Hall site was not suitable.

Commissioner Halpern noted Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council just installed a station three weeks ago.

Commissioner Shavlan wanted staff to review locations and look at City Hall again. Commissioner Parent agreed.

In the future, if a problem arises, the City could pass an ordinance to limit parking spaces to electric cars.

Commissioner Parent moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Progress Energy for the installation of two (2) car charging stations near Horan Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Gator Grading and Paving for \$412,736.00 for Street CIP projects. Public Services Director Hallock presented the details, noting that funds have been set aside based upon outside inspection and rating criteria. Three bids were received and they were lower than projected.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Gator Grading & Paving for \$412,736.00 for Street CIP projects. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2011-42, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Division 26 of the Land Development Code as it relates to signage; providing for amendment to the Definitions; providing for sign regulations for the TC-2, DCR, UPV, BHC, BR, AC, CC-1, and CC-2 Zoning Districts

City Manager Bonfield listed the order of adopting the various Land Development Code amendments.

Senior Planner Catherine Hartley gave the staff report.

Mayor McFarlin asked if the changes become effective immediately after adoption or if there is a waiting period. Ms. Hartley responded that the changes are effectively immediately.

Commissioner Parent asked about changing the definition of shopping center.

Vice Mayor Garnett asked if "temporary holiday decorations" and "inflatable" could be combined some way.

City Manager Bonfield has asked staff to review all sign related issues and will return to the Commission in approximately one month.

b. Ordinance 2012-01, First Reading and Public Hearing, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing a supplemental appropriation to the general, wastewater, stormwater and capital project funds for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; providing for funding and providing for an effective date

City Manager Bonfield explained that this routine procedure transfers funds allocated but not encumbered in the previous budget year into the current year budget.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Ordinance 2012-01, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, providing a supplemental appropriation to the general, wastewater, stormwater and capital project funds for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; providing for funding and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin asked for audience comments. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

c. Ordinance 2012-02, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to the Code of Ordinances as they relate to the Special Magistrate; amending Chapter 22, Article IX of the Code providing for Special Magistrate Supplemental Code Enforcement Rules and Procedures

City Manager Bonfield explained that this ordinance will align our procedures with the practices used in Pinellas County.

Commissioner Parent asked for clarification of the last sentence of paragraph (g) on page 134.

Vice Mayor Garnett raised a question regarding a specific property on 28th Avenue which is currently in litigation.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Ordinance 2012-02, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, providing for amendments to the code of ordinances as they relate to the special magistrate; amending Chapter 22, Article IX of the Code Enforcement Rules and Procedures; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett.

Mayor McFarlin asked for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, asked if this ordinance was going to address crime in the Corey Avenue area.

Richard Miranda, 3999 Moody Street, asked how a permit can be issued when there are outstanding fines against the property.

Hearing no further comments from the audience, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Sunday Market

Mayor McFarlin spoke about signs along 75th Avenue advertising the Sunday Market. He believes it is a weekend code enforcement issue and should be addressed. He discussed merchants who sub-lease tables at the Sunday Market.

Vice Mayor Garnett stated that she believes it best to let the organizations work out any issues between them.

City Manager Bonfield addressed the sign regulations previously allowed by the City and stated that the market is a City event.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reminded everyone of the "Candidate's Forum" on Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the League of Women Voters, and that early voting will be held January 21 through January 28, 2012 at all Supervisor of Elections offices.

Mr. Bonfield then outlined the upcoming events at the St. Pete Beach Classic.

City Attorney Susan Churuti reported on the status of the Anderson case which is scheduled for hearing on March 22, 2012. Ms. Churuti noted that the City was served with a Board of Adjustment appeal, Ruttencutter v. City of St. Pete Beach.

Vice Mayor Garnett thanked everybody who helped take down the holiday lights. She noted that she will not hold a February 7th meeting with residents. Lastly, Ms. Garnett reported that the Pass-a-Grille Community Association will sponsor the "Lights On 8th" celebration on January 21 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shavlan reported that there is a Lido Homeowners' Association Meeting on January 19th at 6:00 p.m. He also reminded residents that traffic will be restricted on Saturday and Sunday due to the St. Pete Beach Classic.

Commissioner Jim Parent reported that the Recreation Department is offering pool passes at half price through the month of January, and is hosting a free "Quit Smoking Now" seminar which begins January 23rd and runs for six weeks. He noted that the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for January 21st at the Community Center. Mr. Parent reported that the Library is holding an educational session on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to help patrons with their "E" readers. Commissioner Parent noted he will not hold his "roundtable" this month, the Pinellas County Economic Development Program has a free business assistance program through the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and that Pinellas County government has a downloadable program that allows the user to report infrastructure problems and code violations which are distributed to appropriate jurisdictions.

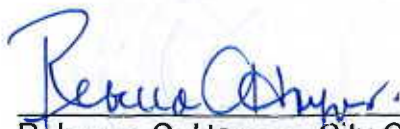
Commissioner Halpern reminded everyone to renew their parking passes.

Mayor McFarlin reminded everyone that the City will host many guests during the upcoming weekend and we should give them the "red carpet" treatment.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1/24/2012