

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 24, 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

ABSENT:

Marvin Shavlan, Commissioner (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Halpern requested to add a proclamation under 'Presentations' declaring January 24, 2012 as Margaret 'Peg' Creed Day.

2. Presentations

Mayor McFarlin asked Commissioner Halpern to present the proclamation to Mr. Doug Creed. Commissioner Halpern read and presented the proclamation to Mr.

Creed, honoring his Mother for her service and commitment to the City of St. Pete Beach.

3. Audience Comments

Doug Smith, 1310 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, represented Suntan Arts Center and spoke as a Board Member on behalf of the members, volunteers and staff remarking how the Center has impacted the community. Mr. Smith listed the 50+ weekly educational classes, outdoor markets and monthly art exhibitions as a few of the contributions. Mr. Smith commented that the facility is fully staffed by volunteers and financially independent from the City. He highlighted the 8' x 22' glass tile mirror on the outside of the building facing Gulf Boulevard.

Norman Smith, Eckerd College, commented that he works with representatives from St. Petersburg to encourage art in the community.

Patricia Chase, Director of Operations at Suntan Arts Center, requested clarification on placement of the temporary signs advertising the Sunday market in Horan Park.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to allow the market to continue displaying signs along 75th Avenue until more detailed guidelines are developed.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the City Commission Regular Meeting of January 10, 2012.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over the Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for Corey Area Business Association 2012 Events.
- c. Approve the request from Corey Area Business Association to close the 400 block of Corey Ave on the second and fourth Fridays of the month for their Sunset Celebration events in 2012.
- d. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the property Appraiser of Pinellas County, Florida for a non-ad valorem assessment.
- e. Authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from AEI Construction in the amount of \$12,796.00 for roof structure replacement at Egan Park.

Commissioner Parent requested Item 4(b) be removed for further discussion and placed under Action Items.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items (a), (c), (d) and (e). The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Action Items

4(b). Authorize the City Manager to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over the Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for Corey Area Business Association 2012 Events.

Commissioner Parent was concerned about the length of time the request covered and that it may impede hanging banners for other community events held throughout the year.

City Manager Bonfield explained that the request covers specific dates in March, May, July and November.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Action Item 5(a), to Authorize the City Manager to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over the Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for Corey Area Business Association 2012 Events. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Halpern and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2011-42, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to Division 26 of the Land Development Code as it relates to signage; providing for amendments to the definitions; providing for sign regulations for the TC-2, DCR, UPV, BHC, BR, AC, CC-1, and CC-2 zoning districts; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bonfield stated the changes added sign regulations to the character district and the recently adopted community redevelopment area.

Senior Planner Catherine Hartley explained that the ordinance amends Section 26 of the Land Development Code to include sign regulations for the newly adopted zoning districts within the CRD. The ordinance also changes how a sign is measured, increases the height limit for freestanding signs in the large resort district, and regulates the size of internally illuminated signs.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2011-42, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to Division 26 of the Land Development Code as it relates to signage; providing for amendments to the definitions; providing for sign regulations for the TC-2, DCR, UPV, BHC, BR, AC, CC-1, and CC-2 zoning districts; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

City Manager Bonfield reported that the proposed ordinance brought forward the encumbrances from last year's budget into the current budget, including the fire truck and the second tier storm water assessment.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2012-01, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach providing a supplemental appropriation to the general, wastewater, storm water 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 Vice Mayor Garnett and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- c. Ordinance 2012-02, Final 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; 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.

City Manager Bonfield explained that the proposed changes were in accordance with recommendations made by the new special magistrate and conforms to procedures utilized in Pinellas County. The changes include a one-step process prior to issuing a citation and an appeal process directly to the special magistrate for a fine levied. There is no appeal process for violations or administrative costs.

Vice Mayor Garnett moved to approve Item 6(c), Ordinance 2012-02, Final 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; 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 Commissioner Halpern and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- d. Ordinance 2012-03, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to fees; pertaining to fees for applications for development, wastewater, and fire applications and services, as well as for cost recovery for providing public records; 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.

City Manager Bonfield explained the proposed ordinance addresses a number of areas in the fee schedule and better quantifies costs incurred for the services. Mr. Bonfield requested Section 2.254(b) (9) be amended to read 'per hour'.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(d), Ordinance 2012-03, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to fees; pertaining to fees for applications for development, wastewater, and fire applications and services, as well as for cost recovery for providing public records; 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, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Halpern and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions for this agenda.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no Items for Discussion for this agenda.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield noted the General Election is Tuesday, January 31 for Districts One and Three. Also on January 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Pinellas County will hold a public information meeting at the Magnuson Hotel regarding the Pinellas Bayway Bridge. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin February 6, 2012. Mr. Bonfield reported that a workshop is scheduled for February 22nd for the downtown traffic study/couplet; the first Music in the Park concert is scheduled for February 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center; paving will begin the first week of February; the manhole rehabilitation project will begin February 6; and inspection of our storm water discharge is underway as part of our storm water master plan. The next City Commission meeting on February 14th will include installation of Commissioner(s), consideration of Suntan Memorandum of Understanding, the award of bids, City Manager annual review, the selection of a storm water master plan consultant and second reading of fee schedule ordinance.

City Attorney Susan Churuti updated the Commissioners on the Anderson and Kadoura cases, requested the Commissioners remain flexible on scheduling depositions until arrangements are finalized with Mr. Ken Weiss, and requested that Mr. Joe Caruso submit his settlement offer directly to the City Attorney's office instead of through a Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Garnett thanked the volunteers at the Pass-a-Grille (PAG) block celebration, 'Lights Under 8th'. She reported that the PAG Community Association monthly dinner is Wednesday at the Community Center; the PAG Women's Club is holding their annual

charity garage sale on Sunday; and on February 2nd, the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum and St. Pete Theatre is sponsoring the play 'Hairspray'. Ms. Garnett stated her February 7th monthly meeting is cancelled and reminded everyone to support our local merchants.

Commissioner Parent reported that he will attend the 'Big C' meeting on Wednesday morning, his monthly 'Roundtable' meeting at the Library has been pre-empted by author Tim Dorsey who will be speaking about his latest book and reminded everyone that pool passes are still available at half price through the month of January. Mr. Parent commented on the Music in the Park series and suggested making reservations to attend the events.

Commissioner Parent remarked that he met with residents, business owners and city staff regarding nuisances resulting from mixed use neighborhoods. It was the consensus to place the issue on the next agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Halpern pointed out the Corey Avenue Market and Corey Fresh Market will be open this weekend and encouraged everyone to support our local merchants.

Mayor McFarlin thanked the volunteers for the St. Pete Beach Classic and thanked the residents for being very accommodating during the weekend event. Mr. McFarlin then thanked the Suntan Arts Center representatives for attending the meeting to voice their concerns.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/14/2012