

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 14, 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
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Supervisor
David Romine, Police Chief

Installation of District #3 Commissioner

Commissioner Marvin Shavlan was sworn in as the District #3 Commissioner by City Clerk Haynes. Commissioner Shavlan gave a brief speech concerning the election and thanked his many volunteers and supporters.

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Bonfield requested to add a proclamation for the Sertoma organization.

Commissioner Parent requested that a discussion of LED signs also be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Shavlan requested adding a brief discussion of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Presentations

Mayor McFarlin read a proclamation celebrating Sertoma's 100th Anniversary and proclaimed April as the "SERvice TO MAnkind" month.

3. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, 200 1st Avenue, commented on the slow pace of the FDOT work along Gulf Boulevard. Ms. Manning agreed with Commissioner Shavlan that we should discuss and aggressively pursue the current Comprehensive Plan.

Glenn Hanna, Pass-a-Grille Community Church, requested special consideration to allow a sign celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the community and the church.

Keith Hammelman, Pastor and Chaplain, reiterated Mr. Hanna's request to approve the 100th Anniversary signage and waiver of any fees.

City Manager Bonfield agreed to look into the signage issue further and report his finding at the next Commission meeting. All Commission members stated that they would be in favor of allowing a variance for the church's request.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the City Commission Regular Meeting of January 24, 2012.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with C-Scape Construction, Inc., for seawall repairs at the 20th Ave street-end in the amount of \$21,500.
- c. Authorization for the City Manager to sign a work assignment proposal from CardnoTBE in the amount of \$10,000 for geotechnical investigation, analysis and construction estimates for Gulf Winds Dr.
- d. Ratification of City Manager's decision to enter into an agreement with the St. Petersburg Opera Co. in the amount of \$10,465 for the 2012 Beach Goes Pops event.
- e. Approve the request from the Veterans of South Pinellas County Inc. to close 9th Ave to traffic from 6pm Friday, March 30th until 4pm Saturday, March 31st 2012.
- f. Special Event Request: Partial closure of Corey Circle and permission to serve alcohol within the public right of way (Corey Circle).

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Harry Metz, 504 Pass-a-Grille Way, described the details of the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and requested approval of the closure of 9th Avenue from 6:00 p.m. on March 30th through 4:00 p.m. on March 31st.

Sgt. Major Gary Litrell, explained the two organizations that will benefit from the fundraiser proceeds.

Don (last name inaudible), discussed our veterans who have benefitted from the fundraiser proceeds.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. City Manager merit pay increase

Mayor McFarlin and each Commissioner commented on City Manager Bonfield's performance and stated that they are in favor of the proposed merit pay increase.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Action Item 5(a), to grant a merit pay increase of 2% to City Manager Mike Bonfield. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2012-03, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to the Code of Ordinances as it relates to fees; pertaining to fees for applications for development, wastewater and fire applications for services, as well as for cost recovery for providing public records; 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 gave an overview of the proposed ordinance that provides for updated sewer rates, connection fees and administrative costs. The rates allow for cost recovery and do not generate any revenue.

Commissioner Halpern moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2012-03, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendments to the Code of Ordinances as it relates to fees; pertaining to fees for applications for development, wastewater and fire applications for services, as well as for cost recovery for providing public records; 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 2012-04, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for an amendment of the Appendix A fee schedule as referenced in Section 82-205 of the code of ordinances, as set forth in attachment A to this ordinance pertaining to the hourly coin operated meter rates; providing for severability, providing for the repeal of ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bonfield explained that this ordinance brings all City meters to a cost of \$1.50 per hour.

Vice Mayor Garnett moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2012-04, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for an amendment of the Appendix A fee schedule as referenced in Section 82-205 of the code of ordinances, as set forth in Appendix A to this ordinance pertaining to the hourly coin operated meter rates; providing for severability, providing for the repeal of ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Halpern and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution No. 2012-01, accepting the January 31, 2012 Election Results

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-01, a Resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the acceptance of the votes cast in the General Election held January 31, 2012. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garnett and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Public Nuisance provisions in City Code

Commissioner Parent requested that the Commission considers adopting new noise and other public nuisance abatement procedures. Discussion of the complaints and the difficulty to establish measurable nuisance standards took place among the Commission members.

b. LED signs

Commission Parent recommended drafting a meaningful LED sign ordinance. He would like to see a moratorium on LED signs until the research can be done and an ordinance is written.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to draft an LED ordinance rather than a moratorium ordinance.

Senior Planner Hartley recommended that the most practical solution is to control the percent of ambient light during specific hours of the day. Ms. Hartley will return to the Commission with recommendations on drafting an LED ordinance.

c. Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Shavlan requested that a brief presentation of the Comprehensive Plan take place at the beginning of each Commission meeting.

A discussion was held among the Commissioners.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Carol Walker, 5396 Gulf Blvd, stated that many residents do not have access to the internet or Channel 615, and they are also confused about the couplet.

City Manager Bonfield and Senior Planner Hartley will work on the specifics and return to the Commission with recommendations on how to provide comp plan information.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield noted the Runoff Election is Tuesday, March 13th for District One. He noted that the Kiwanis Mardi Gras will be held behind The Alden Hotel on Saturday, February 18th and Sunday, February 19th, and that a car show will be held on East Corey Avenue on Sunday, February 19th. Mr. Bonfield informed the Commission that five candidates were interviewed for the Community Development Director position on Monday, February 13th. He reported that sewer and paving work is currently underway at several locations in the City. City Manager Bonfield noted the Bayway Bridge project has begun and we will see increased activity. He reported that every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00am, the Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in the Shopper's Village to discuss road work issues. The downtown traffic study is rescheduled to March 22nd at the Community Center. Mr. Bonfield stated that the car charging stations are cost prohibitive to put out on Corey Avenue, so they will be installed at City Hall and/or the Recreation Center. The next City Commission meeting will include appointments to the Pension Boards, the award of bid for the storm water master plan consultant services, approval of the 20th Avenue restoration, a Merry Pier amendment, cancellation of the March 13th Commission meeting and the final reading of the parking fees ordinance.

City Attorney Mike Davis gave a brief update on both Coconut Inn cases.

Vice Mayor Garnett explained that the Merry Pier sub-lease request is concerning a new produce market. She commended the workers at the 20th Avenue lift station and thanked Terry at Rip Tides for inviting her to participate in their chili contest on Super Bowl Sunday. Ms. Garnett reminded everyone that the next "Lights on 8th" celebration is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 12th and the "100 Artists Show" is this Sunday, February 19th in Horan Park. The Vice Mayor asked everyone to support our local merchants.

Commissioner Shavlan reported that the Lido homeowner meeting is this Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in Lido Park. He provided an update on the Lido exercise equipment and thanked the Commission for their assistance with the equipment.

Commissioner Parent mentioned that the first "Music in the Park" event was a huge success and thanked the City Staff and the Friends of St. Pete Beach for their participation. He passed out photos of signs nailed to palm trees and noted that this is a code violation. Mr. Parent reported his next open house is scheduled on February 29th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the library and encouraged everyone to look at a new Pinellas County website, Find the Fun Now, which highlights events taking place in different neighborhoods. Commissioner Parent reported that he enrolled in a glass-making class at the Suntan Art center and apologized for not bringing in the piece he created to show the members.

Commissioner Halpern pointed out that the Corey Avenue Market and Corey Fresh Market this weekend will include the "Rocketship Car" and that there will be a motorcycle poker run on Saturday.

Mayor McFarlin thanked the Police, Fire and Public Services Department staff members for their assistance with the Gulf Boulevard crosswalk in front of the 711 store.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/28/2012