

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

July 24, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor
Marvin Shavlan, Vice Mayor
Lorraine Huhn, Commissioner
Jim Parent, Commissioner
Bev Garnett, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Elaine Edmunds, Finance Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director
Dave Romine, Police Chief

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mayor McFarlin requested Item 6(a) be moved to follow Item 6(c).

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, complimented the Public Services Department on how they handled the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isles Drive, submitted, for the record, a copy of the City's mission statement and core values statement, and commented on a plaque that previously hung in the Commission Chambers.

4. Consent

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Ram Marine Services, Inc., for seawall repairs in the amount of \$75,211.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with the ASH Group, Inc., for the replacement of the generator housing and fuel tank at Reclaimed Water Booster Station #550 in the amount of \$78,692.50.
- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Envirowaste Services Group for storm water drainage outfall cleaning and inspecting in the amount of \$105,000.
- d. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Uniform Collection Agreement with the Pinellas County Tax Collector for collection of the storm water non-ad valorem assessment second tier (variable).

City Manager Bonfield recommended approval of the consent agenda as written.

Vice Mayor Shavlan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Public Hearing for Variance 2012-0021, requesting the extension of an existing deck seaward of the City Coastal Construction and Excavation Setback Line (Quasi-Judicial).

City Manager Bonfield noted the request is for an extension of an existing deck and is required by City code to be presented directly to the City Commission. He noted the item is a quasi-judicial procedure and noted Commissioners need to disclose any communication regarding the variance.

Mayor McFarlin requested City Commissioners disclose any communication or involvement with the variance request. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin asked if any audience member wished to declare that s/he was a substantially affected party. There were none.

Community Development Director Kinney reviewed a Power Point presentation noting the proposed dock location, zoning, and site plan with the existing deck and coastal construction lines. Mr. Kinney further noted that the Planning Commission recommended drafting an ordinance that would repeal the City's existing coastal

construction line. The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission at their July 31st meeting.

Phil Albert, applicant, noted the proposed deck will be utilized by small bands, dancing and extra seating; eventually constructing a thatched Tiki covering.

Commissioner Huhn moved to approve Item 5(a), Variance 2012-0021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isles Drive, spoke in opposition of the variance.

Mayor McFarlin called for Commissioners' comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- b. Authorization for the City Manager to accept a proposal from Public Risk Management of Florida for renewal of the City insurance policies covering the period from October 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$430,780.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the Commission requested the insurance policy be placed out for bid, which was subsequently drafted by a consultant. The insurance, which is from an insurance pool, covers property liability and workers compensation.

Commissioner Garnett moved to approve authorizing the City Manager to accept a proposal from Public Risk Management of Florida for renewal of the City insurance policies covering the period from 10/01/2012 to 9/30/2013 in the amount of \$430,780. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Shavlan and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- b. Ordinance 2012-11, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendment of Section 82-260 of Division 1, Article III, of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the issuance of metered and non-metered parking space permits.

City Manager Bonfield noted the ordinance proposes a non-metered "B" sticker for temporary use by guests of area residents.

Vice Mayor Shavlan made a motion to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2012-11, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for amendment of Section 82-260 of Division 1 of Article III of Chapter 82 of the

Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the issuance of metered and non-metered parking space permits; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garnett.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

c. Ordinance 2012-12, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for the amendment of the 'Appendix A' Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances as set forth in 'Attachment A' pertaining to the issuance and rates for daily and monthly metered and non-metered "B" Permit parking space permits.

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve Item 6(c), Ordinance 2012-12, an Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for an amendment of the 'Appendix A' Fee Schedule as referenced in Section 82-260 of the Code of Ordinances, as set forth in 'Attachment A' to this ordinance, pertaining to the issuance of metered and non-metered parking space permits; 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 Commissioner Garnett.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

a. Ordinance 2012-10, Final Reading, amendment to the City Charter repealing Section 4.06 which provides that the St. Pete Beach Police Department shall be established as a Charter Department and providing for ballot language for the November 6, 2012 election.

City Manager Bonfield reported that, in the mid-90's, voters approved a charter amendment prohibiting the City from contracting for certain law enforcement services to an outside agency. The proposed ordinance repeals the charter amendment and allows for the City to contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for services.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2012-10, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida proposing pursuant to

Section 8.01 of the City Charter, an amendment to the City Charter repealing Section 4.06 of the City Charter which provides that the St. Pete Beach Police Department shall be established as a Charter department of the City of St. Pete Beach and all law enforcement activities shall be performed by employees of the department, and that no law enforcement activity shall be transferred by contract or other process to any department or employee not administered by the City Manager of the City of St. Pete Beach; providing for a ballot question to be submitted to the electors of the City at a referendum election to be held on November 6, 2012; 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 Commissioner Garnett.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of the St. Pete Beach Police Department.

Rick Falkenstein, Palm Point, thanked the Commission for changing the ballot language and spoke in support of the police department.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, asked about holding workshops to discuss possible changes in law enforcement services and spoke in support of retaining the current police department.

Fran Trivison, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, asked about police department pensions.

Brian Mitten, 44th Avenue, spoke in support of the current law enforcement services, stated his appreciation for the change in ballot language, and offered to help review the budget to reduce expenses if a committee was formed.

Jeff Brunell, 80th Avenue, thanked the Commission for changing the ballot language and spoke in support of maintaining current police services.

City Manager Bonfield stated there was no change in the contract proposal submitted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. He further noted that the pension plans were the largest portion of the budget deficit but are a separate issue from the referendum.

Commissioners were in agreement that it was fiscally responsible to present all options to the residents so they can make an informed decision on budgetary matters.

City Attorney Davis confirmed the ordinance before the Commission contained the revised ballot language.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. **Resolutions** – None for this agenda

8. **Items for Discussion** – None for this agenda

9. **City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports**

City Manager Bonfield reported on the upcoming Planning Board meeting where the City's coastal construction line will be discussed. He requested Commissioners schedule Budget Workshops and it was the consensus to conduct the meetings during the week of August 6th. Mr. Bonfield noted staff is meeting with FEMA regarding reimbursements related to Tropical Storm Debby, provided an update on Gulf Boulevard improvements, noted City Hall building maintenance that is underway and listed items for the August 14, 2012 Commission meeting.

City Attorney Davis provided an update on the Coconut Inn case, and the recent 'Motion to Intervene' recently filed in the Anderson case, which will be heard on August 3rd at 9:00 a.m. He noted that Suzanne Van Wyk has been appointed an Administrative Law Judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings and will be leaving the firm within the week.

Commissioner Garnett reported that she will hold her monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Don Vista Center.

Vice Mayor Shavlan reported that all is quiet in District Three.

Commissioner Parent reported on his replacement to the Board of Adjustments, commented on Library happenings and noted he will hold his round table meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Library. Mr. Parent relayed information about Tampa Bay Watch, the Big C Committee and Bugs Bunny's birthday this Friday.

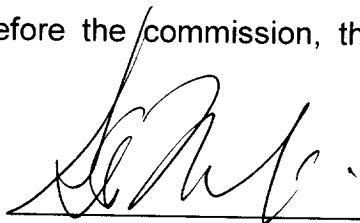
Commissioner Huhn reported that the Friday Food Truck Festival is expecting a large turnout of vendors.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8/14/2012