

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mike Bonfield, City Manager, requested the addition of the Corey Avenue Lighting Project as Item 5(a).

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Deborah Martohue, Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach, requested the Commission consider using a portion of McKinney Park as a dog park.

Deborah Edney, 73rd Avenue, thanked all veterans for their service to this country in recognition of Veterans' Day. She also complimented a former Police Department employee.

4. Consent

- a. Cancellation of the December 25, 2012 City Commission Meeting.

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

5. Action Items

- a. Lighting Project on Corey Avenue

Tom Roberts, a representative of Corey Avenue Business Association (CABA), reported on the installation of low voltage LED lights to outline the buildings on Corey Avenue. The Association collected \$4,000 and requested the City make a donation to offset costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huhn to donate \$5,000 to CABA to assist with the installation of lighting along Corey Avenue buildings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garnett and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2012-26, Final Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach providing for an increase in budgeted monies in the General and Reclaimed Water Funds for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 and providing for funding.

City Manager Bonfield reported the overall funds were balanced for the year.

Vice Mayor Shavlan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-26 with supplemental funding to the General and Reclaimed Water funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2012-17 authorizing the City Manager to transfer ownership and control of certain vehicles, assets and equipment to the Pinellas County Sheriff.

City Manager Bonfield updated the Commission on the transfer of certain vehicles, assets and equipment to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, which is part of the contract and will help to offset start-up costs when the law enforcement services are transferred to the Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to approve Resolution 2012-17, authorizing the City Manager to transfer ownership and control of certain vehicles, assets and equipment to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Shavlan and unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Consideration of a Dog Park at McKinney Park

Deborah Martohue, Blind Pass Road, requested City Commissioners consider establishing a portion of McKinney Park as a dog park.

Commissioner Garnett spoke in favor of the park because of the success of the dog park established in Vina Del Mar.

The Commission directed staff to obtain quotes and return at a later date.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported that the Tree Lighting and Lighted Boat Parade will take place on December 6th at 6:00 p.m., and the "Santa In The Park" activity will take place on December 7th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Bonfield also reported the dates to qualify for the office of Commissioner in Districts 2 and 4 would begin December 10th at 12:00 p.m./noon and conclude at 12:00 p.m./noon on December 21, 2012. He reported that Gulf Boulevard from 55th Avenue to Gulf Winds Drive will be paved after the 28-day waiting period from the first paving.

Mr. Bonfield then informed the Commission of the recently passed Constitutional Amendment that allows for a change in the property exemption for low income seniors and that a procedure for issuing parking permits is being developed.

He requested a special meeting on December 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the final reading of the pension ordinances.

City Manager Bonfield then listed the items for the next City Commission meeting.

City Attorney Davis stated he had not received a response in the Anderson case and provided an update on the Chmielewski cases. Mr. Davis noted that mediation is scheduled for January.

Commissioner Garnett stated the Pass-a-Grille Annual Bonfire will take place on December 12th at the end of 8th Avenue and the Lighted Boat Parade will take place on December 15th. Ms. Garnett encouraged everyone to participate and to support their local merchants.

Vice Mayor Shavlan announced the Don CeSar Association meeting would take place at the Don Vista Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and new officers would be elected.

Commissioner Parent announced he would not be holding at his monthly roundtable meeting during December and reported on the Small Business Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Huhn reported on the Corey Avenue Sunday Market Art Show and encouraged everyone to shop local during the holiday season.

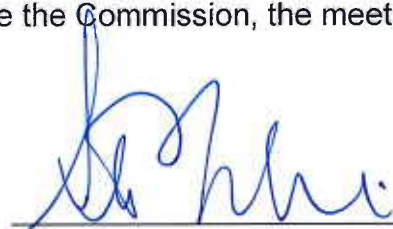
Mayor McFarlin encouraged everyone walk down Corey Avenue and visit shops.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-8-2013