

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor – Excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
George Kinney, Community Development Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Stephen Yurcaba, IT Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Bonfield requested to add approval to close Pass-a-Grille Way on December 15th and approval to close City Hall on Christmas Eve day.

2. Presentations

Phil Milner, Vice President/IAFF Local 2266, reported that the Firefighters raised \$1,000 during the month of October and chose to donate the funds to two local groups. The union chose to split the donation between Friends of Gulf Beaches Historical Museum and the Pass-a-Grille Community Church Youth Group.

3. Audience Comments

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, noted she was disappointed that the City did not sponsor the Christmas Land Parade. She thanked the Police Department for doing a great job for the community and welcomed the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

Chet Chmielewski, El Centro, commented that he was told a commissioner was moving out of town.

4. Consent

a. Authorize the City Manager to purchase fitness equipment for the Community Center from FitRev, Inc. in the amount of \$16,275.00

b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Fifth Wheeled Coach Inc. in the amount of \$150,000.00 with funds provided by Pinellas County EMS utilizing the Florida Sherriff's Bid to replace the City's rescue truck.

c. Authorize the City Manager to close Pass-a-Grille Way on December 15, 2012.

City Manager Bonfield recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 4 (a), (b) and (c) as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. Authorization for the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police.

City Manager Bonfield explained the retirement benefits that are subject to bargaining within the Police Department. Mr. Bonfield requested to add the sole Police Department employee who is not a union member for approval on a separate retirement proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garnett to approve Item 5(a), authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, and to add Captain Dean Horianopoulos in the amount of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Authorization to close City Hall on Christmas Eve Day.

City Manager Bonfield requested the Commission authorize closing City Hall on Monday to coincide with the Christmas Day closure on Tuesday, at a total cost of approximately \$18,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huhn to approve the closure of City Hall on Monday, December 24, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garnett and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2012-24, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amends Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article IV, Firefighters Retirement System; implementing a benefit freeze; providing for modifications of certain benefits for future service; mending certain definitions; revising employee contributions; revising the vesting period; mending benefit amounts and eligibility; and amending the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

City Manager Bonfield explained City Commission held Impasse Hearings concerning the pension changes. An impasse resolution was adopted outlining the changes to be made to the plans. Mr. Bonfield detailed the 185 monies and the changes in the state requirements. He recommended adopting the changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to approve Item 6(a), An ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article IV, Firefighters Retirement System; implementing a benefit freeze; providing for modifications of certain benefits for future service; amending certain definitions; revising employee contributions; revising the vesting period; amending benefit amounts and eligibility; amending the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; providing for applicability; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn.

Vice Mayor Shavlan called for audience comments.

Phil Milner, Vice President/Local IAFF 2226, discussed the firefighters' pension plan and the proposed changes.

Chet Chmielewski, El Centro, spoke against the proposed changes to the employee pensions.

Vice Mayor Shavlan proposed to continue the ordinance to further discuss alternatives with the City's pension attorney.

Vice Mayor Shavlan moved to continue Item 6(a), Ordinance 2012-24 to date certain 5:00 p.m., December 27, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Ordinance 2012-27, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article III, Police Officers' Retirement System; implementing a benefit freeze; providing for modifications of certain benefits for future service; amending certain definitions; revising employee contributions; revising the vesting period; amending benefit amounts and eligibility; amending the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; and providing for a share plan.

City Manager Bonfield reiterated the proposed changes were agreed to during the August Impasse Hearing and would be effective February 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huhn to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2012-27, An ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirements, Article III, Police Officers' Retirement System; implementing a benefit freeze; providing for modifications of certain benefits for future service; amending certain definitions; revising employee contributions; revising the vesting period; amending benefit amounts and eligibility; amending the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; providing for a share plan; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing for an effective date. The motion was approved by Commissioner Parent.

Vice Mayor Shavlan called for audience comments. There were none.

Vice Mayor Shavlan called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2012-18, appointing the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate for the City's Code Enforcement Division.

City Manager Bonfield reported the proposed resolution allows for the annual re-appointment for the City's hearing officer and special magistrate in the Code Enforcement Division.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garnett to approve Item 7 (a), Resolution 2012-18, A resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, appointing Herbert Langford as the parking citation hearing officer, administrative appeals hearing officer and special magistrate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Resolution 2012-19, a resolution by the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, vacating four 5-foot utility and drainage easements between lots 3 and 4 of Block 78, North Unit No. 1 according to the plat thereof recorded in plat book 21, page 27 public records of Pinellas County, Florida; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bonfield noted the proposed resolution is a request from an applicant to vacate four easements off 77th Avenue.

Tom Brodersen, attorney representing the property owners, stated the house was built in the 1940's and the land traverses three lots. The house encompasses lots one and two and the carport includes lots three and four. The plat provides for a five foot easement on the sides of each lot and an easement along the back of the property. The back easement is not included in this request. Notices were sent and approval has been received from adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garnett to approve Item 7 (b), Resolution 2012-19, A resolution by the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida vacating four 5-foot utility and drainage easements between lots three and four of Block 78, North Unit No. 1 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 27, public records of Pinellas County, Florida; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported on the special meeting of December 27, 2012 to discuss the pension ordinances; and that the Qualification Period for Districts Two and Four is December 10, 2012 through December 21, 2012 from noon to noon. He commented on a grant application with the Tampa Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce and stated the new schedule for trash collection in the north end will be effective February 1, 2013. Mr. Bonfield noted the Employee Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at which time City Hall will close for the luncheon and reopen at 2:00 p.m.

The City Manager mentioned the passing of Drew Salinger, one of the City's original employees.

City Attorney Davis noted he filed an 'Action for Injunctive Relief' against the owner of a nuisance property on 78th Avenue. Mr. Davis reported on mediation scheduled for January 10, 2013 regarding a 2009 Chmielewski case; therefore, he requested to hold a Shade Meeting. The City Attorney announced that he desires the City Commission advice concerning the following litigation: Chester J. Chmielewski and Katherine A. Chmielewski vs. the City of St. Pete Beach, Case Nos. 06-29-25-CI-13, 09-019562-CI-19 and 12-008226-CI-08. The Shade Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Commissioner Garnett announced the 'Annual Bonfire on the Beach' is Thursday at the end of 8th Avenue at 7:00 p.m., the Boat Parade is 6:00 p.m. on Saturday beginning at Merry Pier and the Sunday Markets are at Suntan Arts Center.

Commissioner Parent reported that he is cancelling his roundtable meeting at the Library this month and commented on a proposed resolution in support of a Charter School in Pass-a-Grille.

Commissioner Huhn reported on the December 15th Car Show on Corey Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the Sunday Markets on Corey Avenue and in Pass-a-Grille. Ms. Huhn noted the installation of median lights along Blind Pass Road and encouraged the community to continue shopping locally. She also informed everyone of an appreciation function to be held on December 13th at the Tradewinds honoring the employees of the St. Pete Beach Police Department.

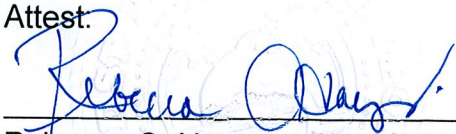
Vice Mayor Shavlan reported on the Belle Vista Christmas party scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Lieutenant Joe Gerretz and Detective Ken Roberts updated the Commission on the upcoming transition of the Police Department to the PCSO and the PCSO's participation in the Boat Parade.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest.

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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve McFarlin", written over a horizontal line.

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-22-2013