

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 27, 2012

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bev Garnett, Commissioner - Excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Mayor McFarlin requested to act upon Item 1(c), Ordinance 2012-27, prior to Items (a) and (b).

City Manager Bonfield reported that the ordinances were the result of the impasse hearings held in August.

1. Ordinances

c. Ordinance 2012-27, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article, 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.

Mr. Bonfield noted the Police Department employees are in agreement with the changes and are prepared for the implementation.

Vice Mayor Shavlan made a motion to approve Item 1(c), Ordinance 2012-27, An ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Amending Chapter 66, Pensions and Retirement, Article III, Police Officers' 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; providing for a share plan; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for commissioner comments. There were none.

The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Garnett absent.

a. Ordinance 2012-23, Final Reading, rescinds and repeals all prior ordinances or resolutions assessing or imposing the premium tax authorized by Section 175.101, Florida Statutes and withdrawing from participation under Chapter 175, Florida Statutes.

City Manager Bonfield noted that Ordinance 2012-23 and Ordinance 2012-24 relate to the Fire Department and can be discussed together, but acted upon with separate motions.

Ordinance 2012-23 allows the City to withdraw from Chapter 175, which is the State Statute providing for St. Pete Beach residents to be assessed on their property insurance bills an excise tax that goes towards firefighter pensions. The money is paid to the State of Florida and returned to the City per state guidelines. Mr. Bonfield recommended staying in Chapter 175 until a determination is made at the State level on how withdrawing would affect the department.

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve Item 1(a), Ordinance 2012-23, An ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Rescinding and repealing all prior ordinances or resolutions assessing or imposing the premium tax authorized by Section 175.101, Florida Statutes; withdrawing from participation under Chapter 175, Florida Statutes; providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Phil Milner, Vice President/IAFF Local 2266, commented that he believes the City needs to do whatever it has to in order to retain the 175 monies and spoke about previous comments that were made.

Winthrop Newton, Vice President/IAFF 2nd District, spoke in support of the firefighters.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion failed by a vote of 0-4-1, with Commissioner Garnett absent.

b. Ordinance 2012-24, Final Reading and Public Hearing, 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; and amending the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

Commissioner Huhn made a motion to approve Item 1(b), Ordinance 2012-24, 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 Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Jim Kilpatrick, Firefighter/IAFF Local 2266, stated the negotiations have been very long and tedious, and asked the Commissioners to communicate with the firefighters.

Phil Milner, Vice President/IAFF Local 2266, commented on the terminology difference between 'termination' and 'freeze'.

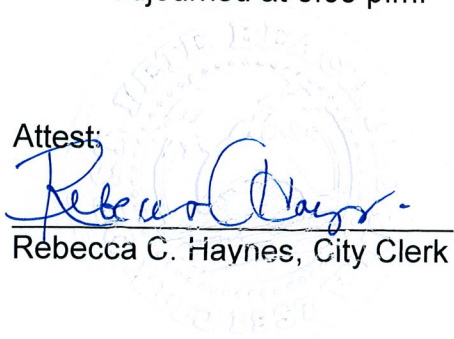
Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Garnett absent.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Attest:




Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-22-2013