

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING

MINUTES

February 19, 2013

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director

1. Review financial impact to FY13 budget from transfer of law enforcement services to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

After reviewing the personnel costs of transferring the Police Department to the Sheriff's Department, Mr. Bonfield listed the projected costs for FY 13 showing an approximate savings of \$433,160.00. The projected savings for FY14 after personnel and operating expenses should be approximately \$1,522,564.00.

2. Review preliminary FY14 Operating Budget

Mr. Bonfield gave the final taxable value FY13 as \$1,984,802,002 from the millage rate and property tax revenue as \$6,290,454. He then made a comparison using the current millage rate with the FY12 millage rate in addition to the Police Department savings with a result of \$1,500,000.

3. Review preliminary FY14 CIP Budget and discuss priorities for scheduling future large CIP Projects.

Mr. Bonfield listed future and ongoing projects for the city of St. Pete Beach as follows:

- a. Annual Fixed Investments include debt payment for the Community Center and recommended funding for streets and seawall restoration.
- b. Egan Field is in need of replacement of concrete poles and lights on the large field for the players and new netting to protect adjacent property from damage.
- c. Municipal Docks at the Community Center are to be installed with a twelve slip dock for transient boat ramp use. A grant for \$220,000 has already been secured.
- d. Egan Boat Ramp design and permitting would see the relocation of the ramp along with construction of trailer parking, adding storm water pretreatment facility and shoreline restoration.
- e. Playground Resurfacing at some of our playgrounds with a safety surface.
- f. Library Expansion and Renovation is a project that could add square footage and a complete interior remodeling and parking enhancements. Grants and fund raising would bring additional funds for this project.
- g. Blind Pass Road/Boca Ciega Avenue drainage basin is a project budgeted in the FY13 CIP Budget from the recently completed Stormwater Master Plan.
- h. Pass-A-Grille Way would need engineering work to define the scope of this project to include upgrading all utilities as needed, repair of sidewalks and repair and resurfacing of the street.
- i. 46th Ave/Boca Ciega Isle would need engineering work to define the scope to construct roadway and upgrade all utilities as needed.
- j. Corey Avenue Streetscape/Couplet would need engineering work to define the scope of the plan to reconstruct roadway and upgrade all utilities as needed.
- k. Boca Ciega Avenue would need engineering work to define the scope of the plan to reconstruct roadway and upgrade all utilities as needed. This project would include the portion of Boca Ciega beginning at 76th Avenue and ending at 87th Avenue.
- l. Sunset Way/37th Avenue/Maritana would need engineering work to define the scope of the plan to reconstruct roadway and upgrade all utilities as needed.

4. Recommended Action

For FY13, Mr. Bonfield recommended transferring the funds saved from the Police Budget to the CIP and to authorize engineering contracts to complete design of the Blind Pass Road/Boca Ciega Avenue project and begin construction.

Mr. Bonfield made several recommendations for the FY14 Budget. These included transferring savings from the Police Budget to the CIP, lowering the ad- valorem tax rate to the 2012 level, maintaining funding for annual fixed investments and

to fund the Pass-A-Grille Way design and engineering services. He stressed four areas needing completion and these included Egan Park, Community Center transient boat dock, playground resurfacing and the boat ramp project at Egan Park. The remaining CIP projects need to be prioritized using the funds in reserves and future CIP allocations.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3-26-2013