CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 26, 2013

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Beverly Garnett, Commissioner, excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Steve Yurcaba, IT Specialist

1. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Parent requested Resolution 2013-03 and Agenda Report be moved to the beginning of the Commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Shavlan requested a discussion of Corey Avenue Business District.

2. Presentations

a. A presentation on Academy by the Sea was made by Sarah Churney. She explained the school operates on a Montessori-based philosophy and offers an alternative to public school for grades 4-8. Academy by the Sea would be authorized by the Pinellas District School Board and admission is by lottery. As a Charter School, it would be operated by a non-profit board.

3. Resolutions

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03 supporting Pinellas County Public Charter School – Academy by the Sea. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Drive, spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

4. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

City Manager Bonfield introduced college interns Nadja Blessing, Sandra Ruhwith, Andre' Eberle, and Joshua Waible who will be working with the City for three months. They are Public Management majors from Stuttgart, Germany.

5. Consent

a. Ratification of the City Manager decision to pay Luke Brothers Inc. $25,296 in FY 2012 to trim Washingtonian Palms city-wide.

b. Authorization for the City Manager to direct Pinellas County to install potable water meters and service taps to five (5) medians on Gulf Blvd and Blind Pass Road at the cost of $20,935.

c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a planning and design services agreement with the Genesis Group.

d. Authorize the City Manager to enter into planning and urban design services agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc.

e. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a planning and urban design services agreement with the Renaissance Planning Group.

f. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a planning and urban design service agreement with Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

Mr. Bonfield recommended the Commission accept the items as presented.

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

6. Action Items

a. Authorization for the City Manager to accept a proposal from Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in the amount of $125,000 to complete design engineering for Blind Pass Road from 73rd Avenue to Gulf Boulevard.

Mr. Bonfield reviewed the scope of this plan which would make this portion of Blind Pass Road a two lane street and include sidewalks and a bike share lane.

Commissioner Huhn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in the amount of $125,000 to complete design engineering for Blind Pass Road from 73rd Avenue to Gulf Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-08, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Section 11.3 and 34.3 of the Land Development Code, to allow Class B docks as permitted uses and structures in the RLM-2 and DCR zoning districts and amending Division 12 to move Class B docks from Section 12.4 to Section 12.3.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Ordinance 2013-08, amending Section 11.3 and 34.3 of the Land Development Code, to allow Class B docks as permitted uses and structures in the RLM-2 and DCR zoning districts and amending Division 12 to move Class B docks from Section 12.4 to Section 12.3, 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 Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The ordinance was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

b. Ordinance 2013-09, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing a supplemental appropriation to the General Wastewater, Stormwater and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, providing for funding, providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Ordinance 2013-09, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing a supplemental appropriation to the General Wastewater, Stormwater and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, providing for funding, providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mr. Bonfield explained this was a routine procedure where outstanding purchase orders from the previous year are being approved for payment. This also included the funds being transferred from the Police Department to pay a part-time employee to sell parking permits. The sale of the permits had previously been a responsibility of the Police Department.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, questioned if approving these funds would cause any increases to the citizens.

There being no further comments, Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

7. Items for Discussion

a. Vice Mayor Shavlan urged the Commission to move forward with the Corey Avenue enhancements using a portion from the $433,000 savings from the Police Department Budget.

Mr. Kinney reported a workshop with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was being scheduled for March but the date had not yet been determined. He said this would be an opportunity for the community to ask questions and meet representatives from the Council.

8. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

Mr. Bonfield reported the expired positions on the Pension Boards will be appointed at the next City Commission Meeting.

Mr. Davis reported of correspondence from Tim Webber, attorney for Jim Anderson, requesting a 30 day extension for the requested brief.

Vice Mayor Shavlan gave praise for the job Commissioner Bev Garnett has done during her terms in office.

Commissioner Parent reported attending the 'Big C' meeting as well as continuing to attend the Pinellas County Citizen's Academy. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Island Festival at the Beach Historical Museum on March 2nd. There will be a rededication of the Museum during the festival.

Commissioner Huhn attended the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Pasa Tiempo. She reported that the owner of 'Butter My Buns' restaurant is changing the name to 'Two Chefs'. The North Beach Civic Association has partnered with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to present a forum on "Safety for Women" at the Community Center on March 9th.

Mayor McFarlin complimented the Sheriff's Office and said he continues to receive positive comments about their presence in St. Pete Beach.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3·26·2013