

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 12, 2013

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor
Lorraine Huhn, Commissioner
Jim Parent, Commissioner
Bev Garnett, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner-Elect

ABSENT:

Marvin Shavlan, Vice Mayor - excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director

Mayor McFarlin noted the term for Commissioner Garnett has concluded and thanked Ms. Garnett for her service to the community during her four-year tenure.

Commissioner Garnett listed the numerous accomplishments during her four years as Commissioner of District Four and thanked her constituents, fellow commissioners and city staff for helping to achieve and complete many goals and projects.

Ms. Garnett was presented a plaque and bouquet of flowers for her service.

INSTALLATION MEETING

1. Installation of District 2 Commissioner – Jim Parent

Jim Parent was sworn in as District 2 Commissioner by City Clerk Haynes.

Commissioner Parent thanked everyone for their support.

2. Installation of District 4 Commissioner – Melinda Pletcher

Melinda Pletcher was sworn in as District 4 Commissioner by City Clerk Haynes.

Commissioner Pletcher thanked her family and friends for their support.

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Bonfield requested to add approval of "Salute to the Military" parade, street fair and charity pancake breakfast as Item 4(g); continue Item 5(a) to the April 9 meeting; and continue Item 6(a) to the March 26 meeting.

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, congratulated Ms. Pletcher on her election to District Four. Ms. Schechner then commented on sexual predators moving to St. Pete Beach.

4. Consent

a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a planning and urban design services agreement with Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.

b. Ministerial appointment of the fifth member to the General Employees' Pension Board of Trustees

c. Ministerial appointment of the fifth member to the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees

d. Appointment to the General Employees' Pension Board of Trustees

e. Appointment to the Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees

f. Appointment to the Police Officers' Pension Board of Trustees

g. Authorize sponsoring the "Salute to the Military" Parade, Street Fair and Charity Pancake Breakfast scheduled for April 12 and 13, 2013.

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

Commissioner Parent moved to approve the Consent agenda, Items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. Request from Paradise Sweets LLC to consider a five year extension option of the existing Pass-A-Grille and Upham Beach concession stands lease agreements.

Item 5(a) was continued to the April 9 City Commission meeting.

b. Authorization for the City Manager to accept a proposal from Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$18,181.48 to complete adoption of the City Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

City Manager Bonfield commented that initial work has been completed on the project and this proposal will finalize the CRA plans.

Community Development Director Kinney noted the Findings of Necessity report was adopted in 2005 and the Community Redevelopment Plan has been discussed and, to an extent, implemented. Notice to the taxing authorities has been completed.

Mr. Kinney introduced the representatives from Tindale-Oliver & Associates who were present to answer any questions.

Michael English, Tindale-Oliver & Associates, and Michael Chen, Urban Development Mobility Solutions, noted they were prepared to move forward with Phase I (market update & negotiate tax increment funding [TIF]) and Phase II (establish priorities and how to proceed, invest TIF & grant money).

Commissioner Huhn moved to approve Item 5(b), authorizing the city manager to accept a proposal from Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$18,181.48 to complete adoption of the City Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were none.

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

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-09, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2013 to the General, Wastewater, Stormwater and Capital Project Funds and providing for funding.

Item 6(a) was continued to the March 26, 2013 meeting.

b. Ordinance 2013-10, First Reading and Public Hearing, authorizing revised fees for rental of the Community Center and providing for fees for park property rentals.

City Manager Bonfield reported the proposed ordinance will assess a premium fee to Saturday rentals and establish a rental policy for city parks.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach providing for revised fees for rental of the Community Center; provided for fees for park rentals; 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.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in opposition to the increased fee for Saturday rentals and suggested catering companies use roll out mats.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, wanted to know if residents would receive a discount.

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

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

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2013-03, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida declaring support of proposed changes to Section 287.055, F.S., also known as "The Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act".

City Manager Bonfield explained the proposed resolution supports changes to the existing process to hire engineers, architects, etc., which is set on a qualitative basis, not monetary basis.

Commissioner Huhn moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2013-03, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, declaring support for proposed changes to Section 287.055, F.S., also known as the "The Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act" or "CCNA". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussions.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reminded everyone of the following dates: Beach Clean-Up at Upham Beach at 9:00 a.m. on March 16, St. Patty's Day Celebration at Horan Park on March 17 to benefit St. John School, Corey Avenue Workshop at 6:00 p.m. on March 21, and the Spring Festival and Egg Hunt on March 23, 2013. Mr. Bonfield requested a brief meeting following tonight's meeting to discuss union negotiations and then reviewed upcoming agenda items.

City Attorney Davis solicited the Commission's advice on several Chmielewski cases and he requested to schedule a Shade Meeting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday March 26, 2013. All Commissioners were in agreement.

Commissioner Pletcher announced that 'Beach Goes Pops' will be held May 4 and 5 and the Veterans' Pancake Breakfast and Parade will be held April 12 and 13, 2013.

Commissioner Parent requested information on purchasing tickets for 'Beach Goes Pops' celebration, commented on the Pinellas County Sheriff Citizens Academy and discussed Corey Avenue beautification.

Commissioner Huhn thanked the North Beach Condo Association and the PCSO for sponsoring the women's personal safety class, announced the Spring Sidewalk Sale down Corey Avenue Wednesday through Saturday, noted the Friday Food Truck Festival and commented the family of the Hurricane Restaurant for the wonderful improvements made to the building.

Mayor McFarlin noted the 50th anniversary of the Suntan Arts Center, the 100th anniversary of Pass-a-Grille Church and the 20th anniversary of the Historical Museum.

10. Adjournment

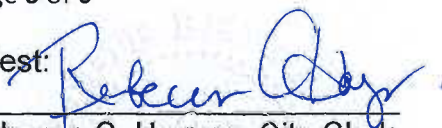
There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3/26/2013