

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 9, 2013

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Supervisor

1. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Parent requested to add a discussion about parking spaces under Items for Discussion.

2. Presentations

Peter Schatzel from the firm of Wells, Houser & Schatzel presented the 2012 audit report noting that the City of St. Pete Beach is in favorable condition.

3. Audience Comments

Paul Cuticchia, Silver Sands Beach and Racquet Club resident, thanked Mayor McFarlin and Commissioner Parent for attending a condo/home-owner association meeting to speak with the residents.

Bill Pyle, President of Silver Sands Beach and Racquet Club Building #2, rebuked comments made by residents at the homeowners' association meeting.

Pat Anderson, Silver Sands Beach and Racquet Club resident, spoke in support of the Mayor and Commissioner's attendance at their condominium association meeting.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2013.
- b. Ratify the City Manager decision to pay Mader Electric Motors \$20,221.96 to make emergency pump repairs at the wastewater Master Pump Station.

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

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items (a) and (b). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent 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 stand lease agreements.

City Manager Bonfield explained the five-year lease is up for renewal by the end of May. Changes from the original lease include the sale of beer and wine, and the addition of the patio. The current rent is approximately \$10,000 per month plus a percentage of patio rentals and beer/wine sales.

Discussions were held regarding the amplified music, patrons walking off the property with beer and wine, inadequate bathrooms and general maintenance.

Modifications to the lease include: patio use allowed on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays; all services close one-half hour after sunset; no amplified music; monthly lease payment of 3% or CPI, whichever is greater; signage prohibiting alcohol on the beach; bathroom renovation to acceptable standards.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(a), the request by Paradise Sweets LLC for a five-year extension of their lease to be granted and the City Manager notify the lessee of the City's decision, as per the terms of the existing lease, subject to the conditions listed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-14, First Reading and Public Hearing, Correcting an omission and re-adopting Division 26 of the Land Development Code.

Community Development Director George Kinney explained the proposed ordinance will allow for signage provisions in the Community Redevelopment District – Eighth Avenue.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2013-14, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida correcting an omission and re-adopting Division 26 of the Land Development Code; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of 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 motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2013-04, declaring support for military family and community covenant day on April 17, 2013.

Vice Mayor Huhn noted the proposed resolution is from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2013-04, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, declaring support for military family and community covenant day on April 17, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Discussion of Parking Spaces

Commissioner Parent noted he received a request to eliminate parking on 70th Avenue.

Mr. Bonfield responded that City Staff will look at the area and return with a recommendation.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported on the 'Salute to the Military' celebration on April 12 and April 13 in Pass-a-Grille. The commemoration will include a parade, pancake breakfast, street fair and fishing tournament. Proceeds will benefit many charities including Homes for Heroes. He noted that Pass-a-Grille Way and Gulf Way south of 17th Avenue will be closed from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Mr. Bonfield reported that Pinellas County will be conducting a major reclaimed water project on either April 19 or April 26 (date to be determined) which will shut down water for at least 48 hours in the southern portion of the County. He then reviewed the upcoming agenda items.

Commissioner Pletcher thanked her fellow Commissioners for their due diligence in considering the Paradise Grille lease renewal. Ms. Pletcher reiterated the 'Salute to the Military' festivities that will take place over the upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Shavlan requested Deputy Mancusi attend an upcoming Commission Meeting to provide an update on the first 90 days of law enforcement services provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Shavlan reported that Belle Vista Civic Association meeting will be held Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren Webster Community Center, and the Lido Neighborhood Association is holding their annual picnic scheduled for Saturday at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

City Manager Bonfield responded that he will arrange for Deputy Mancusi to attend an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Parent reported that the county-wide Disaster Preparedness Summit will take place at the next Big C meeting and discussed their "Take Stock in Children" program. Mr. Parent echoed his support for the military recognition event this weekend.

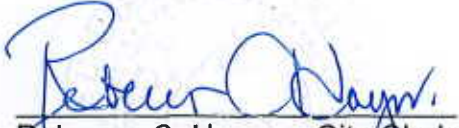
Commissioner Huhn encouraged everyone to shop Corey Avenue, noted the Sunday Fresh Market will run through the end of May, stated that Verducci's is opening a new deli store on Blind Pass Road near 79th Avenue and that Jason Kingsley is now the head chef at Chill Restaurant. Ms. Huhn then noted the reclaimed water restrictions in place through the end of June.

Mayor McFarlin reported that he will co-sponsor a presentation for Eckerd College students this Monday. He then appealed to residents and home/condo associations to contact him and/or Commissioners should they have any concerns or questions about happenings in the City.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 4-23-2013