

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 14, 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
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

2. Presentations

a. Sheriff's Presentation – Lt. Joseph Gerretz

Lieutenant Gerretz presented statistics re: reports, arrests, citations, alarms, major incidents, special events, detective activity from January through April 2013. Lt. Gerretz also provided an update on the previous Police Department employees and the progress they've made since transferring to the Sheriff's Office.

b. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor McFarlin read and presented a proclamation re: May 19th through May 25th as National Public Works Week to Steve Hallock, Public Services Department. Mr. Hallock

then ran a video depicting the numerous activities that fall under the umbrella of public services.

3. Audience Comments

Paul Pfister, Blind Pass Road, President of North Beach Civic Association, complimented the Public Services Department and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Pfister reported the Association donated money to purchase benches for use in the dog park.

John Michael, Bay Street, recommended the City allow dogs along a stretch of Upham Beach and become more pet friendly.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of Public Services and requested an update on the proposed couplet for Corey Avenue.

4. Consent

a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 23, 2013.

b. Approval of Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement, Amendment #1 with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items (a) and (b) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

There were no action items for the agenda.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-12, Final Reading and Public Hearing, Amendment of Article II, of Chapter 42 St. Pete Beach Code related to Alarm Systems.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the minor changes will transfer the responsibility of monitoring alarm systems within the City to the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2013-12, An ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, providing for amendment of Article II of Chapter 42, St. Pete Beach City Code related to alarm systems: updating the City Code to recognize that security alarm systems as described in Pinellas County Code are not regulated by this article; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; providing for severability;

and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor 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

There were no resolutions presented.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no Items for Discussion presented.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported that the Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. to consider re-adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, which is procedural in nature. The second Corey Avenue Area Workshop is scheduled for June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Mr. Bonfield noted the Children's Fishing Derby will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Community Center, and completed his report by listing items for the next agenda and briefly discussed pension changes.

City Attorney Churuti updated the Commission on the Anderson and Chmielewski lawsuits.

Commissioner Pletcher commented on the success of the Beach Goes Pops and thanked everyone for their participation.

Commissioner Shavlan discussed the City's current unfunded liability, reported on the success of his neighborhood BBQ party and wildlife show and reminded everyone about the Sunday Suntan Market from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jim Parent reported on the Beach Goes Pops, his roundtable meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, Parents Magazine listing St. Pete Beach as the #3 vacation destination and the American Legion Memorial Day Celebration on May 27 at Post Headquarters. Mr. Parent asked his fellow Commissioners if they contacted the County Commissioners in support of the T-Groins at Upham Beach.

Vice Mayor Huhn noted the Sunday Farmers Market along Corey Avenue will close for the season on May 26th, stated the Friday Food Truck is May 24th – also along Corey Avenue – beginning at 5:00 p.m. and reported that Jackie's Bistro is holding a grand-

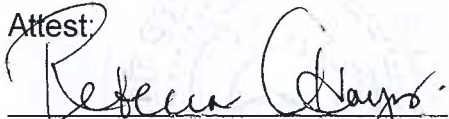
opening soon. Ms. Huhn also reported on the Make-A-Wish walk along the beach made successful by all the enthusiastic volunteers in St. Pete Beach.

Mayor McFarlin reported on the proposed Charter School and their bid to utilize the former Police Department building, and noted the item is scheduled for discussion at the next City Commission meeting. Mr. McFarlin commented on the Sunshine Law seminar sponsored by City Attorneys Davis and Churuti and City Clerk Haynes.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/28/2013