

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 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
Mary Jo Murphy, Recording Secretary
George Kinney, Community Development Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mayor McFarlin made a suggestion to move No. 8, Items for Discussion, to the beginning of the meeting because there was a group of attendees present. The Commission agreed. City Manager Bonfield suggested to discuss No. 4, Consent , and then Item No. 8., Items for Discussion. Mayor McFarlin agreed to the City Manager's suggestion.

2. Presentations

There were no presentations presented.

3. Audience Comments

John Michael, 7261 Bay Street, advised the Commission that Parents Magazine issued a list of best beach towns in the world and St. Pete Beach was third on the list.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke about the City not supplying sandbags any longer. Ms. Schechner inquired if there was an alternative for residents and asked for it be listed on the website.

Mayor McFarlin called for further audience comments.

There were no audience comments.

City Manager Bonfield stated that the City is providing sand. Steve Hallock added that the sand is available at Egan Park and Lido Park.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 28, 2013.

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

8. Items for Discussion

City Manager Bonfield stated that Academy by the Sea is requesting to lease the former Police Station building for a charter school. City Manager Bonfield stated that the Academy by the Sea is in the process of applying for the charter through Pinellas County Schools and is looking at a starting date of September 14, 2013.

Mayor McFarlin pointed out that the City has not made a decision as to how the City is going to utilize the former Police Station but welcomed the school to speak on its request.

Luann Schecht, 131 12th Street East, Tierra Verde, Florida, on the Board of Directors with the Academy by the Sea, spoke about providing education to children in St. Pete Beach and needing a secure building to provide the education. Ms. Schecht stated that the benefits of leasing the building is that it's already divided into classroom space, has a grassy area for the children and is close to the City's recreation center. Ms. Schecht also added that they have a petition signed from a lot of families in support of leasing the building.

Mayor McFarlin suggested talking with the Pinellas County School Board about leasing the previous building used for the Gulf Beaches school.

Sarah Tierney, 3698 56th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida, commented that she had spoken with the Pinellas County School Board and they have no plans of leasing any of their vacant schools at this time.

Mayor McFarlin, speaking on behalf of the Commission, stated that the Commission would assist in lobbying for the Gulf Beaches school.

There was general discussion in reference to a state highway and open being near the property; therefore, resulting in the requirement of possibly having to construct a fence to enclose the grassy area. There was further discussion about the lottery system process to accept students for the charter school in excess of the number seats that the school has available.

Wendy Holmes, 215 43rd Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida, reiterated that the Pinellas County School Board stated they would not lease the Gulf Beaches school to anyone at this time or in the near future.

City Manager Bonfield commented that to properly evaluate leasing the building to a school the Commission needs to find out the details of the physical requirements to prepare the building to function as a school.

Commissioner Parent thanked the Academy by the Sea for attending the commission meeting and presenting their request.

5. Action Items

- a. Revised CIP program for FY 2012/13.

City Manager Bonfield spoke about the Blind Pass Road project. City Manager Bonfield stated that it was a \$700,000.00 project and that we are currently in the design phase. City Manager Bonfield also added with four months left in the year, we have monies that we won't expend on this project and will move the Blind Pass Road project to next year. City Manager Bonfield suggested some options for projects to be completed with those monies now are street resurfacing, roadwork on Pass-A-Grille Way, and restrooms in Pass-A-Grille.

City Manager Bonfield commented about items that he wants to take action on. The Sheriff is interested in bringing one of their boats to the beach to store at our dock at the community center and the need for a four-wheel drive utility vehicle for the beach. The Deputies need a vehicle that will give them ability to transport. As far as the utility vehicle, Dan O'Connor is working on a grant.

The Commission stated they were all in agreement that the boatlift, dock and utility vehicle are needed, and for other items to consider, City Manager Bonfield will put together a proposed budget adjustment ordinance for the next meeting on June 25, 2013.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-13, First Reading and Public Transmittal Hearing, re-adopting the City of St. Pete Beach Comprehensive Plan text and map amendments to the Future Land Use and Housing Elements; establishing within the City of St. Pete Beach Comprehensive Plan its Community Redevelopment District, including two major redevelopment areas and eleven designated character districts within the Community Redevelopment District as adopted and revised by Ordinances 2010-13, 2010-15, 2011-19 and 2012-21.

City Attorney Davis explained what's proposed to be adopted at the transmittal hearing is the current Comprehensive Plan that is already in effect. The re-adoption of the ordinance will cure any potential issues with the appellate court, consolidate into one plan adoption a number of different ordinances and will remove some obsolete provisions in the plan such as maps and waiting periods.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve and transmit Ordinance No. 2013-13 an ordinance of the city commission of the city of St. Pete Beach, readopting the City of St. Pete Beach's comprehensive plan text and map amendments to the future land use and housing elements; establishing within the city of St. Pete Beach's comprehensive plan its community redevelopment district, including two major redevelopment areas and eleven designated character districts within the community redevelopment district as adopted and revised by ordinances 2010-13, 2010-15, 2011-19 and 2012-21; providing for findings; providing for severability; providing an effective date, including the changes in the document that George Kinney, Director of Community Development Department, passed out prior to the meeting that are highlighted in yellow with strikeouts. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

William Pyle, representing Silver Sands II Association and as an individual citizen, spoke in opposition of the ordinance. Mr. Pyle read a letter authored by himself to the Commission. He presented copies of the letter, Enclosure One and Enclosure Two to the Mayor, the Commission Members and the Recording Secretary.

John Michael, 7261 Bay Street, spoke about St. Pete Beach's favorable ratings from Trip Advisor and Parents Magazine. Mr. Michael spoke about overdevelopment ruining the atmosphere of St. Pete Beach.

Deborah Schechner, 710 Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke about collaborative labs with input from the community, Corey workshops, Bed Tax, and the appeal process with Ordinance 2013-13.

Mayor McFarlin called for further audience comments. There no audience comments and the session was closed.

Mayor McFarlin asked for any board discussion. There was no board discussion.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote. City Attorney Davis read Ordinance 2013-13 once again.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported the following: The Historic Preservation Board will meet June 13, 2013; Planning Board, June 18, 2013. Finance and Budget Committee are working on meeting at the end of June and early July. July 17 and 18 will be the dates for City Commission budget workshop. The Bayway Bridge will be closed on June 13, 2013 and the Vina Del Mar Bridge repairs are scheduled for late June. In reference to several reports about water tasting different, Pinellas County did change the chemical treatment. Parkmobile Service is available now at all of St. Pete Beach's coin meters. Recreation Summer Program has begun with 83 children registered. June 14, 2013 will be the first Dive-In Movie of the summer. Discussion topics for the next commission meeting will be an update on the Blind Pass Road project, notifying property owners; purchases on the agenda, dogs on sports fields, and a preliminary discussion on options for the former Police Station building.

City Attorney Davis stated that the Florida Supreme Court ruled in May that Code Enforcement Board Liens cannot take priority over already recorded mortgages.

Commissioner Pletcher apologized to the residents of District 4 for computer problems that had been occurring the last few weeks.

Commissioner Shavlan reminded everyone about the Sunday Suntan Market from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jim Parent read aloud a letter to the editor in the Gabber about Sharon Morris, an employee of the City of St. Pete Beach.

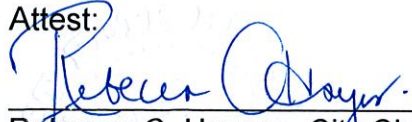
Vice Mayor Huhn reported there was a ribbon cutting at Jackie's Bistro with exciting news of an expansion. Keller Williams will be having a ribbon cutting for their luxury home division on June 13, 2013.

Mayor McFarlin reported that himself and Mr. Bonfield met with the transportation secretary about the rapid flashing beacons, and they will be installed in September.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 7/9/2013