CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 27, 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
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Supervisor
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Corporal Jim Campbell, PCSO

1. Changes to the Agenda

Vice Mayor Huhn requested to add a discussion on land use in District One area.

Commissioner Parent requested to add a resolution opposing the Biggert-Waters Act regarding flood insurance rates.

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, expressed his objections to the re-adopted Comprehensive Plan and submitted correspondence regarding the same.

John Michaels, Bay Street, spoke in support of a dog beach at Upham Beach and increasing parking spaces.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in favor of renewing the trolley agreement and lobbying for bed tax money.

4. Consent

a. Approval of the August 13, 2013 City Commission regular meeting minutes.

b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a one year agreement for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 with PSTA for trolley and DART services.

c. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the one year extension of the ALS First Responder Agreement.

d. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas Public Library Cooperative for coordination of county-wide library services.

e. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Michael Baker, Jr., for $16,665 for Survey and Subsurface Utility Investigation in connection with the Blind Pass Road project.

f. Authorize the City Manager to accept a rate increase for solid waste services provided by WSI, as per the terms of their contract, of 2.5% starting October 1, 2013 through September 30th, 2014.

g. Authorization to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for Corey Area Business Association's 2014 events.

h. Authorization to hang banners over 75th Avenue at Boca Ciega Drive and over Pinellas Bayway at Granada Avenue for the October Concert Series held each Friday in October 2013.

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

5. Action Items

a. Authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $36,638.52 to provide economic development services, including an update and implementation of the St. Pete Beach Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Plan.

Community Development Director Kinney reviewed the scope of work for completion of the Community Reinvestment Area Plan that included Tax Increment Financing, a revised list of projects and a strategic action plan.

Evan Johnson, Project Manager with Tindale-Oliver, responded to questions asked by Commissioners and noted that the CRA process would include additional public input.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 5(a), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. for economic development services in the amount of $36,638.52 and pursuant to the approved Scope of Work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Right-of-Way Agreement with Jackie's Bistro & Catering permitting the use of City Right-of-Way, including three (3) Corey Avenue parking spaces, for the placement of an outdoor seating area to include tables, chairs, shading, and landscaping.

Tom Rodgers, President of Corey Avenue Business Association, presented a rendering of the proposed changes for Jackie's Bistro & Catering that will include table service for eight tables set in three parking spaces covered by awnings and surrounded by planter boxes. Mr. Rodgers noted that the awnings are secured by bolts to the street and that chairs will be brought in every evening.

City Attorney Davis will review the insurance policy submitted by Jackie's Bistro to guarantee the City is listed as an 'additional insured' with sufficient terms.

Mr. Rodgers agreed that approval is conditioned upon completion of a survey and the proof of adequate insurance coverage.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Right-of-Way agreement for the utilization of City Right-of-Way, conditioned upon submittal of a survey and insurance that lists the City as an additional insured. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

John Michaels, Bay Street, spoke about restaurants and bars with activity on sidewalks and streets, and parking signage.

Rosemary Manning, First Avenue, spoke in favor of the changes and was excited the City is allowing a new concept for dining.

Paul Pfister, Gulf Boulevard, said it was a great opportunity for Corey Avenue.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on safety issues associated with dining on the street and suggested lowering the speed limit along Corey Avenue.

There were no additional audience comments.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-17, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach providing for the operation of golf carts upon designated streets.

City Manager Bonfield explained that the ordinance relates to the use of golf carts in the public roadways in the area south of Pinellas Bayway. After discussion, staff was directed to return with a revised ordinance to include all applicable roads in the City.

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2013-17, opposing and urging amendment to the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

City Manager Bonfield noted that Commissioner Pletcher requested to add a reference regarding the historic district in Pass-a-Grille.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2013-17, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, opposing and urging amendment to the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

City Manager Bonfield reported that Robin Sollie, President/Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, presented a petition opposing the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The petition will be located in City Hall and at the St. Pete Beach Chamber of Commerce. The petition is also available through the Chamber's website.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Land Use in District One

Vice Mayor Huhn commented on businesses that she would like to see at the entrances to the City that serve as an introduction to St. Pete Beach.

City Manager Bonfield recommended the Planning Board review current regulations and discuss allowable uses.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported on the agenda items for the September 3, 2013 City Commission meeting.

City Attorney Davis stated that Mr. Tom Drage will attend the next City Commission meeting in his stead.

Commissioner Shavlan encouraged Commissioners to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony this Thursday for Elizabeth's Boutique.

Vice Mayor Huhn reported that Jackie's Bistro is now serving Sunday brunch.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 9/18/2013