

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 3, 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
Tom Drage, Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Elaine Edmund, Administrative Services Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Administrator
Deputy Mancusi, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

1. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Shavlan requested to add proposed Ordinance 2013-17 regarding golf carts.

City Manager Bonfield requested to act upon Items 6(b) and 6(c) before Item 6(a).

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

4. Consent

There were no consent items.

5. Action Items

There were no action items.

6. Ordinances

b. Ordinance 2013-20, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting a final millage rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014: providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the proposed operating millage rate is 2.8569, which is 13% lower than the current millage rate. Mr. Bonfield explained that there is a 3% increase in assessed property values. The general fund is the largest revenue source for the budget. He explained that the person making the motion is required to read the ordinance in its entirety.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 6(b), First Reading of Ordinance 2013-20, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, adopting a final millage rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, providing for an effective date. The City of St. Pete Beach, Florida does ordain: Section 1. That a millage levy of 2.8569 general and operative levy is hereby fixed and adopted for the fiscal year of the City ending on September 30, 2014 and shall be placed upon the total taxable assessed valuation of property of any kind liable for and subject to taxation by the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, including real and personal property, lying within the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida. Section 2. Said monies as raised by the levy of 2.8569 mills, estimated at \$5,694,628 shall be used for the general operation of the City of St. Pete Beach including, but not limited to, salaries, insurance and energy costs and transfers for capital projects for the afore-mentioned fiscal period. Section 3. The fiscal year 2014 operating millage rate of 2.8569 mills is less than the rolled back rate of 3.1588 mills by 9.56%. Section 4. That a certified copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Property Appraiser of Pinellas County, Florida, together with a request that the aforementioned levies be made by her office on behalf of the City of St. Pete Beach for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

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.

c. Ordinance 2013-21, First Reading and Public Hearing, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; providing for appropriations; providing for an effective date.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the General Fund expenditures are expected to decrease by 5.9%. Increases include: 2.5% merit for CWA and non-union employees, 15% in health insurance and 10% increase in workers' compensation costs. Pension contributions based upon the actuary's suggestion are fully funded. The Waste Water Fund reflects a 4% increase, the Reclaimed Water indicates an 8% increase and the Storm Water Fund shows no increase. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes a total transfer from the General Fund of \$1.825 million. Projects in the CIP include on-going projects previously approved: the Blind Pass Road improvements, the engineering for Pass-a-Grille Way, the Community Center dock and marina project with grant funding and Egan Field lighting. \$1.3 million remains available from reserves and upcoming excess revenues not yet dedicated to any project.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 6(c), First Reading of Ordinance 2013-21, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida; adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014; providing appropriations; and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

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.

a. Ordinance 2013-19, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for wastewater and reclaimed water fee adjustments in FY 2014.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2013-19, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida providing for amendment of Appendix A – fee schedule of the Code of Ordinances implementing a 4.0% increase in wastewater fees; providing for amendment of Chapter 86 Utilities Article IV of the Code of Ordinances implementing an 8.0% increase in reclaimed water fees; providing for severability; providing for 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 Shavlan.

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.

d. Ordinance 2013-17, First Reading and Public Hearing, providing for the operation of golf carts upon designated streets.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the ordinance was originally proposed to include streets south of the Pinellas Bayway but has been revised to include all City-owned streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less. Staff will request permission from the State of Florida to cross over state owned roads such as Gulf Boulevard.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 6(d), Ordinance 2013-17, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach amending Part II of Chapter 82 of the code of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach by the adoption of Article VI consisting of Sections 82-283 to 82-294, inclusive; providing for the operation of golf carts upon designated streets; providing for restrictions relating to operation of golf carts; providing that the operation of golf carts on said streets shall constitute a license between the City and the golf cart owner or operator; providing that in the event such license is rescinded by subsequent ordinance over the portions of the City on which golf carts may be operated is contracted or otherwise changed that the golf cart owner by acceptance of a license has waived any claim against the City for any funds or action spent or undertaken in reliance on this ordinance; requiring consistency with state statute; providing for the issuance of a decal; providing that golf carts may only be operated by individuals with a valid driver's license; providing for signage on city roads; providing for the issuance of annual licenses and the payment of fees therefore; providing for the responsibilities of the owner/operator of the golf cart; providing for specific equipment on the golf cart; providing that golf carts may be operated only by licensed drivers; providing for the repeal of all ordinances or resolutions previously adopted by the City regarding the operation of golf carts on City streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks or other portions of the City; designating roads for the operation of golf carts; and providing for an effective date hereof. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments. There were no comments.

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

City Manager Bonfield recommended that signage not be installed at any crossing unless required by the State of Florida; rather, provide a map as part of the registration process.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Parent voting 'no'.

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2013-14 approving the fiscal year 2013-14 non-ad valorem assessment rolls for stormwater management services and authorizing the City Manager to certify the stormwater service assessment rolls to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2013.

City Manager Bonfield noted that the City of St. Pete Beach collects the assessment through the tax rolls at a lesser rate than Pinellas County charges to process through the utility billing.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 7(a), Resolution 2013-14, a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, approving the Fiscal Year 2013-14 non-ad valorem assessment rolls for stormwater management services; directing certification of the assessment rolls to the Pinellas County Tax Collector; and providing for an effective date. The motion was approved by Vice Mayor Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

b. Resolution 2013-16, establishing the date of the 2014 election, the runoff election and the Qualification period for the Mayor-Commissioner and Commissioners in Districts One and Three.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 7(b), Resolution 2013-16, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida establishing the date of the 2014 Municipal Election, the Runoff Election and the Qualification Period for the Mayor-Commissioner and the Commissioners for District One and District Three. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

The municipal election date is set for March 11, 2014; the runoff election (if necessary) is set for April 8, 2014; the qualification period is set for noon on Monday, December 9, 2013 through noon on Friday, December 13, 2013.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reminded everyone that the next City Commission meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. due to Pinellas County and school district budget hearings.

Mr. Bonfield listed the agenda items for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pletcher requested reconsideration of commercial parking in Pass-a-Grille due to residential parking limitations.

Commissioner Shavlan reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony at Elizabeth's Boutique.

Commissioner Parent reported on the Florida League of Cities committees and educational seminars.

Vice Mayor Huhn reported on the Corey Avenue Car & Truck Show on Saturday, September 14th and that Jackie's Bistro was listed as #1 in Trip Advisor.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 9/18/2013