

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2013

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Bonfield added the appointment of Ms. Joanne Lentino to the General Employee's Pension Board as Item G on the Consent Agenda.

Joanne Lentino, 7010 Boca Ciega Drive, introduced herself to the City Commission and gave a brief history of her experience.

Mayor McFarlin asked the Board if they were in agreement to the appointment and the City Commission unanimously agreed.

2. Presentations

A. Neighborhood Watch Program – Sgt. Jim Campbell

Sgt. Jim Campbell explained that Sheriff Gualtieri sends his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Sgt. Campbell

gave a presentation about the Neighborhood Watch Program that encourages community participation in preventing crime and solving community problems.

3. Audience Comments

Mike Davis, City Attorney, stated as of October 1, 2013 there was a change in state law that allows people to speak on any item on the agenda.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of the September 18, 2013 City Commission regular meeting minutes.
- b. Authorization to approve special event application and street closure for the 83rd Annual Fish Broil scheduled for October 19, 2013. Closures would be 15th & 16th Avenues from 7am – 9 pm.
- c. Authorization to approve special event application and street closure for the 2nd Annual Race for the Cupcake 5K scheduled for March 22, 2014. Closures would be 16th Avenue from 5am – 10am.
- d. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Modification of Agreement with Waste Services of Florida, Inc. to revise the yard waste collection provision of the Solid Waste Services Contract.
- e. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Public Risk Management of Florida for renewal of the City Insurance policies covering the period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$478,036.00.
- f. Authorize the City Manager to make payment of the annual software maintenance contract with Tyler Technologies for financial accounting software in the amount of \$11,881.10.
- g. Appointment of Ms. Joanne Lentino to the General Employee's Pension Board.

Commissioner Parent made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with item G added for the appointment of Joanne Lentino to the General Employee's Pension Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan and unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).

Paul Pfister, 8090 Gulf Boulevard, commended Recreation Director Jenifer McMahon and her staff for the first concert in October.

5. Action Items

None for this agenda.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2013-22, Final Reading and Public Hearing, adopting changes to the Firefighters' Retirement System to comply with Internal Revenue Code.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 6(a), approving Ordinance 2013-22, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 66: Pensions and Retirement, Article IV: Firefighters' Retirement System, Division 1: Generally and Division 3: Benefits, of the Code Of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach; amending Section 66-251: Definitions, by amending the definitions of "actuarial equivalent" and "credited service"; Division 3: Benefits; Section 66-331: Maximum Pension; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

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

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).

- b. Ordinance 2013-23, Final Reading and Public Hearing, adopting changes to the General Employees' Retirement System to comply with Internal Revenue Code.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(b), approving Ordinance 2013-23, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 66: Pensions and Retirement, Article II: General Employees' Retirement System, Division 1: Generally and Division 3: Benefits, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach; amending Section 66-26: Definitions, by amending the definitions of "actuarial equivalent" and "credited service"; Division 3: Benefits; Section 66-108: Maximum Pension; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn.

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

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).

- c. Ordinance 2013-24, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending the Police Officers' Retirement System to comply with Internal Revenue Code.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Item 6(b), approving Ordinance 2013-24, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 66: Pensions and Retirement, Article III: Police Officers' Retirement System, Division 1: Generally and Division 3: Benefits, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach; amending Section 66-141: Definitions, by amending the definitions of "actuarial equivalent" and "credited service"; Section 66-221: Maximum Pension; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn.

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

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).

7. Resolutions

None for this agenda.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Discussion and selection of an elected official to serve on the Pinellas Planning Council/Metropolitan Planning Organization Board as the beach communities' representative.

After discussion with the City Commission, it was agreed to select Mayor McFarlin as the City's recommendation to serve on the Pinellas Planning Council/Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, as the beach communities' representative. The final decision will be made by PPC/MPO Board.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

Mr. Bonfield stated the first concert of the October Concert Series in Horan Park was a great success. Working with the consultants, Baker & Associates, the date set aside is November 19th through November 22nd for the Corey Avenue workshops. The mobile LiDar will October 21 – 23 and a field demonstration on October 23 in the city hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Bonfield explained that the decision to eliminate the Code Enforcement in-house position and begin contracting with the Sheriff's Office for code enforcement is effective November

1, 2013. Also in reference to code enforcement, the City is looking at bringing forward a program using assessments versus liens for Code Enforcement fines.

City Attorney Davis updated the Commissioners on the litigation report with three cases being resolved in the City's favor. The new case involving the Comp. Plan is set for final hearing on December 5th and 6th.

Commissioner Pletcher reminded the City Commission about the "Lights on Eighth" celebration on Saturday, October 12; the 83rd Annual Fish Broil on Saturday, October 19 in Hurley Park; Vina-ween on October 27th in Vina del Mar and the annual yard sale on October 9, 2013.

Commissioner Shavlan informed the City Commission that Harry Keller, President of the Lido Beach Civic Association, passed away on the 23rd. There is discussion about naming the Lido Pavilion after Mr. Keller.

Commissioner Parent reminded the City Commission that the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials is October 13th through 19th in Tampa. Commissioner Parent asked the City Commission for approval of spending funds for an overnight trip to the Florida League of Cities Conference in Orlando on November 21st and 22nd. The City Commission agreed for Commissioner Parent to attend.

Vice Mayor Huhn reminded the City Commission that the Fresh Market on Corey Avenue started again on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will continue every Sunday until spring.

Mayor McFarlin suggested having the City concerts in Horan Park every quarter or every other month instead of four concerts in October. Mr. Bonfield commented that Ms. McMahon was working on a spring series of concerts.

10. Adjournment

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

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 11/12/2013