CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 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, CMC/City Clerk
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes requested.

2. Presentations

Ken Small, Florida League of Cities (FLC), reported on revenue enhancements he is working on through FLC and thanked the Commissioners for their membership in the League.

Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator, reported that Friends of the Library paid for a consultant to assist with the fundraising campaign in connection with the expansion and renovation of the library. Ms. Ruscella provided an update on their progress.

3. Audience Comments

Rick Falkenstein, 4th Palm Point, requested the status of the Pinellas Bayway Bridge completion and discussed the sewer problems on Gulf Winds Boulevard.

John Michael, Bay Street, relayed that one of his guests noted the 'old-world charm' of the City.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, spoke about the charm of St. Pete Beach, the proposed aquarium and the rejuvenation of Corey Avenue. Ms. Schechner requested transparency in the exact costs of projects.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, thanked the Commissioners for their service over the past year. Ms. Manning asked if there is a time limit on construction projects. She requested the status of Gulf Boulevard improvements, such as the tree lighting and the removal of orange construction barrels. Ms. Manning suggested the use of law enforcement to direct traffic during special events and asked about the Pinellas Bayway Bridge toll.

Mr. Bonfield replied that construction permits are active for 18 months and can be extended as long as the work is progressing.

Mayor McFarlin responded that the toll charge was less of a financial liability on the community than ownership of the bridge.

4. Consent

City Manager Bonfield recommended approval of Consent Items 4(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

a. Approval of minutes for the November 12, 2013 City Commission Shade Meeting and Regular Meetings.

b. Ratification of the City Manager decision to pay an invoice from Rowland Inc. in the amount of $13,638.28 for emergency set-up and maintenance of by-pass pumps at the Master Pump Station.

c. Authorize the City Manager to sign a proposal from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of $24,200.00 to provide engineering services for locating and evaluating Force Main #3.

d. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Play Space Services, Inc. for $50,500.00 for playground resurfacing at Lazarillo Park.

e. Authorize the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County to secure $50,000.00 in grant monies to make repairs at the 7th, 8th and 12th Avenue dune walk-overs.

f. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with FRS Environmental Remediation, Inc., for $66,500.00 for tennis court improvements.

Commissioner Shavlan moved to approve Consent Items 4(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. Conditional Use/Variance 2013-0042, Request to permit the establishment of a commercial off-premise parking lot and relief from Sections 22.8 (landscaping), 23.5 (parking spaces), 33.9 (front setback), 39.10 (sidewalk width) and 39.14 (landscaping) of the St. Pete Beach Land Development Code, Quasi-Judicial Hearing

Mr. Bonfield noted this is a quasi-judicial hearing for two parcels of property at the corner of 58th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard, more commonly referred to as Skidder's Restaurant.

Mayor McFarlin asked the Commissioners if they've had any involvement with the applicant.

Commissioner Parent responded that he discussed the project with the applicant so he could answer questions from his constituents.

Mayor McFarlin asked audience members if anyone wanted to be considered a substantially affected party. There was no response.

Community Development Director Kinney presented the variance request for additional parking. Currently both parcels are located in the CC-2 Commercial zoning district and remote parking is allowed, providing a variance is granted.

Chris Coleman, Engineer with High Pointe Engineering and representing the applicant commented on the parking, landscaping, lighting and street scape. Mr. Coleman requested approval of the variance and support for the conditional use.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Greg Fulmer, 59th Avenue, asked about the portion of the code the project complies with due to the number of variances requested.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, discussed pedestrian safety on Gulf Boulevard.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke about commercial lighting in residential areas.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 5(a), Conditional Use Permit 2013-0042. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

There being no further comments, Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Riley Electric Company, Inc. for $178,500 for supply and installation of aesthetic median lighting.

City Manager Bonfield explained that grant funding was received by the state and county to provide for landscaping/lighting along Gulf Boulevard. The City is requesting that the County allow for 100% funding of the project.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 5(b), authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Riley Electric Company, Inc. for $178,500.00 for supply and installation of aesthetic median lighting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in support of the improvements and suggested planting Jasmine around the poles to improve appearances.

Rick Falkenstein, 4th Palm Point, spoke in support of the lighting and noted if the lights need to be removed, they could be utilized in other areas of the city.

There being no further comments, Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, for $417,700 for Street Rehabilitation.

Public Services Director Hallock noted the streets scheduled for rehabilitation are: Belle Point Drive from Poinsettia to 39th Avenue, Clearview Way from Belle Point Drive to 39th Avenue, 41st Avenue from Poinsettia east to cul-de-sac, and the Library alley. Elevation issues and curb work will be addressed.

City Manager Bonfield commented that curb work will absorb the majority of time and will be replaced in sections while the actual paving will take only four to five days to complete.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 5(c) authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, for $417,700 for Street Rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle, was disappointed that her street was not included in the paving project.

Commissioner Pletcher requested a copy of the projected road pavement schedule.

There being no further comments, Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

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

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2013-28, Final Reading and Public Hearing, providing for amendment to instructor fees, Section 58-3(F)(5) of the fee ordinance.

The ordinance provides for more payment flexibility to instructors.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2013-28, an ordinance amending Section 58-3, relating to fees and memberships to delete the requirement that payment of instructor fees be paid per month on the first workday of the following month; providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shavlan.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

There being no comments, 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 qualification period for the March 11, 2014 Municipal Election closes at noon on Friday, December 13, 2013; the Land Parade is 4:00 p.m. on December 14th; the possibility of a special meeting to review the bid opening results for Pump Stations #1 and #2.

Commissioner Pletcher reported that the 8th Avenue Bonfire is Thursday, December 12th and the stores will stay open later to accommodate visitors.

Commissioner Shavlan requested clarification of complaints received regarding the Sunday Market at the Don Vista Center. Commissioner Pletcher noted she also received complaints regarding noise, parking, trash, etc. It was the consensus of the Commission to forward correspondence to Suntan Arts Center addressing the areas of concern.

Commissioner Parent reported on the Bid C meeting held December 4th.

Vice Mayor Huhn reported that several Corey Avenue businesses will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on December 12th and the Toys for Tots collection by Florida Jean Company will run until December 13, 2013.

Mayor McFarlin commented on the Boat Parade and the upcoming Land Parade.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, CMC/City Clerk

Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1/14/2014