

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Steve McFarlin, Mayor
Lorraine Huhn, Vice Mayor
Jim Parent, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Bonfield, City Manager
Mike Davis, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, CMC/City Clerk
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
George Kinney, Community Development Director
Renee Cooper, CIP Manager
Deputy Mancusi, PCSO

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Presentations

a. Capital Improvement Project closeouts

Renee Cooper, CIP Manager, presented the list of projects completed throughout the FY 2013 which included Fire Station building repairs (\$290,711), Vina del Mar Bridge repairs (\$108,000), Community Center floor replacement (\$88,663), Community Center roof replacement (\$199,851) and Bill Curotto Park improvements (\$32,634). The total cost is \$719,849.00.

3. Audience Comments

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke against the traffic lights on Corey Avenue and requested the status of dedicating a portion of Upham Beach as a dog beach. Mr. Michael discussed traffic problems during the St. Pete Beach Classic Run and suggested the runners use the Pinellas Trail for future races.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, spoke in favor of the St. Pete Beach Classic Run and reminded the audience of the Library fundraiser.

Ken Weiss, Treasure Island, noted he represented Jim Anderson and discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the unnecessary costs to defend it.

Tony Cahill, Blind Pass Road, beseeched the Commissioners to remain a cohesive group.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke about the Comprehensive Plan.

Fran Travison, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, read the five questions posed by Mr. Weiss to the Commission.

4. Consent

- a. Cancellation of the March 11, 2014 City Commission Meeting
- b. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with vendor John Deere Company thru dealer Everglades Farm Equipment Company to purchase a John Deere Model 825i S4 XUV in the amount of \$15,458.88 to be used by deputies for beach patrol and special events
- c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a unit price purchasing agreement with MTM Contractors, Inc., for sidewalk and curb replacements in FY2014

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

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Consent Items 4(a), (b) and (c) as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn.

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

Mayor McFarlin called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

a. Authorize the City Manager to accept a sole source proposal from Mader Electric Motors in the amount of \$60,602.00 for the installation and service of the Wastewater Lift Station SCADA System at 12 Lift Stations.

City Manager Bonfield noted the above item was introduced and approved during the budget meetings. The SCADA system allows for monitoring of the pump stations using a basic float system.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 5(a), to authorize the City Manager to accept a sole source proposal from Mader Electric Motors in the amount of \$60,602.00 for the installation and service of the Wastewater Lift Station SCADA System at 12 Lift Stations. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in favor of the infrastructure improvements.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in favor of the upgrade and requested details on any back-up plan.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, asked if Mader Electric Motors was the only supplier for this system. Mr. Bonfield responded that no other vendor supplies this monitoring system.

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

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

b. City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation & Salary Increase

City Manager Bonfield met with the Mayor and each Commissioner earlier in the week to review their evaluations of his performance over the past year. City staff who received satisfactory performance reviews during the past year also received a 2.5% salary increase.

Mayor McFarlin summarized the reviews.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

John Michael, Bay Street, spoke in favor of the satisfactory performance review and salary increase.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, spoke of the necessity and value of annual performance reviews and believed salary increases were also due to the Mayor and Commissioners for their service.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in opposition of a salary increase due to the elimination of the police department.

Mayor McFarlin stated that the workload has increased since contracting with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office under the Community Policing concept.

Fran Travison, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in favor of a salary increase for the City Manager, Mayor and City Commissioners.

Maria Lowe, Julia Circle, spoke about her candidacy for Mayor and that she believes her email account was attacked. Ms. Lowe discussed transparency at meetings and requested the City Attorney's opinion regarding obstruction of justice.

There being no further comments, Mayor McFarlin called for a motion and vote.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Item 5(b), to approve a 2.5% salary increase for the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Huhn and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Mayor McFarlin left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

6. Ordinances

a. Ordinance 2014-01, Final Reading and Public Hearing, An Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida updating and ratifying the official City Zoning Map.

City Manager Bonfield explained that the proposed ordinance ratifies the previously approved changes. The re-adoption process has occurred on a yearly basis for several years to improve record keeping and assist staff with locating the most recent map.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 5(c), Ordinance 2014-01, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, updating the official zoning map for the City of St. Pete Beach; providing for the repeal of ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

Vice Mayor Huhn called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, questioned if this was 'spot zoning' or if the zoning was related to current litigation regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

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

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

7. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2014-01, A resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach appointing Herbert Langford as the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate.

City Manager Bonfield clarified that the proposed resolution was a matter of procedure in re-appointing Mr. Langford as the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and the Special Magistrate.

Vice Mayor Huhn called for audience comments. There were no comments.

Vice Mayor Huhn called for a motion and vote.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve Resolution 2014-01, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, appointing Herbert Langford as the Parking Citation Hearing Officer, Administrative Appeals Hearing Officer and Special Magistrate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion presented.

9. City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports

City Manager Bonfield reported on the Library Fundraising Kickoff Event on Wednesday, January 29th, followed by Author Tim Dorsey who will be in attendance for a book signing event. Mr. Bonfield noted the Belle Vista curb and street pavement will begin February 10th and that the Baker Group will hold a public workshop regarding Corey Avenue on March 26th at the Community Center. He then reviewed items for the February 11th City Commission meeting.

City Attorney Davis requested City Commission advice on litigation filed by Jim Anderson that is set for final hearing in June. He requested a shade meeting to discuss expenditures and steps involved. The meeting will be finalized at a later date.

Mr. Davis explained that his firm is not allowed to meet with candidates or residents to offer legal advice or share confidential information. Any questions a candidate may have should be routed through the City Manager's Office.

Commissioner Pletcher offered her apologies for missing the last Commission meeting and discussed representing the City on the flood insurance issue at the County level. Ms. Pletcher commented on the successful "Lights on 8th Avenue" event the previous weekend.

Commissioner Friszolowski commented that the St. Pete Beach Classic Run is a great way to promote the City and reiterated about the Library fundraiser on Wednesday.

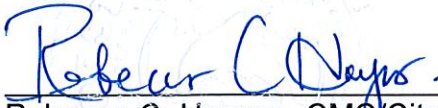
Commissioner Parent reported on the Big C meeting he will attend the morning of January 29th and stated his roundtable meeting on Wednesday evening is cancelled due to Mr. Dorsey's book signing event.

Vice Mayor Huhn noted the Library Fundraiser is a significant event to attend and obtain answers to the numerous questions posed regarding funding the improvements. Ms. Huhn reported Corey Avenue is becoming more successful and the stores are open later on Thursday evenings.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, CMC/City Clerk



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/11/2014