

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 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
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, CMC/City Clerk
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Presentations

There were no presentations.

3. Audience Comments

Deborah Edney, 73rd Avenue, commented on street sweeping.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, commented on the Library Fundraiser and encouraged the public to donate.

Rick Falkenstein, 4 Palms Point, commented on a path being created by visitors through the dunes between 8th and 9th Avenues.

4. Consent

a. Approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Special City Commission meeting; and the January 14, 2014 and January 28, 2014 Regular City Commission meetings.

b. Authorize the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County to secure \$50,000 in grant monies to make repairs at the 7th, 8th and 12th Ave. dune walk-overs.

City Manager Bonfield recommended approval of Consent Items 4(a) and 4(b) as presented.

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

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.

5. Action Items

a. Authorization to approve special event application for the "Salute to Veterans & First Responders" Street Fair and Charity Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 29, 2014. The event would require street closures on March 28 and 29, 2014.

City Manager Bonfield reported that the special event will not have a parade this year. The street closures are requested for 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue on Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to Saturday evening at 11:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. along Gulf Way from 8th Avenue to 11th Avenue.

Harry Metz, Pass-a-Grille Way, noted that the St. Pete Beach Firefighters will barbeque hamburgers, hotdogs and ribs in addition to having food vendors and five bands.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(a), Approval of the special event application for the "Salute to Veterans and First Responders" Street Fair and Charity Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent.

Mayor McFarlin called for audience comments.

Rick Falkenstein, The Hurricane Restaurant, spoke in favor of the event.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, noted the contributions made by Mr. Metz and encouraged attendance at the Pancake Breakfast.

Deborah Edney, 73rd Avenue, encouraged the public to contact Mr. Harry Metz if they wanted to volunteer for the event.

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

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

b. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2266, for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016.

City Manager Bonfield reviewed the individual changes made to the three-year agreement. He thanked those involved in the bargaining process for their assistance.

Vice Mayor Huhn moved to approve Item 5(b), that the Mayor and City Manager be authorized to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2266, for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friszolowski.

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.

6. Ordinances

There were no ordinances presented.

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 on the Candidate Forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. He reported that the Baker Group will present their report re: Corey Avenue on Wednesday, March 26th at

the Community Center and again on Thursday, March 27th at a special City Commission meeting. Mr. Bonfield noted the Spring Concert Series will be held in Horan Park on February 28th, March 28th and April 29, 2014 and that the Belle Vista repaving project is delayed due to the inclement weather. The City Manager then reviewed the agenda items for the February 25th City Commission meeting.

Mayor McFarlin thanked the business owners who contributed to the concert.

City Attorney Susan Churuti reminded the Commissioners that her office will schedule a Shade Meeting on the Anderson-Della case re: the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the Veterans of Pinellas Dinner Dance-Fundraiser last weekend and the Beach Goes Pops event the first weekend in April. Ms. Pletcher commented on the resignations of two City employees.

Commissioner Friszolowski reported on the Belle Vista Civic Association meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13th, at the Warren Webster Community Center and the Lido Beach Civic Association meeting at 6:00 p.m., February 20th at Lido Park.

Commissioner Parent reported on the Historic Preservation Summit meeting sponsored by the County on February 19th at 1:30 p.m., the flood insurance letter sent to Speaker Boehner sponsored by the Florida League of Cities and the proposed changes in EMS funding. Mr. Parent then read correspondence from the Sirata Beach Resort thanking the St. Pete Beach Fire Department for their service during a recent dryer fire.

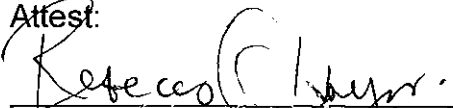
Vice Mayor Huhn reported that Corey Avenue is prepared for Valentine Day shoppers. Ms. Huhn encouraged everyone to do their part in supporting our Veterans and to work together for the betterment of the community.

Mayor McFarlin commented on the accomplishments the Commissioners have made as a group and thanked them for their teamwork.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, CMC/City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/25/2014