

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 31, 2014

1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Gregory Premer, Commissioner (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Elaine Edmunds, Interim City Manager
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

1. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2014-08, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach authorizing entering into an a Cooperation Agreement with Pinellas County for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 and providing for an effective date.

Cheryl Reed, Director of the Community Revitalization Department/Pinellas County, reviewed the proposed resolution in support of the CDBG which began in 1974. The programs funded by CDBG grants include homeowner repair programs, downtown revitalization, housing and infrastructure updates and non-profit services for community residents.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to approve Item 1(a), Resolution 2014-08, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, authorizing entering into a cooperation agreement with Pinellas County,

Florida for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

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

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

2. Action Items

a. Discussion of Request for Qualifications for Legal Services for the position of City Attorney.

In response to a Request for Qualifications for legal services, the following candidates submitted proposals:

- Ralf Brookes, Cape Coral
- Unice Salzman PA, Palm Harbor
- Kelly Kronenberg/Megan Gajewski Esq., Plantation
- Susan Churuti/Bryant Miller Olive, Tampa
- Timothy Driscoll/Rahdert, Steele, Reynolds & Driscoll PA, St. Petersburg
- Andrew Dickman, Naples
- Lewis/Longman/Walker, Bradenton
- Laura Bamond, no address provided
- Kelly Fernandez/Persson & Cohen, Lakewood Ranch

It was the consensus of the Commission to review the proposals, select the top three candidates and conduct interviews prior to the August 12, 2014 Commission meeting. Consideration was given to individuals versus firms, direct municipal experience, local government law certification, location of office and proposed fees.

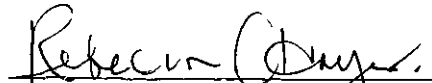
The three foremost choices are Ralf Brookes, Persson & Cohen and Andrew Dickman.

Interim City Manager Edmunds reported that she will notify the applicants and specifically contact City Attorney Churuti to provide an update since she currently serves as the City Attorney.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8-12-2014