

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Wayne Saunders, City Manager  
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk  
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director  
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director  
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director  
Dave Healey, Planning Consultant/Calvin, Giordano & Associates

Mayor Lowe welcomed Wayne Saunders as City Manager for the City of St. Pete Beach.

### **1. Presentations**

#### **a. Report from Sheriff Robert Gualtieri**

Sheriff Gualtieri welcomed Mr. Saunders and provided an update on the services provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gualtieri introduced deputies who serve the residents of St. Pete Beach: Dave DeSano, Sergeant/Community Policing Unit; Dave Danzig, Captain/Patrol Division; Dave Mancusi/Community Policing Officer; and Chris Kohmann/Code Enforcement Officer.

b. Pass-A-Grille (PAG) Way Reconstruction Update

Steve Hallock, Public Services Director, reported his department met with Pinellas County Utilities Department in regard to the installation of a 'high line' and a water main. Mr. Saunders, the project engineer, the project manager and he discussed combining Phase I and Phase II to improve the time and cost of the project. Mr. Hallock noted the website will be periodically updated to provide easy access on the progress.

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, commented that he will arrange for a workshop at the Warren Webster Community Center to discuss the Pass-A-Grille Way project.

**2. Changes to the Agenda**

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, requested to remove Item 5(b), Florida Sports Lighting, Inc.

**3. Audience Comments**

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, expressed his appreciation for the prompt action by City staff in raking the beach in front of the Silver Sands Condominiums.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, welcomed Mr. Saunders as the new city manager, reminded the audience Veterans' Day is November 11<sup>th</sup> and provided information on a family's needs who suffered a house fire.

Beverly Pedaggi, Beverly's Restaurant, spoke about the lack of parking during the Sunday Market on Corey Avenue.

City Manager Saunders will meet with Ms. Pedaggi and return to the Commission with recommendations.

Chris Self, Pass-A-Grille Way, spoke in favor of holding neighborhood meetings regarding the Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project.

Rosemary Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, expressed appreciation for the completion of the Gulf Boulevard project and noted the lighting is not currently working. Ms. Manning commented on traffic around the project on Pass-A-Grille Way between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Ms. Manning welcomed Wayne Saunders and Andrew Dickman to the City.

**4. Consent**

- a. Approval of minutes of the October 9, 2014 Workshop Meeting and the October 14, 2014 Special Meeting
- b. Authorization to approve special event application and street closure for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pass-A-Grille Woman's Club Home Tour scheduled for February

28, 2015. Closures will be 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue east of Pass-A-Grille Way from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- c. Authorization for the City Manager to purchase flooring material for the Community Center for \$13,365.66 to 'The Carpet Store'
- d. Acceptance of Historic Preservation Grant Award Agreement

City Manager Saunders reviewed the Consent items and recommended approval as presented.

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

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

#### **5. Action Items**

- a. Authorization for the City Manager to sign an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office that will provide a school crossing guard in addition to law enforcement services already in effect.

Mr. Saunders reported that adequate funding is budgeted to cover the expense.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(a), authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office that will provide a school crossing guard in addition to the law enforcement services already in effect, adding \$8,231.00 to the existing FY 2015 contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Hearing no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

- b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Florida Sports Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$146,500 for lighting improvements at Egan Park baseball fields.

This item was removed from the agenda per Mr. Saunders' request.

## **6. Ordinances**

- a. Ordinance 2014-10, Final Reading and Public Hearing, Proposed City-Initiated Text Amendments to Division 2 (Definitions) and Division 6 (Supplemental Regulations) of the Land Development Code relating to Temporary Uses

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney, reviewed the proposed ordinance that was previously considered by the Planning Board and recommended to the City Commission. The ordinance seeks to clarify the temporary use process and provide more specific standards for review and approval of the applications.

Dave Healey, Planning Consultant/Calvin, Giordano & Associates, reported that the Planning Board requested the following addition to Section 6.11. (b) (2), Temporary Uses:

"If an applicant submits new data or information at any time after a determination of completeness has been made, the revised application may be subject to an additional application review fee and will be subject to the same stages of review as the initial application."

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance 2014-10, on final reading, an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, amending the City's Land Development Code, Division 2, Section 2.1, Definitions, providing for an amended definition of temporary use; Division 6, Section 6.11, supplemental regulations, temporary uses, providing for clarification and revision of the application, review and approval process and the requirements applicable thereto; providing for findings; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on specific circumstances related to the length of time a conditional use would be allowed.

Mr. Healey explained that the definition would include any event outside the City's definition of a special event, encompassing an unknown event of a temporary nature that isn't specifically provided for in the City's Code of Ordinances that is consistent with the overall intent and purpose of the planning and zoning category in which the use is located, and allows for discretion in the length of time that the event would continue.

Hearing no further audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

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

**7. Resolutions**

There are no resolutions for this agenda.

**8. Items for Discussion**

There are no items for discussion for this agenda.

**9. Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**10. City Clerk, City Manager, City Attorney and City Commission Reports**

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following:

- The Qualification Period for the March 10, 2015 General Election is noon on December 8, 2014 through noon on December 12, 2014
- The deadline to submit documents to the Clerk's Office is Friday, November 7, 2014 for inclusion in the FY 2014 records compliance/retention program

City Manager Saunders reported on the following:

- The City received the certificate for financial reporting compliance
- City Hall offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veterans' Day
- His first three days as City Manager have been very busy meeting employees and studying the current projects

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following:

- Informal meetings with residents concluded today and requested guidance on future meetings
- He is working with the former city attorney firm to transfer files to him and provided an update on the status of who will work on the cases
- The appellate response from the Second District Court of Appeals is due November 10, 2014
- He provided a summary of the Comprehensive Plan issues as outlined by Mr. Ken Weiss
- Contacted insurance carrier on the Chmielewski case to provide his contact information for updates

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following:

- The Halloween Scream Party sponsored by Shark Tales Restaurant was very successful
- The Chowder Challenge is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Hurley Park and St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops will sponsor a booth for donations and T-shirt sales
- Thanked the Commission for changing the meeting date so she could be a Tierra Verde poll worker at the General Election

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following:

- A meeting with residents of Silver Sands Condominiums regarding trash and raking the beach in front of the buildings
- The Sea Level Rise Symposium he attended and stressed awareness of the environment
- The placement of trash dumpsters for the 2015 holidays

Commissioner Premier reported on the following:

- The grand opening of Sirata Beach Resort's new restaurant is 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014
- Belle Vista Community Yard Sale is Saturday, November 15, 2014 and encouraged donations to Clothes For Kids
- Commented on the holiday decoration lights along Blind Pass Road
- He is unable to attend the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting due to work commitments

Vice Mayor Pletcher reported on the following:

- The Chowder Challenge is November 9<sup>th</sup> and fundraiser tickets are available online and at Simply Perfect, Nancy Markoe Gallery, Paradiso, Grand Central Stained Glass and Gulf Beaches Historical Museum
- The Vina del Mar garage sale is Saturday, November 8, 2014
- The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Broil is November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Hurley Park
- Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction weekly meetings at the Warren Webster Community Center have been well attended

Mayor Lowe reported on the following:

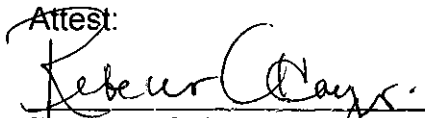
- Thanked the Commissioners for attending community events
- Served on Congressman Jolly's Selection Panel for the United States Military Academy nominations
- The Lowry Park Zoo Halloween celebration that she attended
- The City Employees' Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest and quarterly lunch that she attended at Horan Park on October 31, 2014
- Thanked a City staff member – Jimbo - for returning her wallet
- Her participation in a 15-mile Boy Scout bike ride
- A meeting with the Veterans of South Pinellas County that she attended to present her proposal to honor Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell who is a St. Pete Beach resident and Medal of Honor recipient

- The increased interest in the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project meetings held at the Warren Webster Community Center every Thursday
- The Recreation Department's successful October Concert in the Park series in Horan Park
- The six-month waiting period to participate in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Academy and noted her involvement in the weekly classes
- The Halloween festivities that Bay News 9 covered
- The St. Pete Beach Library hosted a mermaid event
- Encouraged Commissioners to submit articles for the weekly City's newsletter

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-13-2015