

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 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
Stephen Yurcaba, IT Specialist
Ian Wade, Project Manager
Chelsey Welden, Urban Planner

1. Presentations

a. Proclamation - Peter Caramello

Commissioner Finnerty presented the proclamation to Peter Caramello for his work on the installation of new batting cages at Egan Park.

b. Proclamation – Isle of Wight Friendship Week

Mayor Lowe presented the proclamation to Connie DuBois, resident of St. Pete Beach, who participates in celebrations with residents of our former Sister City - Isle of Wight. Representatives from the Isle of Wight will be visiting St. Pete Beach in 2015.

c. Presentation on the general process of undergrounding electric – Luis Ordaz, Duke Energy Representative

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, stated that representatives from Duke Energy were present to explain the process to convert overhead power lines to underground utilities as a way to better understand several upcoming Capital Improvement Projects.

Melissa Statius, Government Community Relations Manager, briefly discussed the allocation of funding through Pinellas County for undergrounding utilities and introduced her colleagues, Luis Ordaz and James Bent.

Luis Ordaz, General Manager of Resource and Project Management, stated he is responsible for planning and coordinating all construction activities in the State of Florida. Mr. Ordaz reviewed the planning process, the construction process, underground construction, and the overhead and underground equipment.

James Bent, Project Manager, discussed specific details of several projects and responded to inquiries posed by Commissioners and staff.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, expressed the appreciation of Silver Sands residents for raking the beach in front of the condominium buildings.

Patrick Collins, Gulf Boulevard, discussed the possibility of creating an ad-hoc committee composed of small business owners to offer their input regarding sign regulations and any revisions to the current sign ordinance.

John Miller, Sunset Way, discussed closing all drug and alcohol treatment centers in the City.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on drug issues on the west end of Corey Avenue, the RICO Act, Bay News 9 news coverage and a final comprehensive plan for the City.

Harry Metz, Pass-A-Grille Way, reported a bright light illuminating from a lamp post on 6th Avenue, the completion of sewer projects, and redacted information provided by the City's former legal firm.

Bill (last name inaudible), 78th Avenue, discussed the financial responsibility of malfunctions in electrical service provided by Duke Energy and the elimination of disreputable businesses.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes for the October 21, 2014 Special City Commission Meeting; the October 24, 2014 Special Meeting; the October 28, 2014 Workshop Meeting.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 4(a), Consent as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

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

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

5. Action Items

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Alan Jay Automotive Network in the amount of \$34,878.50 for the purchase of a new irrigation maintenance truck.

City Manager Saunders explained the budgeted purchase will be obtained through the bidding process of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(a), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Alan Jay Automotive Network in the amount of \$34,878.50 for the purchase of a new irrigation maintenance truck. 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 passed by an individual roll call vote.

- b. Selection of firm to complete a historic resources survey in Pass-a-Grille.

City Manager Saunders reported that the City received seven submittals in response to the Request for Proposals to conduct a historic resources survey of the Pass-A-Grille National Register Historic District. Mr. Saunders presented the top three companies chosen by the Historic Preservation Board. He noted the top bidder exceeded the grant given to the City by the State Division of Historical Resources by approximately \$1,500 which will be covered by in-kind services and donations by residents.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation in the amount of \$42,550 to perform a historic resources

survey of the Pass-A-Grille National Register Historic District. 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 passed by an individual roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

There were no ordinances presented for this agenda.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented for this agenda.

8. Items for Discussion

Doug Izzo, Chamber of Commerce, commented on pedestrian safety and the Annual Dinner and Business Expo scheduled for January 14, 2015.

9. Audience Comments

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on the holiday decorations.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- Audio Visual equipment upgrade
- The Qualification Period is scheduled for December 8, 2014 through December 13, 2014. The Candidate Guidebooks are ready now.
- The Mayors Council Holiday Luncheon scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2014

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- The City Commission Workshop Meeting on December 3rd at 4:00 p.m.
- The Holiday Boat Parade on Friday, December 5th at Horan Park
- St. Petersburg High School chorus, "The Pitchforks," will perform Christmas carols at the Library on December 13, 2014
- The Pass-A-Grille Workshop meeting to be scheduled

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- The Comprehensive Plan discussions and upcoming workshop
- The District Court of Appeals approved the withdrawal of sanctions
- Anderson vs. City of St. Pete Beach cases

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- The Belle Vista Christmas Party is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2014
- Duke Energy 15% overrun
- Shop locally and support St. Pete Beach businesses
- Captain Dan at Dolphin Charters operates a special Sunday cruise called "Sooth Our Souls" at no cost to families facing life threatening health issues

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Tree removal on Boca Ciega Drive
- Quality control on roads repaired by Pinellas County crews
- Accomplishments over the past several months

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Gulf Beaches Elementary School – participation in classes on November 18th
- Thanked the Public Services Director for replacing a palm tree in the north end
- Tom DeYampert is organizing a monthly event to be held at Sunset Park
- Requested the remaining Commission biographies be submitted and placed on the City's website

Vice Mayor Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Vina del Mar Christmas Dinner will be held December 11th at the Yacht Club
- Pass-A-Grille beach bonfire will be held December 11th at the end of 8th Avenue
- Pass-A-Grille Boat Parade will be held December 13th beginning at Merry Pier

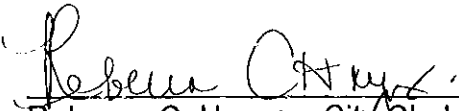
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- "Giving Tuesday" reports on charitable and non-profit organizations benefitting from: the Chowder Challenge, the Edwards Family Foundation, the Pass-A-Grille Women's Club, the Pinellas County Mental Health non-invitation holiday celebration, the Don Cesar gingerbread contest, Wells Fargo's Toys for Tots collection, and shopping local along Corey Avenue

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1-27-2015