

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2015

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
Matt McLachlan, Planning Consultant
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Administrator
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Stephen Yurcaba, IT Specialist

1. Presentations

- a. Recognition and Celebration of Life - Bill Allen, POW/Korean War

Mayor Lowe announced the Celebration of Life ceremony held in honor of Mr. Allen.

- b. Recognition of Ken Hurley, F.T. Hurley Real Estate

Mayor Lowe recognized the passing of Mr. Hurley and noted his life-long accomplishments and contributions to the community.

- c. Proclamation Honoring First Responders – Governor Scott

Mayor Lowe read the proclamation from the Office of the Governor honoring First Responders.

- d. Proclamation – Tom Malone, Fire Chief/City of St. Pete Beach

Commissioner Falkenstein read and presented the proclamation declaring February 28, 2015 “Fire Chief Tom Malone Day.”

- e. Montessori by the Sea & St. John Vianney Catholic School’s donation to the Library Building Fund and Support Our Troops from Fish Broil proceeds - Presenter Nicole Wilson

Nicole Wilson presented a short video of the Fish Broil held in Hurley Park. Ms. Wilson presented the St. Pete Beach Library with a \$1,500 donation and St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops with a \$500 donation.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Commissioner Falkenstein requested to add a discussion of a 60th Anniversary Celebration for the incorporation of St. Pete Beach.

3. Audience Comments

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on the origin of the Fish Broil and giving back to the community.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of the minutes from the October 14, the October 28, and the November 5, 2014 Regular City Commission Meetings; the November 17, 2014 Workshop Meeting; the November 18, 2014 Workshop and Regular Meetings and the December 16, 2014 Special Meeting.
- b. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with vendor Roundtree-Moore Automotive Group to purchase a 2015 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck in the amount of \$15,994 that will replace a 2005 Ford Ranger pick-up truck assigned to Parking Enforcement.
- c. Authorization to approve a special event application request for Pieces of Eighth block parties scheduled for January 24, May 2, and October 10, 2015.
- d. Authorization to approve request for city co-sponsorship with the St. John Vianney Catholic School’s event for March 6, 2015.

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

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

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

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

The motion was unanimously passed by a roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with vendor Cale America to upgrade and replace seven pay by space parking pay stations at a total cost of \$55,925.

City Manager Saunders reported that the FY 2015 budget allows for the lease/purchase of 34 pay stations over the next five years. Staff is recommending purchasing seven stations each year over the five-year period, paying in full as the purchases are made so no future debt is incurred.

Commissioner Premer moved to approve Item 5(a), that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with vendor Cale America to upgrade and replace seven pay by space parking pay stations at a cost of \$55,925. 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 a roll call vote.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2014-13, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Article VI of Chapter 22, Boards, Committees, Commissions to establish a Technical Review Committee.

City Manager Saunders reported that the proposed ordinance establishes committee members and formalizes the process to review major development projects.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 6(a), to adopt Ordinance 2014-13 on first reading, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances by amending Article VI of Chapter 22, Boards, Committees, Commissions to establish a Technical Review Committee; providing for publication in accordance with the requirements of law; and providing for an effective date. 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 a roll call vote.

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented for this agenda.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Commissioner Falkenstein – 60th Anniversary of St. Pete Beach

The Commission agreed that a committee of residents and business owners should be formed to plan the 60th anniversary of the City's incorporation.

9. Audience Comments

Brian Edgar, 75th Avenue, discussed sign regulations through the City.

Bill Paalberg, 70th Avenue, discussed the formation of a neighborhood watch.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following items:

- Statement of Financial Interests filing requirements
- Municipal Election will be held March 10, 2015
- League of Women Voters to sponsor Candidate Forum – date to be established
- National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology held in February
- Mayor Lowe submitted a biography for placement on the City's website

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Brighthouse Public Access will change on February 9th to Channel 642

- City Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
- St. Pete Beach Classic Run will be held January 17-18, 2015
- The Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- Litigation Update on DOAH Administrative Challenge and the two Chmielewski cases
- Will compile a status list of litigation reports for Commission review

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- FDOT has installed correct signage for Boca Ciega Drive and Blind Pass Road
- Tom DeYampert has temporarily withdrawn his application to hold a Sunset Celebration on February 14th and March 14th due to insurance requirements
- No signage on Boca Ciega Drive or crosswalk on 75th Avenue in regard to Gulf Beaches Elementary School
- Phone calls received from dissatisfied residents regarding Christmas decorations
- PSTA is pouring the foundation for a shelter near McDonald's Restaurant

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Expect traffic delays during the St. Pete Beach Classic Run
- Voter registration deadline is February 9th for the March 10th election
- He assisted with the burial of a dead turtle in a sea oat estuary
- Storm drain clog at 1st Palm Point
- No dumpsters on the beach during 2015 holidays
- Speeders on 64th Avenue, 59th Avenue and 55th Avenue
- Silver Sands' berm status
- Recent visitors to the St. Pete Beach area include the Prime Minister of Canada and Actress Brooke Shields
- Yard sale sign regulations
- St. Pete Beach Library schedule

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- Served on Jury Duty
- Received positive comments in regard to the maintenance crew at Lazarillo Park
- Renovation of the Bay View Plaza and Bay Palms Resort will be complete within the next couple of weeks
- The Grand Opening of the Compass Grille at the Sirata Beach Resort was very successful
- Plan ahead for the St. Pete Beach Classic Run
- East-West Shrine College football game is this Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

- Landscape along the Pinellas Bayway Bridge needs to be completed soon

Vice Mayor Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project weekly meeting at Warren Webster Community Center on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
- An undisclosed, surprise event will take place on January 19th and 20th in Pass-A-Grille

Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- The February 28th Pass-A-Grille Women's Club Home Tour
- The Grand Opening of the Compass Grille at the Sirata Beach Resort was very successful
- Paradise News articles, letters to the editor, information on a rate change and the paper delivery method
- Support from the Chamber of Commerce and their Annual Dinner
- Pedestrian safety
- St. Pete Beach Classic Run and the bonfire that follows on Saturday evening at the Sirata Beach Resort
- Spring Break runs from March 28th to April 5th
- Clearwater Bar Association training class on Law for Public Officials scheduled for Friday, January 16th
- Requested discussion items be added to a future agenda: (1) advisory board appointees attending training and conferences when elected officials cannot and (2) allowing dogs on the beach

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3/25/2015