

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 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
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Matt McLaughlin, Planning Consultant
Stephen Yurcaba, IT Specialist

1. Presentations

- a. Proclamation – Achievement in Academic Excellence

Escorted by T.C. Kirkpatrick, the following students, Ms. Keeley Hemmel, Ms. Maddy Kilpatrick, Ms. Siena London, Ms. Abby Wilson and Ms. Maddie Zavac each received a proclamation read by Mayor Lowe recognizing their achievements as students accepted in the St. Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate Program.

2. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Wayne Saunders requested to pull Item 5(a) and bring back at a future meeting.

3. Audience Comments

Mecca Bellmore, Treasure Island, commented that she is a student in the Public Policy and Administration Program at St. Petersburg College. Ms. Bellmore reported on a school safety zone for the students at Gulf Beaches Elementary School as her project required for graduation.

Tom Quinn, Sunset Way, requested a trash barrel on 64th Avenue at a previous meeting and thanked the Public Services Department for providing the barrel in an expeditious manner. Mr. Quinn requested the status of transferring the Library services to City Hall.

4. Consent

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Alan Jay Automotive Network in the amount of \$41,610.50 for the purchase of a stake body truck

City Manager Saunders explained the agenda item and recommended approval as presented.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to approve Consent Item 4(a) 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. Update on Waste Water Bank RFP, authorization to proceed with selecting the Bank and related Term Option recommended by the City Selection Committee and the City's Financial Advisor

This item was removed from the agenda.

- b. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Public Stuff to provide a one-year subscription to the Public Stuff Pro Application in the amount of \$5,000

City Manager Saunders explained the proposed application is a program that will allow residents to report any problems they encounter in the City such as a missing sign, water leak, etc. The program also allows the City to notify residents of inclement weather or other emergencies. Mr. Saunders noted that future training will be provided to residents on how to use the application.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(b), to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Public Stuff to provide a one-year subscription to the Public Stuff Pro Application in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke in support of the application and voiced concern in regard to personal information.

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

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

- c. Authorize the City Manager to sign a scope and fee proposal from Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in the amount of \$125,000 to perform re-design engineering services for the Blind Pass Road Reconstruction Project

Mr. Saunders explained the re-design includes underground utilities, right-of-way use and two additional blocks (73rd Avenue to 75th Avenue) of improvements.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(c), to authorize the City Manager to sign a scope and fee proposal from Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in the amount of \$125,000 to perform re-design engineering services for the Blind Pass Road Reconstruction Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, inquired if weekly updates will be provided to area residents.

Mr. Saunders explained that the construction manager and City staff will hold meetings to provide updates.

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

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

- d. Authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group, Inc. (CPWG) in the amount of \$54,355 for Pass-A-Grille Way Utility Undergrounding Coordination, Design, and Permitting

City Manager Saunders noted that the proposal provides for assistance from CPWG for the design and implementation of undergrounding overhead utility lines as part of the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction project, Phase I.

Vice Mayor Pletcher made a motion to approve Item 5(d), to authorize the City Manager to accept a proposal from Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group, Inc., (CPWG), in the amount of \$54,355 for Pass-A-Grille Way Utility Undergrounding Coordination, Design and Permitting. 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 approved by an individual roll call vote.

e. City Commission Annual Donations

City Manager Saunders noted the Neighborly Care Network and Gulf Beaches Historical Museum have been appropriated during this budget cycle. Additional non-profit organizations have submitted their requests for consideration.

City Clerk Haynes stated that she will forward the request form to Commissioners so they may submit other organizations for additional consideration.

Commissioner Premer moved to continue Item 5(e) to date certain, April 14, 2015, meeting for further consideration. 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 approved by an individual roll call vote.

6. **Resolutions**

There were no resolutions presented for this agenda.

7. **Ordinance**

- a. Ordinance No 2015-05, Final Reading and Public Hearing, amending Part I, Citizen Input on Community Redevelopment and Part II, Future Land Use Element of the City of St. Pete Beach Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Compliance Agreement, resolving Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), Case No. 13-003401-GM

City Manager Saunders noted the ordinance amends the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Compliance Agreement and resolves the DOAH Case No.13-00340-GM.

City Attorney Dickman explained that the Compliance Agreement was approved and filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings. The Administrative Law Judge has stayed the case while the City proceeds through the remedial plan process.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to approve Item 7(a), Ordinance No. 2015-05 on second reading pursuant to the Compliance Agreement, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, City Commission, amending the text of the Comprehensive Plan by amending Part I, Citizen Input on Community Redevelopment, and Part II, Future Land Use Element, pursuant to the remedial action specified in the Compliance Agreement ("Agreement") resolving Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH") Case No. 13-003401-GM; providing for publication in accordance with the requirements of law; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premer.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, spoke about a luxury hotel recently built in Treasure Island and the development of St. Pete Beach.

Gregory Wilson, 70th Avenue, commended the participants involved in reaching a resolution to the lawsuit.

Frank (last name inaudible), Regency II, complimented the participants on resolving the issues related to the Comprehensive Plan.

Lorraine Huhn, Blind Pass Road, congratulated everyone and stated that development and re-development need to take place, keeping in mind that St. Pete Beach is a 'jewel' destination.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, offered his congratulations on accomplishing the recent task of settling negotiations.

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

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

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items presented for discussion.

9. Audience Comments 2

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, congratulated participants in the negotiation process of the DOAH Case and discussed design guidelines and public input.

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

City Clerk Haynes reported on the following item:

- The Municipal Election is tomorrow, March 10, 2015 and everything is running smoothly; updates throughout the day will be forwarded to Commissioners

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- City Commission Workshop is Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Raymund Room at the Community Center
- The new Community Development Director, Jennifer Bryla, begins her position with the City on Wednesday, March 11, 2015

City Attorney Dickman reported on the following items:

- Provided an update on cases and proposed ordinances
- Meeting with special counsel retained by the City

Commissioner Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Met with staff and a resident in regard to Egan Park issues
- Resident D.J. Everett passed away and deepest condolences were sent to the family
- The Swigwam Bar is hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration and their 5th Anniversary on March 17, 2015
- Meeting with FDOT, Gulf Beaches Elementary School representatives, Deputy Mancusi and City Staff in regard to school signage and traffic signals
- The Sunday Market is going strong and is better each week
- Sunset Park Fest is scheduled for March 14th with restaurants, bell ringing, and a future bagpipe player
- St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops has two new volunteers to help pack boxes for the men and women who serve our country
- Read a letter from Commanding Officer T.A. Montplaisir, USS Sirocco, Department of the Navy, in regard to receiving boxes sent by Support Our Troops

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Provided an update on items he forwarded to the City Manager to address
- Reminded District 2 to vote on March 10th

Commissioner Premier reported on the following items:

- Expressed appreciation for the patience and understanding of residents during the water main break near the Don Cesar Hotel and to City staff for their quick response in repairing the break
- Provided an update on the water issue below Lazarillo Park
- Parking along the road next to Village Inn is encouraging pedestrians to walk across Gulf Boulevard to access the beach
- Provided an update on meeting with residents to discuss broadband in the City

- Commended the young ladies who received proclamations earlier in the meeting and noted there are many who still need to be recognized
- Commended 8th Graders who passed the auditions to be a part of the PCCA Program at Gibbs High School
- Contact Clothes to Kids (CTK) at 3251 3rd Avenue North or at (727) 327-7100 with any clothing donations

Vice Mayor Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Praised the young ladies who received the proclamations earlier and the leadership of the current Commission

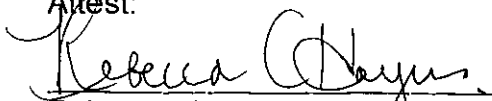
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- Discussed using proclamations to celebrate the accomplishments of community members
- Gulf Beaches Historical Museum sponsored a fund-raising event in Pass-A-Grille
- The Community Center held a Beer Festival fund-raising event sponsored by a local organization
- Attended the Vina del Mar Community Homeowners Association meeting and welcomed HOAs to contact the Commissioners to attend their meetings
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council held a meeting in regard to hand-held applications for rideshares and disruptive technology & regulations
- Pinellas Mayors' Council requested the City consider hosting a soccer team for Spring training
- Discussed a drainage issue she witnessed near 55th Avenue and requested community members report unsafe conditions
- Call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in regard to dogs on the beach until an ordinance change is enacted
- Bridge Dedication in honor of Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, followed by the Veterans of South Pinellas Event in Pass-A-Grille
- Expressed appreciation to fellow Commissioners for working together

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 4-14-2015