

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 26, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
John Kretzer, Interim Public Services Director
Matt McLachlan, Planning Consultant/Calvin, Giordano & Associates

1. Presentations

- a. Gulf Beaches Elementary Science Fair

Mayor Lowe commented that she will follow up with the representatives to attend a future Commission meeting.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Audience Comments

Rosemary Manning, Pass-A-Grille, requested to have signs installed in front of Point Pass-A-Grille Condominiums in regard to the rip current and dogs on the beach.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Road, talked about ethical behavior and integrity.

4. Consent

- a. Approval of minutes from the April 14, 2015 regular meeting
- b. Ratification of the decision of the City Manager to authorize TLC Diversified, LLC to perform emergency repairs to the wastewater lateral servicing the Don Cesar Hotel in the amount of \$20,511.30
- c. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Cooperative Funding Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the City to secure as much as \$166,080 for the Egan Park BMP Project (stormwater improvements)
- d. Authorization for the City Manager to accept a proposal from Ennead LLC in the amount of \$12,000 for updating the FY 2015-16 Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem (NAV) Assessment Roll

City Manager Saunders reviewed the Consent Items and recommended approval.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve 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 approved by an individual roll call vote.

5. Action Items

- a. Agreement between the City of St. Pete Beach and Ernie Hand for consultation in association with plan reviews, permits, inspections and any other matters requested by the City in connection with Fire and Rescue matters.

City Manager Wayne Saunders reported that Mr. Hand is officially retiring as a full-time employee and recommended retaining him on an as-needed basis.

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(a), to approve an agreement between the City of St. Pete Beach and Ernie Hand for consultation

services in connection with Fire and Rescue matters. 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.

6. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance No. 2015-06, First Reading and Public Hearing, amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances relating to public consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages

Mr. Saunders reported that the direction given by the Commission to staff resulted in a more restrictive ordinance and was, therefore, required to undergo the complete public hearing process again. The proposed ordinance states that alcoholic beverages are prohibited on public and private beaches with the exception that resorts/hotels can apply for a conditional use permit to serve their guests in a delineated area.

Commissioner Premer moved to approve Item 6(a), Ordinance No. 2015-06, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article I, in general, of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances by amending Section 6.1, Definitions, amending the definition of establishment dealing in alcoholic beverages and adding new definitions of sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged land; amending Section 6.3, Sale to Certain Persons Prohibited, by prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to any person below the legal age as established by State Law; amending Section 6.5, Public Consumption or Possession, relating to restrictions and permitting of public alcohol consumption on public lands, rights-of-way, sand beach areas and sovereignty submerged lands; providing for publication in accordance with the requirements of law; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finnerty.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Rosemary Manning, Pass-A-Grille, discussed prohibiting alcohol on the beach, vehicles on the beach and enforcement of laws by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, discussed trash cans, increased patrol, alcoholic beverages at hotels fronting the Gulf of Mexico, restriction of alcoholic beverages on private beach areas and selective enforcement.

Name inaudible, Sunset Way, thanked the Commission for conducting research.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Road, commented on the Sheriff's Office enforcing laws of the City and recommended combining several ordinances regulating beach activities rather than piece-meal together.

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Pletcher voting "no."

- b. Ordinance 2015-03, Final Reading and Public Hearing, Off-Premise and Commercial Parking

Community Development Director Jennifer Bryla noted the following clarifications:

- Page 9, Section 35.3(c): delete paragraph
- Page 10, Section 35.3(b): change (b)3 to (b)5 and (b)4 to (b)6

Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 6(b), Ordinance 2015-03, upon final reading, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, amending the City of St. Pete Beach Land Development Code by amending Section 2.1 of Division 2, Definitions, to define parking lot (off-premise), parking structure (off-premise), parking lot (commercial) and parking structure (commercial); amending Sections 23.4, 23.5, 23.7 and 23.8 of Division 23, General Parking Lots, related to the location, design, improvement, use and number of required and non-required parking spaces; adding Section 23.14 to provide for a fee in lieu of required on-site parking on properties located within the Downtown Redevelopment District; amending Section 35.3 of Division 35, (LR), Large Resort District, to establish off-premise parking lot and/or structure and commercial parking structure as authorized conditional uses; amending Section 38.4 of Division 38, (AC), Activity Center, to delete commercial parking lot and replace with commercial parking structure and add off-premise parking structure as authorized conditional uses; amending Section 42.4 of Division 42, (BR), Bayou Residential District, to establish off-premise parking lot and commercial parking lot as allowable conditional uses; amending Section 46.4 of Division 46, (B/HC), Boutique Hotel/Condo District to establish off-premise parking lot as an allowable conditional use; amending Chapter 82, Article III, Stopping, Standing and Parking, of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, Section 137; amending Section 17.3 of Division 17, (INS), Institutional District to establish commercial parking lot as an allowable conditional use 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.

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

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

7. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

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

City Manager Saunders reported on the following items:

- Working with Pinellas County and surrounding property owners to obtain approval and permits to hold the 4th of July fireworks at the County Park located in the center of the City
- Workshop to discuss the proposed ordinance in regard to outdoor dining and drinking is scheduled for June 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following items:

- Correspondence from Ken Weiss to the Tampa Bay Times in regard to the transient occupancy tax
- Complimented members of the Finance & Budget Advisory Committee
- Attended the Suncoast League of Cities Annual Dinner celebration
- Last day for the Sunday Market on Corey Avenue is May 31st
- Attended the Gulf Beaches Elementary School Advisory Board Meeting which was followed by a concert
- Egan Park doggie bags are available
- Expressed appreciation to the Public Services Department for landscape installation at Egan Park
- Montessori By-the-Bay School and Gulf Beaches Elementary School are discussing possibly combining the separate Fish Boil events
- Memorial Day ceremony held at the American Legion Post
- The Swigam Bar collected funds for Support Our Troops on Memorial Day
- A new flag was installed on Corey Avenue by Auxiliary Post 305

Commissioner Rick Falkenstein reported on the following items:

- Pump Station 2 is scheduled for completion in approximately six to eight weeks
- Billboard announcing 'no drinking on the beach' for the holidays and weekends

Commissioner Greg Premier reported on the following items:

- Expressed appreciation for the installation of a "No Right Turn" sign at the corner of Gulf Boulevard at 75th Avenue
- Requested brighter up-lighting for the Gulf Boulevard palm trees
- A vacant piece of property on Boca Ciega Isle Drive is being used for a dog beach and camping/boating area
- Bayway landscaping will be completed soon
- Jaywalking and other problems along Gulf Boulevard

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following items:

- Dangerous driving along Gulf Boulevard
- More frequent trash pick-up is helping with the litter problem on the beaches
- Parking enforcement and public restrooms in Pass-A-Grille

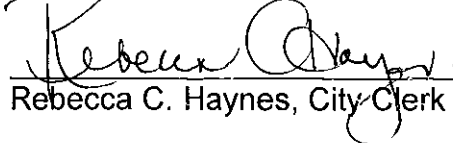
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- Installation of a sidewalk/pedestrian walkway near the Bayway Bridge
- Pump Station 2 is nearing completion
- Newspaper articles in regard to Commissioner comments
- Memorial Day celebration

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 7-14-2015