

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**JUNE 10, 2015**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Lowe.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Wayne Saunders, City Manager  
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk  
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director  
John Kretzer, Interim Public Services Director  
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

#### **1. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

#### **2. Changes to the Agenda**

Items 5(c) and 5(d) were tabled from the Commission Meeting of June 9, 2015.

#### **3. Audience Comments**

Rob Williams, Corey Avenue, commented on the upcoming Food Truck Rally scheduled to take place on Corey Avenue and the process to obtain a liquor license.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, requested information in regard to a special meeting to introduce a proposed alcohol ordinance.

Maureen Carr, Blind Pass Road, spoke in support of the Swigwam Bar.

Jackie Smith, Corey Avenue, commented that outdoor dining is approved with her liquor license and requested the alley dumpster be relocated so she can utilize the parking spaces for her restaurant.

#### **4. Consent**

- a. Authorization for street closure on the last Saturday of each month from July - December 2015 on a portion of the 400 block of Corey Avenue for CABA sponsored Food Truck Rally

City Manager Saunders reviewed Consent Item 4(a) and recommended approval.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 4(a) with the language modification for the road closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Rob Williams, Corey Avenue, questioned the location of the food truck.

Tom Rodgers, Corey Avenue, commented on the location of the food truck.

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

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

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

- a. Presentation and requesting acceptance of the Density Analysis for the City of St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment District

City Manager Saunders distributed the Density Analysis prepared by Calvin, Giordano & Associates.

Matt McLachlan; Calvin, Giordano & Associates; reviewed the methodology for the report along with the implications of the results.

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to table the acceptance of Item 5(a), the Density Analysis approval process, to the July 14, 2015 City Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, questioned the statistical information contained in the Density Analysis.

Jim Anderson, 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, expressed appreciation for conducting the study and requested to meet with the City Manager in regard to the calculations contained in the study.

Deborah Martohue, Blind Pass Road, commented on the previous findings and how they relate to the current study and questioned the necessity of performing additional studies.

Deborah Schechner, Boca Ciega Isle Drive, commented on previous studies.

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

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

- b. Approval of bid and award of Pass-A-Grille Way project to David Nelson Construction Company

City Manager Saunders commented that Item 5(b) was tabled from the June 9, 2015 meeting due to the fact that the construction bid exceeded the anticipated funding by \$3.3 million. Mr. Saunders met with representatives of the company to discuss potential cost savings, which was reduced to \$1,747,939 in deficit funding.

In addition, the City Manager explained that a portion of the value engineering will be realized in Change Order #1 through the City performing the installation of palm trees and minor landscaping, through the City performing the underground connection to houses, and through using alternate barrier pipe outlets.

The total contract price is \$10,985,756 with possible additional cost savings.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(b), to award the Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project to David Nelson Construction Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.**

City Manager Saunders requested the motion be amended to include the original bid amount and the change order.

**Commissioner Premier moved to amend the motion to approve and award the Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project to David Nelson Construction Company in the amount of \$12,855,756.26 concurrently with the approval of and subject to the execution of Change Order No. 1 for a deduction of**

**\$1,870,000.00 for an adjusted contract amount of \$10,985,756.26. Commissioner Pletcher seconded the amended motion.**

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.**

- c. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Lighting Proposal from Duke Energy which includes the projected fees associated with streetlight rental and maintenance, as well as an invoice for the Contribution In Aid of Construction Fee for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project. (Tabled from the 6-9-15 meeting)

City Manager Saunders explained that the Contribution in Aid of Construction Fee for the project is \$9,365.84.

**Vice Mayor Finnerty moved to approve Item 5(c), to authorize the City Manager to sign a lighting proposal from Duke Energy, which includes the projected fees associated with streetlight rental and maintenance, as well as an invoice for the Contribution In Aid of Construction Fee for the Pass-A-Grille Way Reconstruction Project. 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.**

- d. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Billing Estimate Letter indicating the City's intent to make an advance payment of \$38,119.59 to Verizon to underground service on Pass-A-Grille Way from West Maritana Drive to 19th Avenue. (Tabled from the 6-9-15 meeting)

**Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 5(d), to authorize the City Manager to sign a billing estimate letter indicating the City's intent to make an advance payment of \$38,119.59 to Verizon to underground service on Pass-A-Grille Way from West Maritana Drive to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Premier.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

Joanne Lentino, Boca Ciega Drive, commented on the aesthetic costs associated with the reconstruction project.

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

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

- e. Re-organization of the Community Development Department and requesting approval of a new position

Community Development Director Jennifer Bryla noted she is requesting to add a Zoning Technician II position and reclassify the Urban Planner position to an Urban Planner II position.

**Commissioner Premier moved to approve Item 5(e), to accept the Community Development Department re-organization as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.**

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

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

**The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote of 4-1 with Mayor Lowe voting "no."**

## **6. Ordinances**

There were no ordinances submitted.

## **7. Resolutions**

There were no resolutions submitted.

## **8. Items for Discussion**

- a. Discussion of the Beach Stewardship Committee duties

It was the consensus of the Commission to become more responsive to the advisory board members and empower the members.

- b. Outdoor drinking and dining (continued from the workshop meeting)

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule a workshop for 4:30 p.m. on July 28, 2015.

## **9. Audience Comments**

Tom Rodgers, Corey Avenue, requested a discussion in regard to the couplet on Corey Avenue.

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

City Manager reported on the following item:

- The bond issue was priced at 3.97% and a purchase agreement was received

Commissioner Pletcher reported on the following item:

- A resident who contacted her in regard to dogs on the beach expressed appreciation for the responsive action taken by City Staff

Commissioner Premer reported on the following item:

- Incidents on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue are being handled by City Staff and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Falkenstein reported on the following item:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> is a time for reflection and honoring others

Vice Mayor Finnerty reported on the following item:

- In the year 1919, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed giving women the right to vote

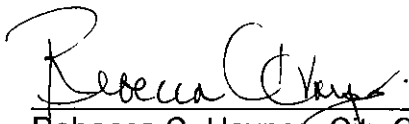
Mayor Lowe reported on the following items:

- The anniversary of D-Day was June 6<sup>th</sup>
- It is an honor to serve as Mayor

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:

  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
Maria Lowe, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 8/11/2015