

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR
MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION
750 MAIN STREET, SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
APRIL 15, 2019

Present: Mayor Joe Ayoub, Vice Mayor Cliff Merz, Commissioner Carlos Diaz, Commissioner Andy Zodrow, City Manager Matthew Spoor, City Attorney Nikki C. Day, Human Resources Director Kimberly Nicholls, and City Clerk Karen Sammons

Excused: Commissioner Nancy J. Besore

Mayor Ayoub called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Invocation was given by Pastor Tom Goodlet, Harborside Christian Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Zodrow moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Merz, to excuse the absence of Commissioner Besore. Motion passed 4-0.

AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Michael Calello, 3203 Coventry N., presented the Commission with a petition from the residents of the Coventry neighborhood for the removal of a surveillance camera located at 3207 Coventry N. Their concerns were lack of privacy, violation of the State's voyeurism statutes, constant surveillance of neighborhood children, the location of the camera above the roofline, and the person in question following residents around the neighborhood. Mayor Ayoub replied that the City Attorney was looking into options regarding this issue for the Commission to discuss. City Manager Spoor added that options may be presented to the Commission in May, and Mr. Calello and others will be notified when it is scheduled.

Cynthia Rowe, 3205 Coventry N., provided pictures to the Commission, stating that the camera steadily faced her property.

Jay Connerton, 3200 Coventry N., spoke of how the person in question stalked residents by following them through the neighborhood, and aimed his camera on their children, swimming pools, and spouses. This was not a security camera.

Mike Pack, 3202 Coventry N., spoke of how the person in question had made multiple threats to kill his young daughter; follows them in the neighborhood; aims the camera with night vision toward his daughter's bedroom window and his backyard; and installed the camera well above the roofline. He urged the Commission to intervene. Mayor Ayoub reiterated that the City could not ban all security cameras and intended to consider their legal options once available from the City Attorney's Office.

PRESENTATION

1. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Presentation of Proclamation.

Mayor Ayoub presented the proclamation to representatives from the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Club, Safety Harbor Rotary Club, Eckerd Connects, Department of Family and Children's Services, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs North Pinellas and the Juniorettes. Each thanked the Commission for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Wastewater Easement for 1709 Main Street.

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Zodrow, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. ANNUAL UPDATE TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-04, on second reading, Annual Update to Capital Improvements Element.

City Attorney Day read Ordinance No. 2019-04, on second reading, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3177(3)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Spoor outlined one change in the LOS backup material which occurred after first reading regarding the recycling and solid waste tons figures from 2015-2016. Staff found that both the solid waste figures from 2015 and the recycling tons from 2016 included tonnage that was disposed of by the City, but not collected by the residents. In 2015, the solid waste in tons was 13,013, and the actual number of those collected from commercial and residential was 11,327; in 2018 the number increased (it was 11,050, and now it was 11,378); for recycling in 2015 it was 1,927 (no change); in 2016 it was 1,978; no change in 2017; and in 2018 it changed to 1,800. The LOS will be updated with that information.

When asked, City Manager Spoor specified that it showed an increase in solid waste, declining in 2017-2018, and recycling flat, with a decline in 2018. Commissioner Zodrow pointed out there was a fire at the recycling facility in 2018, which City Manager Spoor confirmed was factored into

the figures as the facility was closed for almost two months. He mentioned that consumers were also throwing less away, as products had less waste packaging.

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Zodrow, to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-04, on second reading. Motion passed 4-0.

2. UPDATE TO FIREFIGHTERS PENSION RESOLUTION

Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-05

Ms. Nicholls stated that the Safety Harbor Firefighters' Pension Fund attorney submitted recommended changes to the City's current resolution to comply with changes to the Internal Revenue Code and the Internal Revenue Service guidelines. The Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees recommended adoption of the amended resolution by the City. There is zero cost to the plan from Southern Actuarial Services, and the update has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Vice Mayor Merz moved, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

Appointment of two regular members.

City Manager Spoor introduced this item. Commissioner Zodrow moved, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to reappoint Christina Jackson and Andy Steingold. Motion passed 4-0.

2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY FOR PROVISION OF PRELIMINARY FLOODPLAIN INSURANCE MAPS

Approval/Denial of Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County

City Manager Spoor detailed how the County and City both participate in the Federal Emergency Management Association's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA is in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The County has retained HDR, Inc. to review preliminary FIRMs for accuracy and validity, compile and submit appeals (if needed) to FEMA and assist with public meetings (if requested). The City has two intersects that need to be reviewed. The cost to review is under \$5,487. Funds have been identified in the stormwater budget for this use. Staff recommended approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for said FIRM review and related services.

Commissioner Zodrow explained how updating the maps could potentially affect resident's flood insurance costs. He asked for an update on the community rating system. City Manager Spoor replied that the City was currently rated at seven (7) and will budget funds in the next fiscal year

to hire a consultant to assist with possibly lowering that number to reduce flood insurance premiums for residents. He advised that the County had excellent resources available on their website concerning the FEMA proposed changes (new maps), current maps, etc. Commissioner Zodrow encouraged residents to visit the County's website. He said that properties near coastal areas, creeks, low elevation areas, stormwater ponds, etc. could be affected.

Commissioner Zodrow moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Merz, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zodrow: recognized the tragic loss to the world from the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. He recently met with Brian Beckman, leader of the Sierra Club Ready for 100 campaign. The Sierra Club was meeting with local governments to encourage adoption of renewable energy goals for the future. The cities of St. Petersburg and Largo have both committed to the program. He asked if the Commission would support staff meeting with Mr. Beckman, who would ultimately provide a presentation before the Commission. Vice Mayor Merz stated that he also met with Mr. Beckman. He believed there were a multitude of potential options that could be done, whether it be renewable energy or sustainability, or other types of goals that may be worthwhile for the City to pursue. The Commission agreed, and City Manager Spoor will contact Mr. Beckman for further discussion, and to schedule a future presentation before the Commission.

Vice Mayor Merz: wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover. Blueberries were now in season and he enjoyed picking them with his family. This was a fun activity for families. He mentioned that there had been some time passed since the last goal setting session and asked if the Commission would be interested in scheduling one. When asked, City Manager Spoor informed the Commission that the last goal setting work session was two years ago, and goals were also discussed during the June 2018 budget workshop. If the Commission desired another discussion, it may have to be scheduled as a special meeting, or perhaps at the end of a regular Commission meeting. Vice Mayor Merz agreed the meeting could be scheduled after a regular meeting, if the regular meeting was not too involved. The Commission agreed. City Manager Spoor said he would try to schedule it in May. He will also provide the Commission with information from the past two work sessions.

Commissioner Diaz: wished Commissioner Besore best wishes and a speedy recovery, and everyone a happy Easter.

Mayor Ayoub: said he and several hundred other mayors had previously signed a pledge of support for clean energy. Lance Williams, a 13-year-old Safety Harbor resident built a custom 3 ½-foot tall pedestal to support the Vollbracht dolphin at the Library as part of his Eagle Scout project. The pedestal included a plaque honoring artist and fashion designer Michael Vollbracht. He also attended a ceremony at the Safety Harbor VFW for the Firefighter of the Year awards honoring Chris Palmieri. He referenced proposed public art dedications in the City and asked for more information.

City Manager Spoor spoke of Robert "Brady" Fisher, who was instrumental in the City's basketball league and sponsored two teams for at least three years. Mr. Fisher recently passed away, and this year the basketball teams' uniforms and coaches' shirts were branded with #BradyStrong. Staff's idea was to have an artist create a public art piece at the entrance to the Community Center. It would be related to the youth basketball league, and contain the #BradyStrong hashtag, along with some more information about who Brady was and what he meant to the community. Also, staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board both supported another public art piece at Baranoff Park to honor George Weiss. The Commission agreed.

City Manager Spoor: announced the following upcoming meetings: The Community Redevelopment Agency on May 6th, at 6:00 p.m. (building height and stories discussion); Audit Committee on May 20th, 6:00 p.m. (CAFR review); he and Commissioner Zodrow will both be out for the June 3rd meeting (Assistant City Manager Ray Boler will cover the Commission meeting); and the first budget workshop meeting on June 17th, 6:00 p.m. He reminded the Commission that on April 17th at 8:30 a.m. an executive meeting was scheduled at City Hall concerning Firefighters Union negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

(THIS MEETING HAS BEEN RECORDED IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE RECORDINGS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR THE REQUIRED RETENTION PERIOD. COMPLETE AUDIO CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.CITYOFSAFETYHARBOR.COM, OR BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK)



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