

A regular workshop meeting of the City of Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners was held at 2:00 p.m. on October 24, 2017 in the Patricia Shontz Commission Chambers at City Hall located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida. Mayor Black called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maggi Black, Mayor
John Douthirt, Vice-Mayor
Nancy Hodges, Commissioner District 2
Nancy Oakley, Commissioner District 3
Terry Lister, Commissioner District 1 – Excuse for Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Derryl O'Neal, City Manager
Erica Augello, Interim City Attorney
Andrea Gamble, Administrative Support Specialist
Walter Pierce, Finance Director
Dave Marsicano, Public Works/Marina Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Administrative Support Specialist Andrea Gamble called the Roll and all Commission members were present.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Oakley made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Vice-Mayor Douthirt seconded the motion.

D. TOPICS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS

Andrea Gamble presented the Acknowledgements to Trevor Gauthier and Karen Jones for going above and beyond for Hurricane Irma. Karen Jones was on vacation so was unable to attend.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PINELLAS COUNTY DEPUTIES:

Parasailing Incident

Dep. Todd Amlin
Dep. Martin Eisner
Cpl. Adam Sarlo,
Dep. Ryan Dunning,
Dep. Rita Bishop
Cpl. Charlie Tita.
Lt. Suranyi, D/E Hill - Madeira Beach Fire Department

Drowning Incident

Dep. Cronin
Sgt. Rassier
Cpl. Adam Sarlo
Dep. Todd Amlin
Dep. Micheal Holloway

Andrea Gamble presented the acknowledgment to Pinellas County Deputies who aided in the water rescue with a cardiac arrest call with an older gentleman in John's pass. Deputy Todd Amlin received a Certificate from Chief Todd Ermscher and all the other deputies were recognized by Deputy Shannon Roxby. Todd Ermscher presented the drowning incidents at John's Pass. All the deputies had their picture taken. City Manager Derryl O'Neal commented that in all three incidents the victims were critical, and the deputies did a great job in saving their lives.

3. SPECIAL EVENTS

The Interim City Attorney explained to the Board of Commissioners what can be approved and what cannot be approved. After the City Manager has approved the special events packets this will go before the Board and the BOC will check to see if the applicant has met all the criteria. The BOC has no discretion with special events and that all special events are treated equally. The BOC does have the power to waive any fees for special events. Commissioner Oakley mentioned that some of the past event packages were incomplete, Madam Mayor said now that we have a new administration special events approval will go through the proper channels for approval. There is a consensus on keeping the final approval with the City Manager, the only change is the number of 75 people to 50 people is considered a special event.

4. LAURIE MARSH

Laurie Marsh said she would like to keep back yard chickens in her back garden in the proper chicken coupes. She explained chickens make friendly pets and they are very quiet. Chicken poo is 100 bio-gradable and she uses her chickens to teach her children. Other municipalities allow chickens and she would like the BOC to consider allowing her to keep her six chickens.

Commissioner Hodges explained that in 2010 there was a gentleman who wanted to keep chickens and there was a lot of controversy, so the subject was scraped. The residents did not like it at that time and may not like this now. Keeping chickens will affect everyone. This should go to a referendum and let the City of Madeira Beach make that choice.

Commissioner Oakley suggested having a permitting procedure for keeping chickens. The City Manager said he had no doubt Laurie is a very responsible pet owner but there are others out there who are not so responsible. The Interim City Attorney said the City may want to reach out to other municipalities to find out if they allow chickens and what problems they run into.

5. PLACEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE COMMISSION AGENDA

The Mayor said the BOC gave it a try to see if public comment would work at the end of the agenda. It appeared a lot of people did not think that it was a good idea.

Commissioner Hodges received a lot of complaints with Public Comment at the end of the agenda. We gave it a try and it didn't work. The Interim City Attorney said this is guideline in the policy and procedures handbook, this does not need to have an official vote, this can be voted by consensus.

The Board of Commissioners consented to placing Public Comment back at the beginning of the agenda.

6. NOTICES BOARDS AROUND TOWN

Administrative Support Specialists Andrea Gamble explained to Council that she and Jay Hatch went around town to see the notice boards. She said the City will start using these again and Deb from Parks will keep the notice boards updated. The TV in the front of the Commissioner Chambers needs to be relocated as the sun beats down making it hard to see.

7. DIAS LOG - ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUESTED TO BE DISCUSSED

- **Owners of Vista Del Mar (Jim McDevitt) gave residents their rent back**
- **Dean Pruitt Save on Seafood for opening his ice machine to the public.**
- **Referendum on height and density**

Commissioner Oakley discussed the referendum questions from Treasure Island and suggested that we put this on the ballot and let the residents of Madeira Beach say what they want to see, 25 story buildings or 5 story buildings.

The Mayor agreed that the people should have a voice in this.

The Interim City Attorney suggested that she do a little more research on the issue.

CITY CLERK REPORT

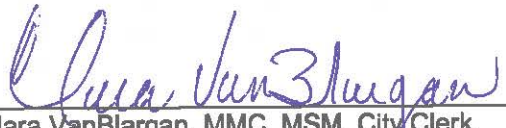
Administrative Support Specialists reported the following on behalf of the City Clerk:

- There will be a first reading of an Ordinance placed on the Tuesday, November 14, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting Agenda to amend the FY-2016/2017 budget. A second reading and public Hearing of the Budget Amendment Ordinance will be held at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The notice of the Public Hearing will be noticed in the Tampa Bay Times on Friday, November 17.
- November 13, 2017; 1:00 p.m. – Madeira Beach Commission Chambers, Florida Institute of Government Strategic Planning/Goal Setting Workshop
- November 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Kenneth City Community Hall, 4-hour Ethics and Sunshine Law Training for Elected Officials/Public Officials – City Board members will also attend
- January 19-21, 2018 – Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North (Altamonte Springs) 2018 institute for Elected Municipal Officials.
- The Interim City Attorney recommended the Board of Commissioners attend the conference as it gives a wealth of information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clara VanBlargan, MMC, MSM, City Clerk


Maggi Black, Mayor

