

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
Consent Agenda
Meeting of August 6, 2009

TO: City Council Chair & Members of City Council

SUBJECT: City Council Minutes

EXPLANATION: City Council minutes of May 7 and May 14, 2009 are submitted for your approval.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF
THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MAY
7 AND MAY 14, 2009; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the minutes of the City Council meetings held on May 7 and May 14, 2009 are hereby approved.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND SUBSTANCE:

City Attorney or Designee

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REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT CITY HALL

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009, AT 8:34 A. M.

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Chair Jeff Danner called the meeting to order with the following members present: Herbert E. Polson, James R. Kennedy, Jr., William H. Dudley, Leslie Curran, James S. Bennett, Karl Nurse, and Wengay M. Newton, Sr. Mayor Rick Baker, First Deputy Mayor/City Administrator Tish Elston, Chief Assistant City Attorney Mark Winn, City Clerk Eva Andujar and Deputy City Clerk Amelia Preston were also in attendance.

In connection with a report item concerning the Honda Grand Prix, CDA Managing Director Development Coordination Kevin Dunn presented a short video of the Grand Prix and thanked TV Station Manager Mike Ramsey and the Channel 35 staff for their work on the video. He also thanked Channel 35 staff for their assistance and efforts with the Grand Prix and numerous other special events throughout the year. Mr. Dunn introduced Mr. Tim Ramsberger, General Manager for the Grand Prix, who recognized his staff members, Mr. Greg Campbell and Ms. Heather Feldman, and provided comments. Mr. Dunn thanked and paid tribute to City staff who were invited to attend and who introduced themselves. Mr. Dunn thanked Mayor Baker, who worked tirelessly to promote this event, and who provided comments. Mr. Dunn and Mayor Baker thanked staff and Council for their team-wide effort. Council provided comments.

Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Bennett that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council approve the agenda as amended with the following changes:

- MOVE CA-1 Approving the qualifications of 21 contractors for rehabilitation of foreclosed or abandoned homes for the Housing Department at an estimated amount of \$2,500,000. *[Moved to Reports as E-6]*

- REVISE CA-2 Renewing a blanket purchase agreement with Ciba Corporation of Delaware, now part of BASF, for polymer for the Water Resources Department at an estimated annual cost of \$540,000.

- REVISE CB-3 Renewing blanket purchase agreements with the Times Publishing Co., d/b/a St. Petersburg Times, Media General Operations, Inc., d/b/a The Tampa Tribune, The Weekly Challenger Inc., and Potter Media Inc., d/b/a The Pinellas News for newspaper advertisements at an estimated annual cost of \$239,150. *[Revised Price History]*

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- MOVE CB-6 Authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Florida Sports Foundation, Incorporated's Junior Golf Grant Program in the amount of \$35,000 for The First Tee of St. Petersburg Junior Golf Program and to execute a grant agreement and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction. *[Moved to Reports as E-7]*
- ADD G-1 Requesting City Council approve the St. Petersburg Housing Authority's request to designate payment in lieu of taxes to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum. (Councilmember Nurse)
- ADD G-2 Referring to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee for review and consideration the renaming of Preston Avenue South to Paris Avenue South. (Councilmember Nurse)
- INFO H-3 Housing Services Committee. (4/23/09)
- (a) Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 3482 - 16th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$17,000; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.
- (b) Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 2312 - 28th Street South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$16,150; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.

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- (c) Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 3645 - 17th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$34,000; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.
- (d) Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 4676 - 11th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$16,150; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.

- INFO H-4 Council Procedures Committee. (4/30/09)
- (a) Resolution of City Council establishing a reporting policy for certain quarterly financial reports.
- ADD I-1 Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.
- (a) Approving a settlement in the case of the City vs. Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.
 - (b) Approving a lease with Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

Councilmember Bennett moved with the second of Councilmember Polson that the following resolutions be adopted:

- 09-228 Renewing a blanket purchase agreement with Ciba Corporation of Delaware, now part of BASF, for polymer for the Water Resources Department at an estimated annual cost of \$540,000.

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- 09-229 Awarding blanket purchase agreements to Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. and Electrical Engineering Enterprises, Inc. for electrical maintenance and repairs at an estimated annual amount of \$300,000.
- 09-230 Awarding an annual cooperative purchase agreement to Smith Industries, Inc., d/b/a Smith Fence Company, for fencing and repairs at an estimated annual cost of \$300,000.
- 09-231 Renewing blanket purchase agreements with the Times Publishing Co., d/b/a St. Petersburg Times, Media General Operations, Inc., d/b/a The Tampa Tribune, The Weekly Challenger Inc., and Potter Media Inc., d/b/a The Pinellas News for newspaper advertisements at an estimated annual cost of \$239,150.
- 09-232 Awarding a three-year blanket purchase agreement to Software House International for Microsoft Office Professional licenses plus software assurance, for the ICS and Police Departments, at a total cost not to exceed \$142,000.
- 09-233 Consenting to the assignment of the Lease Agreement ("Lease") between the City of St. Petersburg and LouAir Associates, Inc., a Florida for profit corporation, for the use of Hangar No. 4 at Albert Whitted Airport to West Florida Helicopters, Inc., a Florida for profit corporation; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Lease that modifies the use of the Premises. (Requires affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council.)
- 09-234 Approving the renewal of a maintenance agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the purpose of performing roadway sweeping on selected primary roadways in Pinellas County, Florida; and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.
- 09-235 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment to the Agreement for Wholesale Wastewater Service with the City of St. Pete Beach dated November 29, 2001, to address meter maintenance responsibilities and to modify the method for establishing St. Pete Beach's payment of borrowing costs for any additional capacity entitlement.
- 09-236 Approving minutes of the March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26, 2009 City Council meetings.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

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In connection with a public hearing concerning a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan, Housing and Community Development Director Joshua Johnson made a presentation. The Chair asked if there were any persons present wishing to be heard. The following person(s) came forward:

1. Gonzales J. Ortez, 3724 76th Street North, commented on the homeless and asked if this amendment will address this issue.
2. Tee Lassiter, 937 Union Street South, questioned the process and stated that the individuals targeted are not being reached.

Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Kennedy that the following resolution be adopted:

09-237 Approving a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan ("Amendment") to add a new Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program ("HPRP") with funding in the amount of \$914,999 to be allocated to the City from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to establish the HPRP; authorizing the Mayor to submit the Amendment to HUD and to execute all documents necessary to implement the Amendment.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a report item concerning a Pinellas Planning Council Update, Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive the oral update provided by Councilmember Kennedy concerning the Pinellas Planning Council.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a report item, Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Nurse that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive the oral update provided by Chair Danner concerning the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA).

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Roll call. Ayes. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. Bennett.

In connection with a report item, Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive the International Relations Committee oral report provided by Councilmember Kennedy.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a report item concerning a Stimulus Package Update, Internal Services Administrator Michael Connors made a presentation. No action was taken on this item.

In connection with a report item, Purchasing Director Louis Moore made a presentation. Councilmember Nurse moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

09-238 Approving the qualifications of 21 contractors for rehabilitation of foreclosed or abandoned homes for the Housing Department at an estimated amount of \$2,500,000.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a report item, Golf Course Director Jeff Hollis made a presentation. Councilmember Newton moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

09-239 Authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Florida Sports Foundation, Incorporated's Junior Golf Grant Program in the amount of \$35,000 for The First Tee of St. Petersburg Junior Golf Program and to execute a grant agreement and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

The Clerk read the title of proposed Ordinance 1002-V. Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

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BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, be set as the time for the public hearing on proposed Ordinance 1002-V, entitled:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 1002-V

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 989-V, WHICH APPROVED THE VACATION OF AN UNIMPROVED NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH STREETS NORTH, SOUTH OF 110TH AVENUE NORTH, AND THE VACATION OF 206 FEET OF 110TH AVENUE NORTH, LOCATED EAST OF 4TH STREET NORTH; SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AMENDING THE CONDITION RELATING TO THE WIDTH AND PURPOSE OF AN EASEMENT TO BE RETAINED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a new business item, Councilmember Nurse moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

09-240 Accepting the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), in the amount of \$21,103, from the St. Petersburg Housing Authority and providing authorization to the City Administration to enter into a grant contract with the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African Museum in the amount of \$21,103 to support its continuing operations.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a new business item, Councilmember Nurse moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council refer the renaming of Preston Avenue South (entire length) to Paris Avenue South to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee for review and consideration.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

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In connection with a Budget, Finance and Taxation Committee report, Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

09-241 Approving changes to the application of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for Community Development Block Grant funding that 1) modify the Project description, 2) reduce the number of jobs provided to four full time jobs and 3) reduce the number of households served from 252 to 163 and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. Polson. Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

09-242 Terminating, within ten days of May 18, 2009, the Securities Lending Agreement with Wachovia Global Securities Lending.

Roll call: Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Nays. None. Absent. Curran. Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive and file the April 23, 2009 Budget, Finance and Taxation Committee report.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Nays. None. Absent. Curran.

In connection with a Public Services and Infrastructure Committee report, Councilmember Nurse moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive and file the April 23, 2009 Public Services and Infrastructure Committee report.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. Dudley.

In connection with a Housing Services Committee report, Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Newton that the following resolutions be adopted:

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- 09-243 Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 3482 - 16th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$17,000; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.
- 09-244 Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 2312 - 28th Street South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$16,150; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.
- 09-245 Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 3645 - 17th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$34,000; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.
- 09-246 Authorizing the Mayor to purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, one (1) bank-owned, foreclosed and unoccupied parcel located at 4676 - 11th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, for the sum of \$16,150; to pay closing related costs not to exceed \$7,500; to rehabilitate or redevelop the property for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and to sell the property in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Section 2301(d)(2) of Housing and Economic Recovery Act 2008; and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate same.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None. Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Polson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive and file the April 23, 2009 Housing Services Committee report.

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Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a Council Procedures Committee report, Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Kennedy that the following resolution be adopted:

09-247 Establishing a Reporting Policy for certain quarterly financial reports.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None. Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Kennedy that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council receive and file the April 30, 2009 Council Procedures Committee report.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with a Legal item, Chief Assistant City Attorney Mark Winn and Assistant City Attorney Jeannie Hoffmann made a presentation. Councilmember Kennedy announced a conflict of interest (represented Mr. Sockol in the past) and left the Chamber see attached Memorandum of Voting Conflict. Councilmember Polson moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Council approve the settlement and lease regarding Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.

Councilmember Nurse moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following substitution resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Legal revise the settlement agreement to require a review of Fresco's every 365 days by the City concerning noise violations and if in default due to noise, the lease will be terminated and revise the lease to extend the term for the remaining five year period subject to a review by the City as to whether or not Fresco's is in default due to noise violation and if so, the lease will be terminated and that Legal bring this item back to City Council at the next meeting.

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Roll call. Ayes. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. Bennett. Kennedy.

In connection with the Open Forum portion of the agenda, the following person(s) came forward:

1. Gonzales J. Ortez, 600 40th Street North, discussed City subsidies, the FY 2010 Budget and expressed opposition to the Security staff's search of the public.
2. Tee Lassiter, 937 Union Street South, suggested marketing the Stimulus Program in the Weekly Challenger in an effort to be more inclusive.
3. Hamilton Hanson, 204 37th Avenue North, commented on budget cost reductions ignored by the City and the use of Stimulus funds to address the budget shortfall. He stated the budget should be based on the cost to operate necessary and basic services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Jeff Danner, Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: _____
Eva Andujar, City Clerk

REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT CITY HALL

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009, AT 3:02 P.M.

Chair Jeff Danner called the meeting to order with the following members present: Herbert Polson, James R. Kennedy, William H. Dudley, James S. Bennett, Karl Nurse and Wengay Newton. Absent: Leslie Curran. Deputy Mayor Dave Metz, Chief Assistant City Attorney Mark Winn, Assistant City Attorney Jeanne Hoffmann and Deputy City Clerk Amelia Preston were also in attendance.

Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Dudley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that Council approve the agenda with the following additions:

Add C-9 Proclamation recognizing National Black Nurses Day.

Add F. 1 Requesting approval of an EMS Ad Hoc Committee.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

Mayor Baker presented a proclamation recognizing May 17 – 23, 2009 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week to Fire Chief of Rescue Williams Ward.

Fire Chief of Rescue William Ward made a presentation recognizing Allie Hood, Allen Nieves and James Metevia as the 2009 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) of the Year. He commented briefly that the public can stop by any of the Fire Stations to have their blood pressure checked at no charge because coronary heart disease remains the nations' leading cause of death and they also offer CPR and First Aid Classes both at a health care level and basic level.

Fire Chief of Rescue Williams Ward recognized Rick Chipeto as the 2009 Paramedic of the Year for the State of Florida.

Council Member Nurse introduced Mr. Tom Zurflieh who is a relative of the Late Thomas Campbell whom Campbell Park was name in honor, made a presentation to City Services Administrator Clarence Scott along with a DVD, pamphlet and portrait of the late Thomas Campbell. Mayor Baker thanked him for the addition to the treasures to the City of St. Petersburg.

Council Member Bennett read a proclamation to Amanda Patanow, President, and Julie Rizik, 1st Vice President, of the League of Women Voters celebrating their 70 years of service.

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Council Member Polson presented the Student Citizen of the Month Award to A. J. Augustine, a senior at Admiral Farragut who has maintained a 4.2 GPA.

Mayor Baker presented the Earl B. Phelps Award to Ron Nelson, Dwight Wilson and George Cassady who accepted on behalf of the Northeast Water Reclamation Facility.

William Ruefle, Ph.D. Criminology Program and Hugh B. Tulloch, Regional Manager Senior Guidance Products, introduced a presentation by University of South Florida students regarding Police/Crime and Economic Development as reflected in the data they received from the Police Department for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida Midtown and Downtown areas. Mayor Baker made some brief comments and thanked the students for the presentation.

Mayor Baker read the proclamation proclaiming St. Petersburg as A City of Writers which has been a home for many important writers, including James Michener, Anne Hull, Elie Wiesel, John Hope Franklin, Eugene Patterson, Peter Meinke, Tom French, Dennis Lehane, Sterling Watson, Ray Arsenault, Gary Mormino and many others.

Mayor Baker read a proclamation designating Peter Meinke as St. Petersburg's First Poet Laureate who built an international reputation as a prize-winning author and has taught at Eckerd College and continues to share his poetry with schools and institutions here and around the nation.

Vice Chair Curran introduced Jackson Crawford, Student from Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCCA) at Gibbs High School, who made a presentation and asked the public for donations/contributions to help with their trip to the 15th Annual American High School Theatre Festival to be held at the International Fringe Festival in Edinburg, Scotland in August 2009.

Mayor Baker read a Proclamation proclaiming Sunday May 17, 2009 as National Black Nurses Day and presented it to Evelyn Gardner and Janie Johnson.

In connection with a Legal Item, Assistant City Attorney Jeanne Hoffmann made a brief presentation regarding the proposed Settlement Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease between the City and Fresco's Ristorante, LLC. Councilmember Newton moved with the second of Councilmember Curran that the following resolutions be adopted:

09-248 Approving a settlement in the case of the City vs. Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.

09-249 Approving a lease with Fresco's Ristorante, LLC.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

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In connection with an item of new business, Councilmember Curran moved with the second of Councilmember Polson that the following resolution be adopted:

09-250 Approving the appointment of an EMS Ad Hoc Committee.

Roll call. Ayes. Bennett. Nurse. Newton. Danner. Polson. Kennedy. Dudley. Curran. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Public Forum, Tim Finch, Budget Director, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation. The Chair asked if there were any persons present who wished to be heard. The following person (s) came forward:

1. Regine Behoff, 1901 Michigan Avenue N.E, suggested that the next Budget Forum be announced.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Jeff Danner Chair-Councilmember
Presiding Officer of the City Council

ATTEST: _____
Amelia Preston, Deputy City Clerk