

City of St. Petersburg
PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Meeting of MARCH 13, 2014 – 9:15 A.M.
City Hall, Room 100

Members and Alternates: Committee Chair William “Bill” Dudley, Vice Chair Steve Kornell, Councilmembers Wengay Newton, Darden Rice, and James Kennedy (alternate)

Support Staff: Ken Betz, primary staff support and Brian Campbell, backup staff support

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. [February 27, 2014](#)
- D. New Business
 - 1. Sea Level Rise - Mike Connors
- E. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. March 27, 2014
 - (a) Unimproved Alleys - P. Lazzara
 - (b) Pedal Pub - CM Dudley
 - 2. April 10, 2014
 - (a) Vertical Elements on Central Avenue Bulbouts - J. Kubicki
- F. Pending/Continued Referrals -
 - 1. [Referral Chart](#)
- G. Adjournment

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PS&I Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014 at 9:23 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair William Dudley, Vice Chair Steve Kornell, Councilmembers Darden Rice, and Jim Kennedy, Alternate.

ABSENT: Councilmember Newton.

ALSO: Chief Assistant City Attorney, Gary Cornwell, City Administrator; Dave Goodwin, Director Planning & Economic Development; Todd Yost, Director Codes Compliance Robert Gerdes, Manager Codes Compliance; Ken Betz, Manager Golf Course Operations; Brian Campbell, Information & Communications Services; Judy Tenison, City Council Aide and Cathy E. Davis, Deputy City Clerk.

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order with the above persons present. Birthday wishes were then extended by the committee to Chairman Dudley.

Councilmember Newton was reported present at 9:25 a.m.

In connection with the approval of the meeting agenda Vice-Chair Kornell motioned that the agenda be approved as submitted. All were in favor of the motion. Ayes. Dudley. Kornell. Newton. Rice. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with the approval of the February 13th meeting minutes, Councilmember Member Newton motioned that the minutes be approved as submitted. All were in favor of the motion. Ayes. Dudley. Kornell. Newton. Rice. Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with presentation of Sign Ordinance Updates, Dave Goodwin, introduced Robert Gerdes, New Codes Compliance Manager. Mr. Gerdes reported that the sign ordinance was first brought to the PS & I Committee in June of 2011 and after several meetings and reviews, staff is comfortable with the current, updated sign ordinance. Mr. Gerdes then presented a Power Point presentation, containing eight (8) different sign types: Nonconforming Signs, Abandoned Signs, Historic Signs, Electronic Message Centers, Large Facility Signs, Flags, Human Signs, and Three Dimensional Signs.

In connection with committee discussion the following comments, questions and observations were made:

Councilmember Kennedy inquired if the city had been sued as a result of the ordinance. Attorney Winn responded yes and provided an overview of the current litigation regarding electronic signage. Councilmember Kennedy also asked of staff if there were any recommendations concerning additional changes to the ordinance. Staff noted there were none at this time.

Councilmember Kornell thanked the staff for their hard work in connection with the ordinance.

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Councilmember Gerdes asked how the number of signs on a site are counted and used as an example a site consisting of the following: a building sign, free standing and human. Mr. Gerdes responded the number in this case would be three (3) and noted each have limits as to the number allowed on a site. Councilmember Gerdes also commented regarding ordinance violations and fines and asked if there was a need to increase the fine for frequent violators and stated as example that he has received feedback concerning a business who has received a number of violations in a short period of time cited for the violations and paid the fines. Mr. Gerdes commented regarding the matter and stated staff is currently reviewing the option of increasing the fine for violators.

Councilmember Foster commented she had received feedback from citizens and business owners within and around the Grand Central District who have expressed concerns and felt the ordinance was limiting and impacting their businesses. Mr. Goodwin commented that routinely some businesses want more signage however stated he felt a balance must be kept and the ordinance could amended however currently he feels we have a good standard that addresses both needs of the business and the community.

Chair Dudley asked if the city had control of the message on signs. Attorney Winn responded the city had no control of the message as long as it was legal.

Councilmember Gerdes also commented in connection with feedback he has received concerning signs and stated there was an employment component to the human sign.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS

		TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	MEETING DATE(S)	RETURN DATE	STAFF	SPECIAL NOTES
1	Public Safety	Public Safety <i>(From Goal Setting Workshop)</i>	06/11/12	Council	06/14/12 – Video	Date to be obtained by CM Dudley	<i>SPPD</i> Chief Harmon	A presentation responding to select public safety items discussed during City Council's Goal Setting Workshop. Items extracted from that list for discussion include: 1) drug activity; 2) proactive policing; 3) expansion of uniformed personnel; 4) citizen involvement (volunteers) / crime watch.
2	Code Change	Towing Ordinance	04/19/12	Newton		TBD		Referral Document
3	Code Change	Urban Farming	07/12/12	Nurse	06/13/13 - Video	December 2013	<i>Planning & EcoDev</i> Goodwin Lazzara Kilborn	Referral Document On 12/12/13 referred to staff for further clarification.
4	Policy or Program Change	Unimproved Alleys	12/20/12	Nurse	3/27/2014	TBD	<i>Zoning Department</i> Lazzara	Referral Document
5	Policy or Program Change	Yellow Light Study	4/4/13	Gerdes	06/13/13 - Video	January 2014	<i>Trans.Parking Mgt.</i> Kubicki	Referral Document On 1/16/2014 referred to City Council Workshop
6	Capital Projects	Downtown Intermodal Facility Study	10/07/09	Staff	10/22/09 02/11/10 07/29/10 08/12/10 - Video	Late 2014 / Early 2015	<i>Trans.Parking Mgt.</i> Kubicki	Report on site evaluations and RFP. CM Danner gave brief update on 3/28/13. Tabled until late 2014 / early 2015.
7	Policy or Program Change	Chain Link Fencing (Central)	08/22/13	Danner	09/12/13	TBD	<i>Planning & EcoDev</i> Goodwin	Referral Document
8	Code Change	Sea Level Rise	12/5/13	Kornell	03/13/2014		<i>Public Works</i> Mike Connors	Proposed Ordinance No. 101-H

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9	Policy or Program Change	2013 Municipal Equality Index Ranking	12/5/13	Kornell				From City Council Meeting 12/5/2013.
10	Policy or Program Change	Honey Bee Infestation	11/25/13	Kornell	1/30/2014			1/30/2014 – Sent to City Staff for investigation and review.
11	Code Change	Additional Sworn Code Enforcement Officers	11/25/2013	Kornell			<i>Neighborhood Affairs Mike Dove</i>	From City Council Meeting 11/25/2013.
12	Code Change	After Hours Permit Fee	12/19/2013	Danner				From City Council Meeting 12/19/2013.
13	Code Change	Skateboarding	1/23/2014	Nurse	April, 2014			From City Council Meeting 1/23/2014. Sent to Legal to update ordinance.
14	Code Change	Tree Ordinance	1/23/2014	Kornell				Discussion to include, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having one city department as the point of contact for all tree-related permits. 2. Providing penalties for contractors who do not pull permits. 3. Increased penalties for contractors who are repeat offenders.
15	Capital Projects	Vertical Elements on Central Avenue Bulbouts	1/30/2014	Danner	04/10/2014		<i>Trans.Parking Mgt. Kubicki</i>	Based Upon the Adopted Streetscape plan.
16	Code Change	Pedal Pub	2/27/2014	Dudley	3/27/2014			Referred by Council Member Dudley to have owner of Pedal Pub make a presentation about her business.

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2	Code Change	Mobile Food Trucks	10/20/11	Curran	11/03/11 12/08/11 - Video 02/23/12 - Video 03/22/12 - Video 05/30/13 - Video		Planning & EcoDev Goodwin Kilborn	http://www.stpete.org/LegisStream/MG278556/AS278557/AS278571/AI284216/DO284217/DO_284217.PDF An overview of "mobile food trucks" and options for allowing their operation in St. Petersburg.