

City of St. Petersburg
PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Meeting of APRIL 10, 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. [March 27, 2014](#)
- D. New Business
 - 1. Vertical Elements on Central Avenue Bulbouts - Joe Kubicki
- E. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. April 24, 2014
 - (a) Codes Department Strategic Updates - T. Yost
 - 2. May 8, 2014
 - (a) Tree Ordinance - D. Goodwin
 - 3. May 22, 2014
 - (a) Foreclosure Registry Update - T. Yost
- F. Continued/Deferred Business -
 - 1. [Pending and Continuing Referral List](#)
- G. Adjournment

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
PS&I Committee Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2014 at 9:17 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Newton.

ALSO: Mark Winn, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Gary Cornwell, City Administrator; Joe Kubicki, Transportation & Parking Director; Michael Dove, Neighborhood Services Administrator; Susie Ajoc, Neighborhood Services Director; Dave Goodwin, Director Planning & Economic Development; Ken Betz, Manager Golf Course Operations; Brian Campbell, Information & Communications Services; Christa Bertelson, Manager of the St. Petersburg Pedal Pub Judy Tenison, City Council Aide and Cathy E. Davis, Deputy City Clerk.

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order with the above persons present.

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.

Unimproved Alleys

Chair Dudley introduced Council Member Nurse who initiated the subject of Unimproved Alleys. Council Member Nurse gave a brief overview of the problem of overgrown, narrow (10 feet or less) alleys. He asked for suggestions to eliminate these areas by the possibility of moving residents' fences back to back to eliminate the alleys.

Dave Goodwin spoke on the complexity of the topic and explained there are 57 alleys that are 10 feet in width or less throughout the City. He also spoke about the option of vacation with 51% of property owners in agreement. If vacated, an easement must be put into place with 100% of property owner approval, by the time consuming and generally unsuccessful process of having each individual property owner sign an easement agreement. Most all of the alleys contain underground utilities thus requiring an easement to replace any vacated ROW. If easement signatures from every property owner are not obtained the ROW vacation expires.

Councilmember Newton was reported present at 9:45 a.m.

Mark Winn explained the City has the right to the right-of-way, but the City may not have the right to retain a utility if the ROW is vacated, unless a written utility easement is established. He is continuing to do research on how other local governments nationwide meet the challenge of vacating unimproved alleys. He also suggested that the solutions proposed could be discussed in neighborhood association meetings to help address the problem.

Council Member Gerdes asked if the City could fund a capital program to clean the alleys one time, and, from that point, it would be the property owners' responsibility to maintain the alleys. He feels the homeowners need an incentive to take part in maintaining these areas.

Council Member Nurse recommended that where there are alleys 10 feet or less, there can be an agreement between residents to move their fences.

Council Member Rice questioned if the alleys needed lighting and if the City could install fences at the residents' expense.

Following committee discussion Councilmember Nurse motioned that City staff draft a pilot program in designated neighborhoods to evaluate the feasibility and time constraints of this topic. All were in favor of the motion. Ayes: Dudley. Kornell. Rice. Newton. Nays. None. Absent. None.

Pedal Pub

Chair Dudley introduced Christa Bertelson, Manager of the St. Petersburg Pedal Pub, who gave an update on the Pedal Pub and to make a request for customers to be allowed adult beverages (beer and wine) while riding on the Pedal Pub. She gave examples of Sanford and Daytona Beach where beer and wine are allowed on the Pedal Pubs. She feels they cannot be successful without allowing drinking on board, and she said that the company would be willing to endure the costs of added liability.

Council Member Newton questioned the City's liability and if there had been any complaints to the Police. Ms. Bertelson responded in here discussion with Sgt. Gary Dukeman there were no issues or complaints of the police department. Ms. Bertelson also commented briefly regarding the economic impact to the city and stated currently they conduct about 10 tours per month at a cost of \$40 per person for a total of \$6,000 monthly and if allowed to have alcohol on board the numbers would possibly increase to 75-100 tours per month at \$40 per person.

Council Member Kennedy questioned if alcohol was permitted on board, would it be the Pedal Pub's responsibility to manage customer behavior. Ms. Bertelson responded that it would be Pedal Pub's responsibility to manager customer behavior and staff has been trained on the same subject.

Council Member Gerdes questioned if the number of drinks brought on to the Pedal Pub could be limited.

Council Member Rice discussed the route for the Pedal Pub.

Following discussion Councilmember Kennedy motioned and asked that Legal investigate the ordinance which would allow beer and wine to be brought on board the Pedal Pub and to have the Police Department and Transportation Department involved in this ordinance. All were in favor of the motion. Ayes: Dudley. Rice. Newton. Kennedy (Alternate). Nays. None. Absent. Kornell.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 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 City staff to draft a pilot program in designated neighborhoods to evaluate the feasibility and time constraints of this topic.
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	TBD	<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	TBD			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	Codes Department Strategic Updates/ Additional Sworn Code Enforcement Officers	11/25/2013	Kornell	4/24/2014		Todd Yost	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				Sent to Legal to update Ordinance.
14	Code Change	Tree Ordinance	1/23/2014	Kornell	05/08/2014			Discussion to include, but not limited to: 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.</i> Kubicki	Based Upon the Adopted Streetscape plan.
16	Code Change	Pedal Pub	2/27/2014	Dudley	3/27/2014			Legal to investigate the ordinance which would allow beer and wine to be brought on board the Pedal Pub and to have the Police Department and Transportation Department involved in the ordinance.

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17	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		<i>Planning & EcoDev</i> 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.
18	Policy or Program Change	Foreclosure Registry Update	03/31/14	Dudley	04/22/2014		<i>Yost</i>	Referred by Council Member Dudley .
19	Policy or Program Change	Duke Energy Presentation	303/06/14	Kornell	TBD		<i>Yost</i>	Referred by Council Member Kornell from City Council Meeting 03/06/14.