

City of St. Petersburg
PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Meeting of APRIL 9, 2015 – 9:15 A.M.
City Hall, Room 100

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

Support Staff: Blaise Mazzola, primary support staff; Mika Nelson, Backup staff support

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. [March 26, 2015](#)
- D. New Business
 - 1. Strengthening the current Ordinance to prevent lawn clippings from entering the stormwater drainage system. (Jordan Wolfgram, Legal Department)
- E. Upcoming Meetings - April 23, 2015 -
 - 1. Short-term improvements in regulating noise downtown. (Mark Winn, Legal Department; Major Sharon Carron, Police Department; Lieutenant Markus Hughes, Police Department)
- F. Adjournment
 - 1. [Pending and Continuing Referral List](#)

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
March 26, 2015 @ 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Committee Chair Bill Dudley; James R. Kennedy, Jr., Darden Rice, Steve Kornell and Amy Foster (alternate)

ALSO PRESENT: Council Members Charlie Gerdes and Karl Nurse; John Wolfe, City Attorney; Sharon Michnowicz, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Winn, Assistant City Attorney; Jordan Wolfgram, Assistant City Attorney; Evan Mory, Director, Transportation and Parking Management; Derek Kilborn, Urban Planning and Historical Preservation Manager, Planning and Economic Development, Major Sharon Carron, SPPD; Lieutenant Markus Hughes, SPPD; Support Staff : Blaise Mazzola, Claims Supervisor and primary support staff; Mika Nelson, Library Director and backup support staff; and Patricia Beneby, Deputy City Clerk

Committee Chair Dudley opened the meeting with roll call. Councilmember Kornell moved with the second of Councilmember Rice for approval of the Agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Rice for approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2015 PSI meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, changes to existing City Code Section 26-152, time limits and certain other restrictions and requirements where signs are officially posted, primarily in the downtown area, Evan Mory presented a PowerPoint which included the current code, proposed restrictions, signage, and description of other cities policies. Mr. Mory also provided an Ordinance with two proposed amendments to the City Code applying parking limitations to all streets where signs are officially posted and providing that moving a vehicle from one space to another on the same block face without traveling through an intersection constitutes a continuous parking period. Councilmember Kornell moved with the second of Councilmember Kennedy to forward the Ordinance with the Committee Report to full Council to be heard at the next Council meeting (April 2) for First Reading and setting the public hearing date. All were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Gerdes suggested staff review the possibility of offering transportation such as the Looper or PSTA as an optional add on to City monthly parking garage customers.

In connection with New Business/Referrals from Council:

- a) Strengthening the current ordinance to prevent lawn clippings from entering the storm drainage system. (Councilmember Newton)

Jordan Wolfgram, Assistant City Attorney, provided the Committee with the applicable City Code pertaining to the matter, and indicated that the current ordinance addresses Councilmember Newton's concerns. Councilmember Kornell suggested that education of the issue to the public is important. Councilmember Gerdes indicated that the amount of the fines may have been the concern of Councilmember Newton, who was not present. Discussion was held regarding the amount of the fines, lawn service companies receiving a higher fine than an individual homeowner, and providing warning to first time offenders. Councilmember Dudley suggested that as part of the educational process the City create a hand bill that could be handed out. The Legal staff was directed to review the Committee's suggestions and return to the next Committee meeting of April 9, 2015.

b) Short-term improvements in regulating noise downtown. (Councilmember Nurse)

Councilmember Nurse discussed that the current ordinance is ineffective and suggested that a solution could be a time limits pertaining to how late an entity can leave their doors ajar and on utilizing amplified speakers outdoors. Major Sharon Carron suggested shutting windows as well, and indicated that majority of businesses comply with the current ordinance but others use the amplified music to attract customers. Mark Winn indicated that Legal will review the noise ordinance and figure out how to address all of the concerns and bring back to the Committee on April 23, 2015. It was suggested that the proposed amendments be shared with the Chamber of Commerce.

c) Initiation of the historical designation process for the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum building. (Councilmember Kornell)

Councilmember Kornell provided a background to this referral item stressing the historical value of this building. Derek Kilborn provided a two page memorandum describing the history of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum. Councilmember Kornell moved with the second of Councilmember Rice for staff to submit a resolution to Council recommending the historical designation of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum building. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS

		TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	MEETING DATE(S)	RETURN DATE	STAFF	SPECIAL NOTES
1	Policy or Program Change	Unimproved Alleys	12/20/2012	Nurse	03/27/14, 1/15/15	07/2015	Codes Compliance Assistance Todd Yost Planning and Economic Development Dave Goodwin	Referral Document City staff to provide a 6 month update of efforts to improve maintenance of “unused” alleys through utilization of community information and code enforcement.
2	Code Change	Mitigation of noise associated with construction projects that utilize pile driving through amending ordinance.	11/06/2014	Nurse	11/24/14, 3/12/15	09/2015	Planning and Economic Development Dave Goodwin	Referral Document
		Use of city streets during construction projects	1/22/15		1/29/15, 3/12/15			Referral Document 2 Referrals have been combined, staff to form task force and return to PS&I in September 2015
3	Code Change	Modification of existing ordinance to allow for wet zone(s) on particular days and specific hours and to include the opportunity for fundraising for the Arts endowment.	12/4/14	Kennedy	12/11/14	TBD	Legal	Referral Document Councilmember Kennedy to reach out to Edge District to gauge level of interest and bring back to committee at an unspecified time.
4	Code Change	City Code Section 16.60.030.2, Nonconforming Lots and Grandfathered Situations	12/4/14	Kornell	12/11/14, 3/12/15	TBD	Planning and Economic Development Dave Goodwin	Referral Document Legal and Planning & Economic Development to work on making the code clearer and return to the PS&I Committee at a date to be determined.
5	Code Change	Strengthening current ordinance to prevent lawn clippings from entering stormwater system.	2/5/15	Newton	3/12/15 , 3/26/15	4/9/15	Legal Jordan Wolfgram	Referral Document
6	Code Change	Short Term Improvements Regulating Noise Downtown	2/5/15	Nurse	3/12/15, 3/26/15	4/23/15	Mark Winn Legal Major Sharon Carron; Lt. Markus Hughes Police Dept	Referral Document