

City of St. Petersburg  
**Public Services & Infrastructure Committee**  
Meeting of June 11, 2015 - 9:15 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 100

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Members: Chair Bill Dudley; Vice-Chair Steve Kornell  
Council Members: Jim Kennedy and Darden Rice

Alternate(s): Amy Foster

Support Staff: Mika Nelson, primary support staff; Michael Vineyard, backup staff support

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Agenda

3) Approval of Minutes

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4) New Business

Pedal Pub / Horse drawn carriages (Evan Mory)

5) Upcoming Meetings

July 16, 2015

TBD

5) Adjournment

Attachments:  
PS&I Minutes May 21, 2015  
Pending and Continuing Referral List

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting  
May 21, 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; Gary Cornwell, City Administrator; Jacqueline Kovilaritch, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Mark Winn, Assistant City Attorney; Heather Judd, Assistant City Attorney; Major Sharon Carron, Police Department; Lieutenant Markus Hughes, Police Department, Lieutenant Cleven Wyatt, Police Department; Evan Mory, Transportation and Parking Management Director; Mike Frederick, Manager Neighborhood Transportation, Travis Norton, Chamber of Commerce; 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 Kennedy moved with the second of Councilmember Rice for approval of the Agenda. Ayes: Dudley, Kennedy, Rice, Foster; Nays: None. Councilmember Kornell entered the meeting. Councilmember Kennedy moved for approval of the minutes for the April 23, 2015 PSI meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, Emergency/Disaster Plan for Low Flood Prone Areas, Mike Connors, provided an oral report outlining various departmental responsibilities during an emergency/disaster situation. Lt. Scott MacDonald added a synopsis of the Police Department's roll during these events including evacuation, traffic, shelters, security investigation, re-entry, communication, and education. Councilmember Kornell stressed the importance of having a plan if the Gandy, Skyway, and Howard Frankland Bridge system closes early during the evacuation process. Councilmember Kennedy added that vehicles can cause additional damage to property by driving through areas that have been flooded by causing a wake. Councilmember Nurse commented that in Florida there is no true evacuation, he encourages his employees that reside in flood zones to make arrangements with coworkers who live in non-evacuation zones. Chris Daily a resident of Shore Acres spoke on his experiences with flooding in his neighborhood and stated that he has full confidence during events that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is open, but has concerns about smaller events which may not activate the EOC. Mr. Daily spoke about 2012's Tropical Storm Debby and the issues that Shore Acres faced including citizens causing large wakes that forced water into homes unnecessarily. He added that at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Shore Acres Neighborhood Association meeting residents unanimously voted "yes" to restricting access to residents only during an event. Mr. Connors feels the request to be reasonable, but believes a motorist check point to be more appropriate, thus allowing non-residents to enter if there is an acceptable need. Councilmember Nurse questioned if the people was being educated on water proofing their home, and Councilmember Kennedy suggested an educational program for the neighborhood regarding water proofing their home. Councilmember Dudley commented that this is a quality of life issue and thanked Mr. Daily for his efforts. The members of the committee thanked staff and Mr. Daily for their presentation.

In connection with the new business, Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, Councilmember Foster opened the discussion by providing some background on this referral. Mike Dove provided a memo, draft ordinance, and a detailed flow chart. Mr. Dove explained that the intention of the ordinance is to identify nuisance properties earlier and have property owner involvement to correct the issue. The ordinance defines the type of violations associated with what will become labeled as a “chronic nuisance” property. Mr. Dove stated that there will be a series of opportunities for a property owner to remedy a situation, if after all of these opportunities they are not in compliance then the cost of future services to abate nuisance activities at the property will be assessed to the property. Mark Winn offered a few legal concerns. First, generally law enforcement fees are paid by tax dollars. Second, special assessments are not typically services and historically have not been placed on tax rolls. Councilmember Kennedy questioned the “charge concept” and if conviction was necessary. Councilmember Gerdes believes that the concerns regarding special assessments are valid and prefers a three charge in 30 day period, rather than a seven in 90 day. Councilmember Kornell believes that it is critically important to enforce this city wide and thanked staff for their efforts. Councilmember Rice questioned when a Written Action Plan does not work, when will the City determine to use discretion or penalize the property owner. Major McKinney assured Councilmember Kornell that enforcement will be across the board. Councilmember Foster believes that follow-up and monitoring will be key to success. Councilmember Kornell moved to forward the Ordinance to full Council (June 4) with the Committee Report for First Reading and setting the public hearing date. All were in favor of the motion.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be held on May 28, 2015 with the following items for discussion:

- 1) City Code 16.60.030.2, Nonconforming Lots and Grandfathered Situations (Dave Goodwin)
- 2) Door-to-Door Solicitation Ordinance (Jackie Kovilaritch)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

## PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS

		TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	MEETING DATE(S)	RETURN DATE	STAFF	SPECIAL NOTES
1	Policy or Program Change	<b>Unimproved Alleys</b>	12/20/2012	Nurse	03/27/14,1/15/15	07/2015	Codes Compliance Assistance Todd Yost  Planning and Economic Development Dave Goodwin	<a href="#">Referral Document</a> 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	<b>Mitigation of noise associated with construction projects that utilize pile driving through amending ordinance.</b>	11/06/2014	Nurse	11/24/14, 3/12/15	09/2015	Planning and Economic Development Dave Goodwin	<a href="#">Referral Document</a>
		<b>Use of city streets during construction projects.</b>	1/22/15		1/29/15, 3/12/15			<a href="#">Referral Document 2</a>  Referrals have been combined, staff to form task force and return to PS&I in September 2015
3	Code Change	<b>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.</b>	12/4/14	Kennedy	12/11/14	TBD	City Legal	<a href="#">Referral Document</a> 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	<b>Transportation such as the Looper or PSTA as an optional add on to City monthly parking garage customers.</b>	2/5/15	Dudley	3/12/15, 3/26/15	TBD	Transportation and Parking  Evan Mory	<a href="#">Referral Document</a> CM Dudley’s original referral involved proposed changes to City Code Section 26-152,CM Kennedy requested this item remain on the pending list ; staff will review the possibility of offering transportation such as the Looper or PSTA as an optional add on to City monthly parking garage customers as CM Gerdes suggested during the 3/26/15 PSI
5	Policy or Program Change  Code Change	<b>Pedal Pub/Horse Drawn Carriages</b>	4/16/15	Nurse	4/23/15	6/11/15	Evan Mory Transportation & Parking	<a href="#">Referral Document</a> Staff to return with report on 6/11/15.