

City of St. Petersburg
Public Services & Infrastructure Committee
Meeting of January 14, 2016 - 9:15 a.m.
City Hall, Room 100

Members: Committee Vice-Chair Steve Kornell, Council Members Jim Kennedy, Charlie Gerdes, Darden Rice and Ed Montanari

Alternate(s): Council Chair Amy Foster

Support Staff: Mike Vineyard, primary support staff; John Norris, backup support staff

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) The Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a) December 10, 2015
 - b) December 17, 2015
- 5) New Business
 - a) None
- 6) Upcoming Meetings
 - a) January 28, 2016 - Noise Ordinance – Mark Winn, Legal
 - b) February 11, 2016
TBD
- 7) Adjournment

Attachments: Minutes of December 10, 2015 Committee Meeting
Minutes of December 17, 2015 Committee Meeting
Pending and Continuing Referral List

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
December 10, 2015 @ 9:15 a.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmembers Charlie Gerdes and Karl Nurse; Jackie Kovilaritch, City Attorney; Jordan Wolfgram, Assistant City Attorney; Support Staff - Michael Vineyard, Park Operations Manager and backup support staff John Norris, Stormwater & Traffic Operations Director; Patricia Beneby, Deputy City Clerk; Adam Tebrugge, ACLU Representative and Sasha Lohn-McDermott, Police Legal

Committee Chair Dudley opened the meeting with roll call. Councilmember Kennedy moved for approval of the Agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Kornell moved for approval of the November 24, 2015 PSI minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with new business, Marijuana Civil Citation Program, Councilmember Kornell provided background information on the proposed adoption of a Marijuana Civil Citation Program in St. Petersburg for possession of amounts less than twenty (20) grams by adults. Mr. Adam Tebrugge, American Civil Liberties Union, provided his perspective on the proposed program from a criminal defense attorney and association with the Sarasota Chapter of the ACLU standpoint. He pointed out an arrest for a minimal amount results in a one (1) year suspension of driver's license, cost of probation to the offender and cost to law enforcement in terms of follow up and court appearances. Sasha Lohn-McDermott, Police Legal, reviewed information on various municipalities and counties that are in the process of or have implemented a program of this type. She proceeded to answer discussion questions from councilmembers.

Discussion continued regarding the disparity across racial and economic ranges, how these arrests can impact the offender's future employment and finances, evaluation and treatment of the offender, tracking data to determine efficacy, officer discretion in issuance, number of citations allowed, community service and costs.

Councilmember Kennedy suggested the County Commission also look at the program. Mr. Tebrugge recommended discussion with the Clerk of the Court since most citations are enforce through the court system and that the Clerk of Court is willing to participate. Mr. Tebrugge indicated that a treatment program is not necessarily needed for everyone, and that a multiple offender may need the treatment program as oppose to an individual that may have only used once.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to provide a resolution requesting Pinellas County implement a program while simultaneously requesting Legal and Police Legal to draft an Ordinance implementing a program and bring back to the next Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
December 17, 2015 @ 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Committee Chair Bill Dudley; Vice-Chair Steve Kornell, Councilmembers James R. Kennedy, Jr., and Darden Rice

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmembers Charlie Gerdes and Karl Nurse; Chief Assistant City Attorney Jeannine Williams; Support Staff: Mike Vineyard, Park Operations Manager and primary; John Norris, Stormwater & Traffic Operations Director and backup; Doug Linder, Police Athletic League, Bruce Grimes, Property Management & Realty Services Director; Mike Jefferis, Parks & Recreation Director; and Patricia Beneby, Deputy City Clerk

Committee Chair Dudley opened the meeting with roll call. Councilmember Kennedy moved for approval of the Agenda. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with new business, Police Athletic League Building, Bruce Grimes, Real Estate, provided an overview of the Police Athletic League (PAL) lease with the City. This included cost sharing on certain items such as roofing and HVAC. Lessee bears full cost of all other maintenance, repairs and operating costs. This lease is as consistent as possible with similar leases the City maintains with other non-profit organizations. Councilmember Gerdes questioned if it was typical that our leases include the lessee paying for property and liability insurance which Mr. Grimes confirmed. Mike Jefferis, Parks & Recreation, presented a recap of repairs to the PAL building since 1995 and how they were funded. He continued that the repairs were not the only support the City provides, as the City's Parks & Recreation Department conducts ongoing minor repairs, pressure cleaning, landscaping, grounds and parking lot maintenance.

Mr. Doug Linder, Police Athletic League, discussed that property insurance is one of the largest hurdles for his organization due to the age of the building. With such an old building, insurers require packaging property and liability insurance. He requested the City provide the property insurance and relieve the deductible. He could then obtain liability insurance from National Association of Police Athletic/Activities League for a considerably smaller amount thus freeing up funding for programming.

Discussion continued regarding similar leases that the City maintains with other non-profit organizations and that the solution should be based on all leases not individual ones and impact on the City's current insurance premiums. A time frame of April- May was discussed as it coincided with both the City's and PAL's renewals. Councilmember Kennedy made a motion to have Administration review and return to Committee with its findings on: 1) adding the PAL building to the City's existing property insurance, 2) relieve PAL of the \$100,000 deductible and 3) the City would retain the right to determine if building should be rebuilt or demolished based on severity of damage. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Nurse reported that a consensus has been met for a Noise Ordinance change and he will like to bring back to the Committee in January 2016.

Chair Dudley reviewed the Pending Referral List and reported that Civil Citation and PAL will come back to the PSI meetings in January/February 2016. He thanked staff for their support, the Committee thanked him for his chairmanship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS

		TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	MEETING DATE(S)	RETURN DATE	STAFF	SPECIAL NOTES
1	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.	12/4/2014	Kennedy	12/11/2014	TBD	City Legal	Councilmember Kennedy to reach out to Edge District to gauge level of interest and bring back to committee at an unspecified time.
2	Policy or Program Change	Marijuana Civil Citation Program	10/1/2015	Kornell	12/10/2015	TBD	Police, Sasha Lohn-McDermott	Referring to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee, a discussion regarding creation of a Marijuana Civil Citation Program.
3	Policy or Program Change	Police Athletic League Building	12/03/2015	Kennedy	12/17/2015	TBD	Real Estate, Bruce Grimes	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure Committee a report on the PAL Building condition, repairs and costs.
4	Code Change	Noise Ordinance for Downtown Area Businesses using amplified sound in rights-of-way	12/17/15	Nurse	TBD	TBD	City Legal	Mark Wynn working on ordinance and will present as discussion item.