

City of St. Petersburg
Public Services & Infrastructure Committee
Meeting of March 31, 2016 - 9:15 a.m.
City Hall, Room 100

Members: Chair Steve Kornell, Vice-Chair Ed Montanari, Council Members Jim Kennedy, Jr., Charlie Gerdes

Alternate(s): Council Chair Amy Foster

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

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Agenda

3) Approval of Minutes

a) January 28, 2016

b) March 10, 2016

4) New Business

a) Marijuana Civil Citation Program – Mark Winn, Legal

5) Upcoming Meetings

a) April 14, 2016
Cancelled

b) April 28, 2016

Oral discussion of a potential Lead Education Program – Steve Leavitt, Water Resources

6) Adjournment

Attachments: Minutes of January 28, 2016 Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 10, 2016 Committee Meeting
Pending and Continuing Referral List

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
January 28, 2016 @ 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Committee Chair Steve Kornell, Vice-Chair Ed Montanari; Councilmembers James Kennedy, Jr., and Amy Foster

Absent: Charles Gerdes

Others Present: Councilmembers Karl Nurse, Darden Rice and Lisa Wheeler-Brown; Jacqueline Kovilaritch, City Attorney; City Legal Mark Winn; Major Paul McWade, Police; Support Staff: Mike Vineyard, Park Operations Manager and primary; John Norris, Stormwater & Traffic Operations Director and backup; Patricia Beneby, Deputy City Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Kornell. Councilmember Kennedy moved with the second of Vice-Chair Montanari for approval of the Agenda. All were in favor of the motion. Councilmember Kennedy moved for approval of the minutes from the January 14, 2016 PSI meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, Noise Ordinance, Councilmember Nurse provided a brief history of how the issue came to the Committee due to complaints from businesses, residents and visitors. Assistant City Attorney Mark Winn discussed the noise ordinance and how it was initially implemented, issues with enforcement and success in court cases. He explained how the ordinance moved from measuring decibel levels to a measured distance from source and ability to hear. He indicated that the proposed amendment to the noise ordinance require businesses to direct speakers downward, towards clientele or if indoors, pointing inward. CM Nurse and Mark Winn stated they have not received any negative feedback on the proposed ordinance amendments. Discussion was held and the Committee agreed that this was a start and could be tweaked as necessary moving forward, an eventual return to the use of decibel meters and to achieve a balance between a vibrant downtown, businesses and residents. Councilmember Kennedy made a motion to forward the revised ordinance to Council for first reading. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, Marijuana Civil Citation Program Update, Committee Chair Kornell provided the minutes from the Pinellas County Civil Citation Task Force meeting held on January 7, 2016 facilitated by Ken Burke, Clerk of the Court. He also reminded the Committee that Council had already passed a resolution which was sent to Pinellas County Board of Commissioners outlining the City's intent to move forward and encouraging the County to do same. He suggested that a draft ordinance be brought back to the Committee for review and once finalized be sent up to Pinellas County. Assistant City Attorney Mark Winn also attended the Task Force meeting along with Sasha Lohn-McDermott, St. Petersburg Police. Mr. Winn indicated that several bills are making its way through the legislature that are similar to this proposal, and commented that he did not want the City to present an ordinance that would be pre-empted by the state. The City could imposed lesser punishment but not more harsh. He further indicated that the Sheriff's Office expressed concern that each municipality would draft an ordinance making it difficult to interpret and enforce. Major Paul McWade, St. Pete Police, presented figures from the past year that included adult versus juvenile arrests and multiple charges resulting in an arrest for a small amount of marijuana. Major McWade stressed that officers need the ability to use their discretion in whether or not to issue a Notice to Appear or make an arrest. These actions sometimes lead to stronger community rapport and

help solve larger drug issues. Councilmember Kennedy made a motion to monitor what the County is doing, and request City Legal staff to draft an ordinance and bring back to the Committee for discussion. Councilmember Rice felt the City should draft a strong ordinance and be present when reviewed as part of the discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Public Services and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
March 10, 2016 @ 9:39 a.m.

PRESENT: Committee Chair Steve Kornell, Councilmembers James Kennedy, Jr., Charles Gerdes, and Amy Foster

Absent: Ed Montanari

Others Present: Councilmembers Karl Nurse and Lisa Wheeler-Brown; Jacqueline Kovilaritch, City Attorney, Michael Dema, Assistant City Attorney; Major Sharon Carron and Lieutenant Markus Hughes, Police; Barbara Vogelwede, Edge Business District Association; Support Staff: Mike Vineyard, Park Operations Manager and primary; John Norris, Stormwater Director and backup; and Patricia Beneby, Deputy City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Kornell. Councilmember Kennedy moved for approval of the Agenda. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, appropriation of \$5,000 to engage a consultant to assist in design guidelines for the Skyway Marina District, Councilmember Kornell made a motion to appropriate \$5,000 from the contingency fund for the consultant. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the new business, Edge District Wet Zones, Councilmember provided a brief overview and background. Michael Dema, Assistant City Attorney, provided PowerPoint presentation outlining Summary Points which included labeling of events, maximum number of events per year, boundaries, Council resolution to approve each occasion, containers, type of alcohol, source of alcohol (vendor list), prohibited activities, signage and security. Ms. Barbara Vogelwede, Executive Director, Edge Business District Association, indicated that their intentions are to start slow with 2 – 4 events annually with a maximum of nine; they want clearly defined and marked zones between 1st Avenues North and South between MLK – 16th Street; and that the residents clearly do not want a First Friday type atmosphere. Discussion was held regarding the number of vendors, designated zones, and security measures. Lt Hughes discussed their experience with First Friday and shared that temporary fencing is installed and how they try to keep alcohol within the fencing. Councilmember Kornell made a motion requesting Legal to return to the Committee with a draft ordinance and further discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS							
	TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	MEETING DATE(S)	RETURN DATE	STAFF	SPECIAL NOTES
1	Code Change	12/4/2014	Kennedy	12/11/2014 03/10/2016	TBD	Legal, Michael Dema	Councilmember Kennedy to reach out to Edge District to gauge level of interest and bring back to committee at an unspecified time. 03/10/2016 - Referred back to Legal for DRAFT ordinance.
2	Policy or Program Change	10/1/2015	Kornell	12/10/2015	03/31/2016	Legal, Mark Winn	Referring to the Public Services & Infrastructure Committee, a discussion regarding creation of a Marijuana Civil Citation Program. Ordinance will be presented at the 03/31/2016 meeting.
3	Policy or Program Change	12/03/2015	Kennedy	12/17/2015	April/May 2016	Real Estate, Bruce Grimes	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure Committee a report on the PAL Building condition, repairs and costs.
5	Policy or Program Change	01/14/2016	Kennedy	TBD	TBD	Codes, Robert Gerdes,	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure Committee a policy discussion regarding regulation of vacation rentals.

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6	Policy or Program Change Minority and female membership on city appointed boards and committees	03/03/2016	Kornell	TBD	TBD		Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure a discussion on increasing minority and female membership on city appointed boards and committees.
7	Policy or Program Change Education campaign regarding potential sources of lead contamination in houses	03/03/2016	Kornell	TBD	TBD	Water Resources, Steve Leavitt	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure a discussion and possible implementation of an education campaign regarding potential sources of lead contamination in houses.
8	Code Change Amendment to "No Fishing" ordinance	03/10/2016	Montanari	TBD	TDB	Legal	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure a discussion and possible amendment to the "No Fishing" ordinance.
9	Policy or Program Change St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership Looper Funding and Possible Expansion	03/10/2016	Kennedy Nurse	TBD	TBD	Parking & Transportation, Evan Mory	Referring to Public Services & Infrastructure a discussion on Looper funding and possible expansion.