

City of St. Petersburg
Committee of the Whole
May 28, 2020 at 2:00 PM

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Support Staff: Kayleigh Sagonowsky, City Council Legislative Aide

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of the May 14, 2020 Minutes
- D. New Business
 - a. Pinellas CARES Update
 - i. Daisy Rodriguez, Pinellas County Human Services Director
 - b. COVID-19 Update
 - i. Amber Boulding, Emergency Manager
 - c. Fighting Chance Fund Update
 - i. Alan DeLisle, City Development Administrator
 - d. Restart St. Pete: Equity Considerations
 - i. Sharon Wright, Sustainability and Resiliency Director
 - ii. Leah McCrae, Education Director
 - iii. Susie Ajoc, Community Services Director
- E. Review Referral List
- F. Adjourn

Attachments:

- May 14, 2020 COW Minutes
- COW Referral List
- New Business Item Support Material

**St. Petersburg City Council
Committee of the Whole Report
Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2020**

Present: Chair Ed Montanari, Vice-Chair Gina Driscoll, and Councilmembers Darden Rice, Amy Foster, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Robert Blackmon, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, and Brandi Gabbard

Also Present: Mayor Kriseman, Deputy Mayor Tomlin, Jeannine Williams, Amber Boulding, Alan DeLisle, Jessica Eilerman, Dr. Israel Wojnowich, and Chris Steinocher

Absent: None

Support Staff: Kayleigh Sagonowsky, City Council Legislative Aide

New Business:

Law Enforcement Appreciation - Chair Montanari

Chair Montanari began by reading a statement supporting local law enforcement officers. He said he was disappointed Council was not invited to the flag raising ceremony that took place earlier in the week to celebrate National Police Week. Councilmembers Driscoll, Gabbard, Figgs-Sanders, and Rice also expressed frustrations about not being invited. Mayor Kriseman stated Council was not invited due to the city-wide effort to keep gatherings to 10 or less people. Councilmember Gabbard moved to approve the statement of support and it passed unanimously.

COVID-19 Update - Amber Boulding, Emergency Manager

Emergency Manager Amber Boulding updated Councilmembers on the latest COVID-19 statistics. Councilmember Gabbard asked for more information about the cases by zip code statistics. Her district has about 28% of cases which is substantially more than other parts of the county, she said. Mrs. Boulding speculated it could be due to a higher rate of testing in the district. Councilmember Blackmon asked if the homeless population is being tested and if so, what zip code those cases are being attributed to. He also expressed concern about people who are being turned away from testing sites or are unable to make an appointment over the phone. Mrs. Boulding said she would follow up with city partners to identify and fix these issues. She also reminded everyone that any primary care physician is able to order a test. Councilmember Foster reiterated the concern that community members are having a difficult time finding testing. She also asked for more information on the city's reopening plans. For example, when city staff return to work, what precautions will be taken, and what future City Council meetings will look like? She stressed a need to communicate information proactively. Deputy Mayor Tomlin said she plans to update Council at next week's meeting.

Councilmember Rice expressed concerns about reopening too quickly and asked other Councilmembers to help her in reminding the public not to let up on social distancing measures. Councilmember Wheeler-Bowman asked about the rate of positivity and if administration has plans to move to phase two of reopening. Deputy Mayor Tomlin said the administration plans to follow Governor DeSantis' lead. Finally, Councilmember Driscoll inquired about PPE availability. Mrs. Boulding said access is not where it needs to be,

but it is getting better. Councilmember Driscoll suggested the city take a leading role in helping every citizen access PPE.

Fighting Chance Fund Update - Alan DeLisle and Jessica Eilerman

City Development Administrator Alan DeLisle updated Councilmembers on the city's Fighting Chance Fund. To date, DeLisle said 431 business applications have been fully approved for a total of about \$2.6 million committed. There have also been 941 individuals who were approved. DeLisle commended staff for managing the program and said communications with program applicants has been improved. Deputy Mayor Tomlin, Vice-Chair Driscoll and Councilmember Gabbard expressed support for funding home-based businesses in future rounds of funding.

The St. Pete Way - Chris Steinocher

St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce CEO Chris Steinocher presented an update on the city-wide reopening plan called The St. Pete Way. Steinocher said businesses are built on trust and taking steps to keep consumers safe should be a key component of all business reopening plans. He envisions a restaurant in which hand sanitizer is as commonplace on tables as salt and pepper shakers. Individuals, he said, should own as many face masks as pairs of underwear in order to be fully prepared to go back to pre-pandemic activities.

Next, Steinocher introduced Councilmembers to a new technology from Singapore called BlueTrace. BlueTrace is an exposure notification app which tracks your location and texts or calls you if you have come into contact with someone who has COVID-19. He stressed the need for similar technology here.

Finally, Steinocher advised Councilmembers to prepare for phase two, which he said the governor would likely implement the next day. Phase two includes the re-opening of bars and gyms. Steinocher said when we enter phase two, smart testing and staying home when you feel ill will be even more important. He encouraged Councilmembers to invest in reopening efforts as much as relief efforts.

Healthcare Update - Dr. Israel Wojnowich

Dr. Israel Wojnowich of the City of St. Petersburg Health and Wellness Center provided a healthcare update. He stressed the importance of educating citizens about continuing social distancing measures as we all start to reintegrate into society. He said he doesn't believe Pinellas County is ready for phase two, but we need to prepare for it anyways.

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Item	Topic	Return Date and Time	Referral/ Prior Dates	Referred By	Staff	Notes
1	Restart St. Pete	5/28/20 at 2:00 PM	4/16/20 4/30/20 5/14/20	Montanari	Administration	
2	Design change re-evaluation for I-275 from south of 54 th Ave. S. to north of 4 th St. N.	8/27/20 at 2:30 PM	11/7/19 CC	Montanari	Mory FDOT	
3	City Initiated Historic Designation	9/24/20 at 2:30 PM	12/5/19	Gerdes	Abernethy Kilborn	
4	Continued Discussion of the Potentially Eligible List	9/24/20 at 2:30 PM	8/8/19 5/16/19	Foster	Abernethy Kilborn	
5	Residential LDR Updates	10/22/20 at 2:30 PM	Annual	Annual	Abernethy	
6	Vision 2050	10/22/20 at 2:30 PM	12/17/19	Admin.	Abernethy	
7	2021 Calendar Setting	12/10/20 at 1:30	Annual	Annual	Sheppard	Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
8	FY22 Budget Priorities	1/21/21 at 10:00 AM	Annual	Annual	Makofske	
9	Integrated Water Resources Master Plan	TBD	1/23/20	Foster	Tankersley	
10	Business, Housing, and Grocery Co-Ops	TBD	1/10/19 BFT 1/17/19 CC 8/1/19 CC	Gabbard Driscoll		At BFT, CM Driscoll referred business co-ops to a COW. During the BFT report, CM Gabbard asked to

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						add housing co-ops. On 8/1/19 Gabbard asked to add grocery co-ops.
11	Commerce Park/Deuces Rising Update	TBD	12/12/19	Montanari	DeLisle	Requested during the 12/12/19 COW
12	FY22 Operating Budget	TBD	Annual	Annual	Makofske	
13	SPHA Annual Reports	TBD	1/23/20	Foster	SPHA	