

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 5:00 P.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:08 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BEN THOMAS, LYNDIA THOMPSON, THOMAS REID, VICE MAYOR GAIL NEIDINGER, AND MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY JULIA MANDELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID MIXSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

REPORTS

Mayor Penny reported on City activities following Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. He spoke regarding storm response and recovery initiatives including evacuations, debris removal, damage assessment, FEMA assistance, and public education.

PEOPLES' FORUM

Elizabeth Kinsley, Date Palm Avenue S., spoke regarding Lutheran Towers. She stated that residents are not getting answers from management.

Mayor Penny advised Ms. Kinsley that Lutheran Towers was working on how to get residents their belongings. He advised her to speak with City staff.

Resident Laurie Liechty, 1375 Pasadena Avenue South, spoke regarding Causeway Village. She questioned the future of the property and what options residents will have to move forward.

City Clerk Lewis stated that the City will be hosting a webinar to answer questions about the damage assessment process.

AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING - LEGISLATIVE (EMERGENCY ORDINANCE)

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 189, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 189-4 - PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, (A) RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY USE AND PLACEMENT OF LARGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES USED FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF LARGE BOATS OR VESSELS IN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK; PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY LARGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH A DECLARED EMERGENCY AND WAIVER OF SECTION 189-4(A) FOR PERMIT-HOLDERS; PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Mandell read Ordinance No. 2024-08 by title and approved it as to form and content. She explained that the ordinance is being proposed to allow residents to park recreational vehicles (RVs) on their property to serve as temporary housing while they repair their homes following Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. She said that the ordinance also proposes that residents may park boats on their property while repairs are made to damaged docks. She said that the ordinance is drafted to expire in six months but could be extended at that time if the Commission finds it necessary. She noted that permits would be required for those residents wishing to park a recreational vehicle or boat on their property in accordance with the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding post-disaster housing and recovery regulations.

Mayor Penny opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Penny closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS AND ADOPT EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 ON FIRST AND FINAL READING.

VOTE:	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE

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COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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- AGENDA MEETING, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024; SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024; AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

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NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO COMMISSIONERS.

City Attorney Mandell read Resolution No. 2024-06 by title.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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4. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN ITEMIZED BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

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City Attorney Mandell read Resolution No. 2024-07 by title.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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5. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SALARY PAY PLANS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11; CREATING THREE POSITIONS OF MARKETING COORDINATOR, CITY PLANNER AND IT SPECIALIST AND ADOPTING THE 2024-2025 STEP PAY PLAN (EXHIBIT A) FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES; EFFECTIVE FOR THE PAYROLL INCLUDING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

City Attorney Mandell read Resolution No. 2024-08 by title.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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6. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A 4% COLA INCREASE FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL 2024-2025; EFFECTIVE FOR THE PAYROLL INCLUDING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

City Attorney Mandell read Resolution No. 2024-09 by title.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09.

VOTE:	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE

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COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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7. MOTION - TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MARCUM LLP TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES TO THE CITY AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MARCUM LLP TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES TO THE CITY AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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8. MOTION - TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR PENNY TO EXECUTE MANAGED SERVICES OPTION SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH VERTEKS CONSULTING PENDING REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR PENNY TO EXECUTE MANAGED SERVICES OPTION SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH VERTEKS CONSULTING PENDING REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding debris removal processes following Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. She noted that the City had contracts in place prior to hurricane season but because of the widespread nature of the damage, there have not been enough debris hauler resources to serve all the communities in need. She explained that the City's contracts were negotiated

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by Pinellas County and have been renegotiated in order to match increased pricing offered by the State. She requested that the City Commission consider an emergency item to consider the updated contracts for debris removal with the new pricing as negotiated by Pinellas County in order to move forward with debris removal.

City Attorney Mandell spoke regarding purchasing policies during a declared emergency. She said that the City Code includes a cap for emergency purchases which may need to be addressed.

The consensus of the City Commission was to move forward with consideration of an emergency agenda item in order to consider the updated contracts for debris removal as negotiated by Pinellas County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR PENNY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR PRICE INCREASES FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL CONSISTENT WITH PRICES PAID BY PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Arthur Penny

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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