

ORDINANCE 2008-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ETC.; BY ADDING ARTICLE VI ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, OFFICERS AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, Chapter 22, Article VI is hereby deleted, replaced and amended as follows:

ARTICLE VI. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Sec. 22-171. Environmental Stewardship Committee.

There is hereby created an advisory committee to be known as the environmental stewardship committee.

Sec. 22-172. Number of members; No compensation.

The environmental stewardship committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 22-173 Qualifications of members.

(a) Members of the environmental stewardship committee shall be duly qualified voters of the city.

(b) All members shall reside permanently within the city at all times during their terms of office, and abandonment of residency within the city limits shall automatically constitute a forfeiture of the appointment.

Sec. 22-174. Appointments.

(a) Each city commissioner and the mayor-commissioner shall appoint one member to serve on the environmental stewardship committee.

(b) Members shall be appointed by the city commission at a duly noticed meeting. If the city commission fails for any reason to appoint members prior to a duly scheduled meeting of the committee, then those members previously appointed shall continue to act for a period of time not to exceed 60 days.

(c) Appointments by commission members shall be available City-wide and shall not be restricted by municipal district boundaries.

Sec. 22-175. Terms of office.

The terms of office of members of the environmental stewardship committee shall run concurrently with the terms of the commission and of the mayor appointing that member whether the appointment is made at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the general election or at any time thereafter.

Sec. 22-176. Election of officers; conduct of meetings.

(a) The environmental stewardship committee shall, annually, at the first meeting held following the appointment of members, organize by electing a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as may be deemed necessary from among its members. ~~The public works director and a representative from Pinellas County Coastal Management shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the committee. The Clerk's office shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes of all meetings and shall provide the committee with data, facts and such technical assistance as may be required from time to time.~~

(b) The committee shall meet quarterly, with the time and place to be established by majority vote of the regular members. All meetings shall be open to the public.

(c) Special meetings shall be called and held upon the request of the chairman, city commission or city manager subject to posting notice at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

(d) A quorum for the conduct of business shall not be less than three-fifths of the membership.

Sec. 22-177. Removal from office.

(a) Members of the environmental stewardship committee shall be subject to removal from office by the city commission for nonfeasance, malfeasance, misfeasance or other good cause shown to the city commission.

(b) Any member who fails to attend three unexcused successive regular meetings shall forfeit membership on the committee, and a replacement shall be named by the mayor or city commissioner as required. The chairman may excuse any member from attending meetings upon receiving such a request showing good cause.

Sec. 22-178. Powers and duties.

(a) The committee shall adopt such other rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary and appropriate for the proper administration and enforcement of this article. Such rules and regulations shall conform to this article, shall govern and control the procedures, hearings and actions of the board, and shall be consistent with the Charter, Code and laws of the State of Florida.

(b) Evaluate and make recommendations on environmentally positive initiatives, guidelines and systems;

(c) Evaluate ways to promote a sustainable community through energy efficient buildings, recyclable construction materials, and environmentally friendly building designs; including incentive program;

- (d) Consider a Proclamation or other order that St. Pete Beach is committed to Green Community and achieving certification;
- (e) Create a Green Awards program;
- (f) Explore ways to reduce emissions including increased public transportation options that simultaneously promote local business opportunities;
- (g) Encourage ways to reduce pollutant load into Boca Ciega Bay and the Gulf of Mexico;
- (h) Promote and encourage water conservation;
- (i) Pursue recycling programs for non-single family home properties;
- (j) Develop public education programs about environmental issues that affect the community;
- (k) Establish relationships with organizations like Green Armada, Pinellas County Urban Sustainable Effort Agent and others to provide and support environmental programs;
- (l) Encourage environmental stewardship in all city operations;
- (m) Develop annual report on accomplishments and concerns;
- (n) Make ongoing recommendations for the improvements to the wastewater collection system.

Section 22-179. Staff participation and responsibilities.

The city shall make available staff to assist the Environmental Stewardship Committee in the performance of its duties. Responsibilities will include the recording and transcribing of the minutes of all meetings of the committee. All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public. A public record of the committee's minutes and resolutions shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the public.

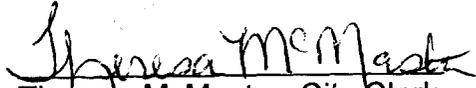
SECTION 2. If any portion, part or section of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage as required by law.

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 Michael Finnerty, MAYOR

I, Theresa B. McMaster, City Clerk of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law this 27th day of May 2008.


Theresa McMaster, City Clerk