

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP FOR THE JOINT CITY / COUNTY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA AND THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE GULF COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER BUILDING ON June 11, 2014, at 11:00 A.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, Patterson and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, Attorney Tom Gibson and City Clerk Charlotte Pierce were also present. Representing the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners were Commission Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Bryan, Smiley and Yeager. County Administrator Don Butler, Attorney Jeremy Novak, Staff Joe Danford, Towan Kopinsky and Karri Summers were also present.

County Attorney Jeremy Novak opened the meeting, stated the purpose of the Workshop was to discuss items of mutual interest to the City and County and noted that the meeting had been properly advertised.

Gulf County Commission Chairman Ward McDaniel welcome those attending the meeting.

The following items were discussed:

A) *Port Authority Presentation* – This was addressed in the Workshop held at 10:00 A.M. prior to this meeting.

B) *Gulf County Economic Development Council* – The County is establishing a 7 member board and Towan Kopinsky will serve as the Interim Administrator. The City has the ability to appoint one member.

C) *Sports Complex, city property and TDC tax* – The County has begun the process to add an additional 1 cent to the bed tax to help develop a sports complex. The City currently owns the property.

D) *Gulf Pines Proposal / City of Port St. Joe* - City Attorney Tom Gibson noted that he has been working with the IRS to resolve the tax liens. Two individual tax certificates would have to be paid and if the county does not apply for a tax deed those fees could be avoided. Consensus was that the City would provide a letter to the County stating the City would pay the County and School Board's share of the taxes after selling the property and expenses were paid. County Administrator Don Butler noted that the tipping fees for disposal will be substantial.

E) *Downtown Redevelopment Agency* – The County's Budget Review Committee has suggested that they either reduce their contribution or suspend their contributions as they do not feel that the County receives any services for their contribution. Mayor Magidson shared that he thought state statute requires their contributions if there is an existing CRA.

F) *Solid Waste / County Landfill closure* – The County will close the Five Points Landfill as of December 31, 2014 and there will not be any more landfills in Gulf County. Their new waste hauler, Waste Pro, will be building a transfer station on that site. The City is still reviewing bids for their waste hauler and will make a decision before October 1.

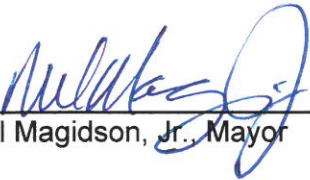
G) *Affordable Housing / Grant Application* – Rick Haymond of the PACES Foundation has contacted the County concerning new money available for their affordable housing project. Matching funds of \$300,000 will be needed and there is a possibility that Gulf County SHIP Funds could be used for a portion of the match. An Amendment to the City's Comp Plan will also be needed before any type affordable housing can be started. Both entities are amenable to helping where possible.

Chairman McDaniel thanked the City Commission for their participation in the Workshop today and indicated he would like to see Workshops held regularly.

Mayor Magidson stated that he would like to see a Workshop held every six months. He is in hopes that the two governing bodies can work together to reduce the cost passed on to tax payers.

County Administrator Don Butler commented on how well the County and City worked together on the garbage RFP.

Chairman McDaniel adjourned the Workshop at 12 Noon.



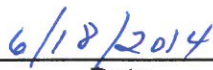
Mel Magidson, Jr., Mayor



Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk



Date