

# **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, June 17, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 3, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2014. All in Favor, Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop on June 10, 2014. All in Favor, Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Minutes of the Joint Workshop with the City, County and Port St. Joe Port Authority on June 11, 2014 and also the Joint Workshop with the City and County on June 11, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **Swearing in of Elected Officials – Commissioners Buzzett and McCroan**

Gulf County Judge Tim McFarland administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Rex Buzzett. His grandson, Gannon Buzzett, held the Bible for the ceremony.

Gulf County Judge Tim McFarland also administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Phil McCroan. Commissioner McCroan's wife, Karen, held the Bible for the ceremony.

### **Port St. Joe AA All-Star Team Trophy Presentation**

Coach Josh Fidler and team members Gannon Buzzett, Luke Pickels, Owen Grantland, Eli Fidler, Mikhail Larry, Chance Gainer, Aiden Sapp and Lance Larry were recognized for their accomplishment of being the runners-up in the District 4 Championship. The team will advance to the state finals later this month. Coach Fidler and the team members presented their trophy to the City as an expression of their appreciation for all the support they have received.

### **Audit Report – Ben Vance**

Mr. Vance congratulated the City on a very clean audit report, expressed his appreciation to City Staff for their work throughout the year and stated that the refinancing of the Regions Bond was a very wise decision. He also noted that the Utility Rate Structure needed to be followed to allow reduction of the infrastructure debt.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson**

#### *Gulf Pines Hospital Update*

There were no available updates as Mr. Gibson is waiting to hear from the County Commission.

#### *Ordinance 506, Amending Section 3.16 of the LDR – First Reading*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 506. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gibson read Ordinance 506, Amending Section 3.16 of the LDR. The Ordinance may be adopted at the July 15, 2014, Meeting.

#### *Competitive Florida Partnership Update*

The Competitive Florida Asset Mapping Report was disseminated to the Commission for their review. Mr. Gibson shared that there will be a joint gathering of all stakeholders in either July or August.

#### *Advisory Board Application*

A discussion was held on the two applications provided. Also debated was the question, "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay did not feel that it was necessary. Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett felt that it should be asked.

Commissioner Patterson asked that items 5 and 7 be removed from the application on page 12. Commissioner Buzzett requested that the applicant's phone number and email address be added to the application. A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to make the changes requested. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

#### *CDBG Committee Members – Commissioner Patterson*

This topic was moved up on the Agenda from New Business to accommodate Mr. Ballister.

Commissioner Patterson felt that Eddie Fields and Quen Lamb had served for a number of years and it was time to make a change in the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) Board. He asked that Charles Givens and Jerry Barnes replace Mr. Fields and Mr. Lamb.

Concerns were expressed that applications should be accepted and allow citizens a chance to apply rather than a motion be made at a meeting when Commissioners have solicited members. Commissioner Buzzett suggested waiting on a decision until applications were received.

Mr. Ballister needs to convene a meeting in the next few weeks which would not allow time to receive applications. It was noted that future appointments would be made through the application process.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to appoint Charles Givens and Jerry Barnes to the CATF Board. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Old Business**

##### *Centennial Building Roof Update*

Mr. Wilson has submitted an invoice for payment. City Staff will check the work before payment is made.

##### *Protecting the Bay – Dr. Dusty May*

Dr. May stated that he wanted to be proactive in protecting the bay, keep the area open to boat traffic, allow for recreational and commercial use, and work with those who have no regard for the bay bottom. He read the letter he has prepared to the Commission.

The following individuals expressed their concerns over the issue: Roger Thomas, Mark Moore, Mark Howze, Eckley Sander and Buddy Wood. The Mayor and each Commissioner also shared their thoughts on how to resolve this.

City Manager, Jim Anderson, shared of the City's efforts to get help from FWC and the Coast Guard on marking the City Pier Channel with little results.

Consensus of everyone was that a committee should to be formed, ideas for conservation and education need to be discussed and a plan formalized.

#### *Fourth of July Celebration – Fireworks, Street Dance Permit*

Fireworks in the amount of \$10,000 have been ordered. The TDC is contributing \$5,000 and the rest has been raised through donations and fund raising events.

Concerns were expressed over the construction that is currently in progress on MLK Boulevard. Clay Smallwood of PRI will work with the contractors to resolve any safety issues and what must be done to protect the public.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Street Dance Permit. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### *League of Cities Annual Conference*

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners of the Conference. Commissioner Patterson suggested that Mayor Magidson should attend. The concern of Mayor Magidson was the cost to the City but stated he would attend if the Commission felt that it was advisable to spend City funds for the Conference.

#### *Boat Ramp Fee Update*

The signs are in and it is expected that the envelopes and stickers will arrive next week.

### **New Business**

#### *Budget Workshop – July 1, 2014, at 5:00 P.M.*

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners of the Budget Workshop.

#### *CDBG – Citizens Advisory Task Force Committee Members – Commissioner Patterson*

Moved up to follow the City Attorney's segment to accommodate Mr. Ballister.

#### *EDC Member Appointment*

Commissioner McCroan had expressed his interest in serving and a Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to appoint Commissioner McCroan as the City's EDC representative. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### *Affordable Housing – Amended PACES Foundation Contract*

A request has been received to amend the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Paragraph 5.e of the Agreement will be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the verbiage provide. Paragraph 7.C of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the verbiage provided. (See attached Exhibit A). A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to amend the Agreement. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

#### *Fee Waiver Request – Raye Bailey, Washington Gym*

A request was received from Raye Bailey to use the Washington Gymnasium on July 5, 2014, from 11:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for a basketball tournament for youth ages 7 -18 free of charge. A Motion was made by

Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the request. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Works – John Grantland**

#### *Water Distribution Phase II Update*

The project is moving along well. Work is being completed in the Twentieth to Twenty-second Street section, there are seven driveways to be poured and the crew will be moving across Long Avenue. The project is on track for substantial completion.

#### *Commercial District One Way Streets*

Renderings were provided earlier and Mr. Grantland has looked at Second and Fourth Streets from Reid to Williams Avenue. The traffic on these streets can be reversed to their original pattern. Options for funding include BP Funds and the FY '14 – '15 Budget. Mr. Grantland will provide costs in July.

#### *Washington Gym – Roof Coating*

There are concerns about the cost of the material compared to the return on the investment. Commissioner Thursbay recommended that no action be taken at this time as he would like to discuss several options with the County.

#### *Grinder Pump Contract*

The contract expires July 14, 2014 and there is an option for a one year extension. Mr. Gibson will review the contract to see what options are available.

### **Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma**

Mr. McClamma did not have anything to report at this time but noted that the Lime Pilot Study begins Monday.

Commissioner Patterson asked if someone could explain to him why, if you use more water, it cost more. He shared that quantity usually lessens the cost and needed to know why larger families are being penalized by their use of water.

Mr. Anderson explained that Florida DEP is requiring conservation of water, consumption is broken into 3 divisions and the more you use, the more it costs. He noted that if there is a reduction in what is charged for larger quantities of water the senior citizens would be the hardest hit as they use the least amount of water and would be having to pay more to offset the quantity used by large families.

### **Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd**

The plant is continuing to work on the algae bloom odor problem at the lagoon. There has been a change in wind direction which has helped. A long term solution is being sought as the algae continues to clog the filter and prevents spraying.

### **City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III**

#### *CDBG Water Line and USDA Sidewalk Replacement Update*

Work is progressing very slowly. Mr. Smallwood will provide a written explanation of what is expected to finish the job and the contractor has been made aware of the fines that will be imposed if the work is not completed on time.

## Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed, no action was taken.

## Police Department – Chief Barnes

Chief Barnes noted that several bicycle thefts were cleared today. Things have been quiet around town and he has been working with the citizens planning the Langston Foundation Walk to raise funds for the foundation.

## Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) – Gail Alsobrook

Ms. Alsobrook asked if there was anything particular that she should focus on for the upcoming budget year, noted the PSJRA Brochure is going into the third printing and that the Open Air Project is moving along well.

## City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report at this time.

## Citizens to be Heard

No one addressed the Commission.

## Discussion Items by Commissioners

*Commissioner Thursbay* advised the Commissioners that he wants to work on the water bills in the upcoming budget year.

*Commissioner Patterson* requested that the pressure washing of the Reid Avenue Sidewalks be on the next Agenda.

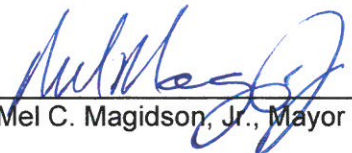
*Commissioner McCroan* asked about repairing the fountain in Buck Griffin Lake. Mr. Grantland responded that the last time he checked prices for repairs, it will cost about \$2,200.

*Commissioner Buzzett* did not have anything to discuss.

*Mayor Magidson* reminded the Commission that he had never attempted to stop debate, each Commissioner has been afforded the opportunity to express their feelings and debate an issue and he will never ask anyone to stifle their debate or move on and he expects the same of each Commissioner.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2014.

  
Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

7/3/2014  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

7/2/2014  
Date