

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 7, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn Todd Service Appreciation Award

City Manager Jim Anderson recognized Lynn Todd for her more than 37 years of service to the City of Port St. Joe and presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

Preble-Rish Engineering – Service Appreciation Award

Mayor Patterson presented a plaque of appreciation to Preble Rish for the 23 years they have served as the City's engineering firm. Clay Smallwood, III, accepted the plaque on behalf of Preble-Rish.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 17, 2016. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) - Bill Kennedy shared that improvements are being made to Core Park; fill dirt will be delivered next week for the areas of depression and 10 parking spaces will be added near Eglin to accommodate visitors.

Commissioner Buzzett expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kennedy for the work that he has been doing on this project.

CITY ATTORNEY –

Garner Settlement Agreement (Handout)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to accept the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, and Thursbay voted in favor of the Motion and Commissioners Buzzett and McCroan voted nay. Motion carried 3-2. See attached Settlement Agreement – (Exhibit A)

Bin4eleven Loss Report - This item was Tabled to allow the Commission time to review the request.

Ordinance 525 Alcohol Sales Within 100' of a Church or School – First Reading: Mr. Gibson is working on this and will have it ready for the June 21, 2016, meeting.

Mr. Gibson announced that there would not be a Port Authority meeting tomorrow as several members are out of town.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Digital Sign – Mayor Patterson: A phone call was made to Bill Benham of Digital Communication Display Network to discuss several questions. This was Tabled to allow the Commission to do more research on the issues.

Mexico Beach / PSJ Back Up Water Source – Commissioner Buzzett: Mr. Gibson is currently working on the Inter-local Agreement.

Centennial Building Roof Quotes – Commissioner Buzzett: A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve Option 1 and to take the funds from BP money. Voting in favor of the Motion were Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, and Thursbay. Voting against the Motion were Mayor Patterson and Commissioner McCroan.

4th of July Fireworks – Fireworks are scheduled for Monday, July, 4th at 10:00 P.M. Commissioner Thursbay shared that there is a possibility an additional \$5,000 will be forthcoming to add to the current \$15,000.

TDC Funding FY 2015-2016 for the City – Discussion: City Staff will provide specs for the possibility of improving the lighting on the walking path with these funds.

Patton Park Subdivision Update – The fourth lot is under contract in the amount of \$65,000 and the closing will be on June 16, 2016.

Mr. Anderson noted that Duke Energy remains firm on their price of \$3,000 to remove several of their power polls in the Patton Park Subdivision.

New Business

Park Dedication – The ceremony to add the name Tom “Dooder” Parker Park at Forest Park South is scheduled for June 24, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.

City Property Tax Update – Preliminary indications are that property values are down \$4,000,000 in the City which equates to approximately \$15,000 less in AD Taxes for the coming fiscal year.

Duke Energy – Power Quality Issues: Duke Energy representative, Danny Collins, was in town today to discuss the ongoing power issues Duke Energy customers are having. Duke Energy is aware there are problems and they are working to resolve them.

Stebel / Charles Avenue Water Line Loop – Mr. Anderson will contact SRF to see if any funding is available to help with this project.

Lynn Todd – Retirement Payout (Handout) - A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to approve the retirement payout request for Lynn Todd which is 240 hours of annual leave and 500 hours of sick leave. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

City Construction Crew Pay – Commissioner Thursbay: This item was Tabled to allow City Staff to review the cost as this was not a budgeted item.

Community Swimming Pool – Commissioner Buzzett: A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to use BP Funds to contribute \$1,500 for the restoration of the pool. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Fee Waiver Request Washington Gym – Gulf County Emancipation Day Celebration Committee: A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to grant the Fee Waiver Request for use of the Washington Gym. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works – John Grantland did not have anything to share.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

White City Tank – Request to Bid Cleaning: Mr. McClamma noted the request should be to paint the tank rather than clean it. Funds are in the current budget for this project. A Motion was made by

Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to request bids for this project. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis shared that Algae issues are minimal and the Sonic Disrupters have been working well. There is a leak in an underground pipe that is preventing the spraying from being done and efforts are being made to locate the leak.

City Engineer - Clay Smallwood, III,

Golf Cart Crossing Update – FDOT still has the application and Mr. Smallwood is hoping to hear something from them in a few days.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed but did not require any action. Mayor Patterson asked that residents keep their property clean and noted the improvements made to the lot at the intersection of Woodward Avenue and First Street.

Police Department – Chief Herring did not have anything to share.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

City Run-off Election June 14, 2016 – Clerk Pierce noted that everything is in place for Tuesday's Run Off Election. The Code Red System has been utilized to remind citizens of the Early Voting opportunity; there will be an article in this week's Star about early voting and the election, and the City sign at the intersection of Highways 98 and 71 contains information about early voting.

Consensus was that Commissioner Ashbrook and Clerk Pierce will serve on the Canvassing Board for the upcoming election.

Mrs. Pierce shared that there are two vacancies on the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) Board that need to be filled. She asked that if any Commissioner wanted to serve that they let her know by tomorrow as a nomination form, a letter of nomination, and biography / resume are due soon.

Citizens to be Heard –

Linda Tschudi shared her concerns about Langston Drive; issues at the intersection of Avenue D and Battles Street, and problems with garbage pickup.

Otis Stallworth noted he is involved with the North Port St. Joe Project Area Committee and they will be requesting RESTORE Act funds. He asked that the City give guidance when possible and help the committee go forward.

Tan Smiley commended the Commission for the good work they are doing and encouraged them to seek a salary for themselves.

Chester Davis invited the Commission to the Gulf County Emancipation Day Celebration to be held on June 25, 2016, from 1 PM to 7 PM.

Christy McElroy provided the Commission with her update on issues concerning Dave Mazzeo.

Charlotte Pierce, speaking on behalf of the Pierce Family, read a prepared statement that is attached as Exhibit B.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Buzzett – did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner McCroan – did not have any concerns to share.

Commissioner Ashbrook – noted the air conditioning was in dire need of being fixed.

Commissioner Thursbay – encouraged everyone with issues to call Commissioner McCroan as his term would be ending in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Patterson did not have anything to share.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Approved this 21st day of June 2016.

James "Bo" Patterson
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

Charlotte M. Pierce
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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