

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, July 19, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 5, 2016, and the Special Meeting of July 13, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) - Bill Kennedy did not attend the meeting and there were no updates.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson did not have anything to update the Commission on.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – Charlotte Pierce for Jim Anderson

CDBG Grant Application Update – Bruce Ballister: After discussion by Mr. Ballister and the Commission, a Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to send a Letter of protest to Ms. Taylor Teepell, Director of Community Development, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Roger J. Doherty, CLEP Planning Manager, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to protest the imposing of a one hundred point penalty in the DEO’s review of the CDBG Grant Application. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Digital Sign – Mayor Patterson: The Mayor shared that for now, the sign issue is going away.

Propane Gas Trucks – Mayor Paterson: Prior to the next Commission meeting, Mayor Paterson will talk with Stuart Shoaf and ask that a presentation be made on Propane Gas Vehicles to the Commission.

New Business

Fireworks Committee – Commissioner Ashbrook: Efforts are ongoing to establish the Committee and Commissioner Ashbrook agreed to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

Road Abandonment – Commissioner Ashbrook: After discussion, it was agreed to leave the parcel as is. Attorney Gibson disclosed that he has a Conflict of Interest when dealing with either Dewey and Patty Blaylock or Mark and Kaye Haddock.

Flood Insurance Update – Commissioner Lowry: A lot of changes will be forthcoming with the Flood Map of the City. Commissioner Lowry noted that a large number of homeowners in the City that have a mortgage on their homes will be impacted by this change. Properties that are currently in Flood Zone X will be moved to Zone A, and there will also be a change in elevations. Gulf County will be hosting a meeting on August 9, 2016, from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. for residents to view the maps and ask questions.

Spa Pur – Zack Ferrell: Information was provided by Mr. Ferrell showing damages to his business on January 19, 2016. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to compensate Mr. Ferrell \$1,020 for his losses. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Listing Renewal – Patton Park: The current contract with Burke and Company will expire this month. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to follow the Minutes of

the January 19, 2016, Meeting and contract for the next 6 month with the Real Estate Company that offered the second lowest commission fee. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, and Thursbay voting in favor of the Motion and Commissioner Lowry abstaining due to the fact that his primary residence is listed for sale with the realtor. Form 8B for Commissioner Lowry is attached as Exhibit A.

Commissioner Ashbrook provided handouts of City property that he would like to consider as property that could be listed for sale.

Public Works – John Grantland shared that Phase III Water, which extends from Highway 71 to Tenth Street on Monument Avenue and Long Avenue to Highway 98 will begin this week. The Intersection of Highway 71 (Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd.) and Long Avenue next to Tyndall Federal Credit Union will be closed on Thursday, July 22, 2016, for work.

Repairs to the fishing piers at Clifford Sims Park came in under the bid threshold and consensus of the Commission was to proceed with the repairs. Premier Painting and Remodeling provided the low quote for the project.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma requested that RFP 2016-04, White City Booster Station 10,000 gallon Hydro Pneumatic Tank Renovation, be awarded to the low bidder, U.S. Tank, Inc., in the amount of \$12,750. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to award RFP 2016-04 to U. S. Tank, Inc. All in favor, Motion carried 5-0.

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis thanked Commissioner Lowry for visiting the plant, noted that two doses of product from Alternative Green Today, LLC, has been applied to the lagoon and spraying of the Spray Fields is underway.

City Engineer - Clay Smallwood, III,

Golf Cart Crossing Update – Mr. Smallwood noted that the Golf Cart Crossing Permit should be mailed to the City. If it is not received shortly, Mr. Smallwood will follow up on the permit.

NWFWMD Grant Application Options – Applications are due by August 10, 2016. Staff will review the options for downtown and the CDBG Grant prior to the next meeting and make a recommendation at that time.

Project Updates:

Highways 71 & 98 Waterline Replacement – As discussed earlier in the meeting, work has begun on this project.

Garrison Avenue Paving – Plans are being provided to FDOT. This project will cover from Highway 71 (Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd.) to Sixteenth Street. Mr. Smallwood feels that the project should be ready to go in 30 days.

Road Bond Money – Long Avenue Options: A Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at Noon in the Ward Ridge Building to discuss the project. Gulf County Commissioners Jerry Barnes and Sandy Quinn will be asked to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the Water, Sewer, and Road issues with this project.

6th and 7th Streets Drainage – There is an Easement on this property and City Staff needs to review this before the property at the end of Seventh Street is considered for sale.

Frank Pate Park Boat Ramp Improvements – This is currently under design.

Keepers Quarters – A building official will be checking both quarters next week.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed and no action was required.

Police Department – Chief Herring

Commissioner Thursbay commended Chief Herring for the heroism displayed by Officer Ricky Tolbert when removing a person from a wrecked vehicle recently. The car had overturned, was in several feet of water, and one of the occupants had a broken back. Officer Tolbert reacted quickly to render first aid without regard for his on personal safety.

Chief Herring thanked the community and the Star News Paper for their support and encouragement during this time of attacks on various police officers throughout America.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to share with the Commission.

Citizens to be Heard –

Jobie Barfield shared his concerns about political signs being removed by the City's Code Enforcement Officer. After discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to disregard their Sign Ordinance and allow signs to remain in place until five days after the November Election.

Barbara Radcliff asked that the Commission enforce their Ordinances concerning Sandwich Boards in the islands on Reid Avenue and the removal of signs from the building when a business closes.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner Ashbrook did not have anything to share.

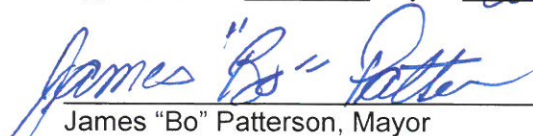
Commissioner Lowry advised that Gulf County has requested the PACES Foundation have representation at their next meeting to discuss the low income housing project. He asked that they also be invited to attend a meeting in August with the City Commission.

Commissioner Buzzett welcomed Ken Murphy back as he has been absent for several months due to health issues.

Mayor Patterson also welcomed Mr. Murphy back and wished him continued good health.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of August 2016.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

8/4/2016
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

8/3/2016
Date