

**MINUTES OF THE ACCESSORY BUILDINGS WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, February 27, 2018, 5:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Clinton McCahill, Code Enforcement Officer Richard Burkett, and Building Inspector Bo Creel were also present. Mayor Patterson was absent but participated by telephone.

Mayor Pro – tem Ashbrook chaired the meeting.

The purpose of the Workshop was to discuss Accessory Buildings. Article III Land Use: Type, Density, Intensity of the LDR was provided for the Workshop.

**Agenda**

*Accessory Buildings*

Commissioner Buzzett stated that he had received inquiries from citizens about pole barns and expressed his concerns of them becoming an issue. He referenced the City of Mexico Beach Ordinance and how they managed them. His main concerns are height and width restrictions as well as the total amount of lot coverage they take up.

Bo Creel, City Building Inspector, addressed state rules concerning the structures and how Accessory Buildings are dealt with in other areas. Mr. Creel shared that enclosed buildings that are being moved on property are not engineered for occupancy; reminded the Commissioners of the 25' set back requirement for front yards in R-1; noted that the Department of Motor Vehicles governs the recreational vehicles and they are not to be lived in or used as living quarters anywhere in the City; advised that a Building Permit is required before he can enter the property; Variances should be based on hardships, and noted the impervious area of the property must be considered when allowing structures to be built.

Commissioner Lowry stated that he felt boats stored at home need to be considered.

Commissioner Langston shared that he did not see anything wrong with Pole Barns on the property as long as they meet the rules and regulations.

Mayor Patterson feels that everyone has the right to own stuff and cover it. Individuals have expressed their concerns to him that there is too much government intrusion.

Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook asked for direction for the Port St. Joe Planning Development and Review Board (PSJ PDRB) so they will be able to make recommendations to the City Commission.

Phil Early addressed the Commission and feels there needs to be restrictions on Pole Barns. Mr. Earley serves on the PSJ PDRB and noted that guidance on this issue would be helpful to their Board. He stated he was not representing the PSJ PDRB, but felt they would be happy to review and offer suggestions for an Ordinance on this matter.

After much discussion, consensus was for Attorney McCahill to draft an Ordinance for review. Items to be considered include height and width restrictions, percentage of property that can be covered by Accessory Buildings, and that exceptions should be for hardship situations only.

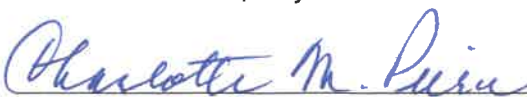
Mr. Anderson is to make a copy of the Mexico Beach Ordinance for each Commissioner.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the Workshop at 5:50 P.M.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

  
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David A. Ashbrook, Mayor Pro tem

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Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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