

**MINUTES OF THE PORT ST. JOE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, March 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, City Attorney Adam Albritton, and Chief of Police Matt Herring were also present. Commissioner Lowry was absent.

**Agenda**

**Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (PSJRA) Interlocal Agreement–**

*Mayor Patterson* shared there would be a 3 minute time limit for speakers, but with a motion and second by Commissioners, the time could be extended an additional 3 minutes.

*Commissioner Ashbrook* stated that he had talked with the county and the Port St. Joe Fire Department would continue to be primary for Oak Grove and back up for Jones Homestead and Simmons Bayou rather than primary for all three as stated in the agreement.

*Commissioner Langston* reiterated that he is not trying to hurt the Reid Avenue area but feels the money should be allocated to different parts of the City rather than just one area.

*Commissioner Hoffman* noted the numbers given in the paper were \$4.4 million when it should have been \$11,380,000. He feels that this is a buyout by the county; does not understand why Commissioner Ashbrook continues to stress that we need the money now; noted the City's reserve funds and that grant matches can be met from those funds. Commissioner Hoffman feels that there is one CRA and to let the first CRA sunset would also sunset the extended CRA in North Port St. Joe. He asked Attorney Albritton for a legal opinion on that issue.

*Attorney Albritton* referenced Resolution 09-06, feels there is 1 CRA and the dissolution of the CRA would have to be addressed. If the original CRA sunsets, the CRA expansion of North Port St. Joe would be killed. He wants to do further research before giving a final opinion and feels that there would have to be provisions made for the CRA expansion of North Port St. Joe to continue.

*Mayor Patterson* stressed that he is a downtown businessman, the City needs to have a good working relationship with the County, and they are looking out for the City.

*Bill Kennedy*, Executive Director of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency noted this is a CRA and not a DRA as has been referred to. He noted the accomplishments of the PSJRA, provided a map of the existing CRA, and shared future plans for the CRA.

**Citizens to be Heard –**

Lorinda Gingell, Amy Rogers, Barbara Radcliff, Dr. Dusty May, Dorann McMullon, Natalie Shoaf, David Warriner, and Christy McElroy addressed the Commission sharing their support for extending the CRA; cautioned the Commission on acting too quickly; noted there is an election in May, the makeup of the Commission could change and questioned why an immediate vote was needed rather than review options and not jump at the first offer; shared the interlocal agreement was written by the county, favored the county, and is not in the best interest of the City; questioned who would handle the funds should the CRA not be extended; asked that the Commission take a step back, and noted the Commissioners were elected to take care of the City, not sell it out.

Commissioner Hoffman asked Commissioner Ashbrook if he would remove the PSJRA Interlocal Agreement from the Agenda for tomorrow's City Commission meeting and he responded "No."

**Discussion Items by Commissioners –** There were no other items shared by any of the Commissioners.

**Motion to Adjourn -**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commission Ashbrook, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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

3/19/19  
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date