

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, March 26, 2019 At 12 Noon**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

103 Monica Drive

The following individuals reiterated their concerns about the issues at 103 Monica Drive. Stan Price, Chris Brumbaugh, and Justin McCroan.

Mr. Price state that if he did not get what he wanted today, the condemnation of the house, he would be in Tallahassee tomorrow to hire an attorney.

Attorney Albritton advised the Commission not to discuss the issue because of the threat of litigation. He suggested that this be returned to the magistrate, request condemnation of the house, and issue an order to vacate the house.

Commissioner Hoffman noted that he did not feel the Commission has done what they could have to help the situation. He has read the Nuisance Ordinance and he also has questions about who owns the house.

Chris Brumbaugh stated that he has previously been before the Commission asking for help and is appalled that no one on the Commission even knows who owns the house or if property taxes have been paid in previous years.

Commissioner Lowry shared that the Commission has dropped the ball in the storm, took the pressure off of the incident, he has seen the pictures of the inside of the house and they are unbelievable.

Commissioner Hoffman read an email from Attorney Albritton addressing Option 1. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to pursue Option 1 allowing the condemnation of the house, a notice to vacate the house, and to demolish it. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Langston apologized for the laxness of the Commission in enforcing the issue.

Commissioner Lowry stated that at the county meeting this morning, the employees were instructed to work with the City on this issue.

Commissioner Langston stated that he would rather face litigation from the home owner than the tax payers.

Attorney Albritton again stated that he does not recommend Option 1.

Mayor Patterson shared that he also would rather fight the homeowner than the people at the meeting.

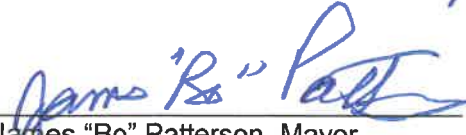
Staff was instructed to secure and post the property and to call County Administrator Michael Hammond to work on the demo.

Attorney Albritton referenced guidance given on November 30, 2018, in the Nuisance Ordinance and that it gives the path to follow.

Mayor Patterson shared that the Langston Drive sidewalk project is almost complete and he would like to see the City have a ribbon cutting to officially open the sidewalk.

A Motion was made by Commission Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 P.M. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Approved this 2nd day of April 2019.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

4/2/19
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date