

**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 16, 2019, at Noon.**

The following were present: Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and Attorney Adam Albritton were also present. Mayor Buzzett was absent and the meeting was chaired by Mayor Pro tem, David Ashbrook.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2019. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

**Building Department Update – Kelly Simpson** updated the Commission on the number of permits that have been issued by the Building Department since the last meeting: Demolition Permits 0; Residential Reroof 8; Commercial Reroof 2; Residential Remodel 5; Commercial Remodel 1; Temporary Power Poles 2; Electric Service Repair 2; Accessory Structures 0; New Single Family Structures 3; Temporary Structure Permits 0, and Increased Cost of Compliance Letters 0.

**PSJRA Update** – PSJRA Chairman Ashbrook shared that their next meeting would be the first Tuesday in August at noon.

**City Attorney –**

*Boat Slip Rental Agreement* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve the Boat Slip Rental Agreement. Motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook, Commissioners Langston, and Lowry voting yes. Commissioner Hoffman voted no.

*Ordinance 558 Medical Marijuana – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:* A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 558. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Albritton read Ordinance 558 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to adopt Ordinance 558. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

*Ordinance 559 R2A Allowable Uses – First Reading and Request to Advertise:* A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 559 and advertise it. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Albritton read a letter from Ray and Minnie Likely requesting that Section 3.21 (3) of the Land Development Regulations be adhered to and that permanent mobile homes or trailers only be allowed in the currently approved areas of the City of Port St. Joe. Their letter is attached as Exhibit 1.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – Jim Anderson**

**Old Business**

*FEMA Damage Assessment Report Update* – Mr. Anderson noted that 122 letters will be sent to owners with substantial damage to their property.

*DR 420* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to return the DR 420 with a proposed Millage rate of 3.5914 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which is the same as last year. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

*MLK Corridor Zoning Change – Consideration of Adoption on 8/6/19* – Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners of this.

## **New Business**

*Creekside Plat Approval* - Commissioner Hoffman questioned language in Ordinance 380 stating that the City would be paid \$200,000 for firefighting equipment and if it had been paid. His research indicates that the amount was paid to the County and the City has not received anything. He requested that this item be Tabled until answers were provided.

Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook agreed, but noted that he did not want to prohibit building.

Commissioner Lowry stated that he hated to hold up the project.

Commissioner Langston shared that we need to move forward and get housing.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman to Table this item until the \$200,000 was paid. The Motion died for the lack of a second.

After additional discussion, a Motion was made by Commission Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to proceed with approving the Creekside Plat and have staff research the issue of payment. All in favor; Motion passed 4-0.

*Commission Chambers PA System* – Consensus of the Commission was to proceed with purchasing lapel microphones for an approximate cost of \$600 - \$700.

*Government Complex Grant* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Department of Economic Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$312,500 for Land Acquisition, Planning and Engineering, Architectural Renderings, and Site Prep to have the project shovel ready. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

## **Public Works – John Grantland**

*Field of Dreams Property Laydown Yard* – A Motion was made by Commission Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, for the attorney to draft an agreement that would allow KKS to use the laydown yard in exchange for removing the City debris from the yard. The St. Joe Company would also have to approve the agreement. All in favor: Motion carried 4-0.

*Purchase of Truck & Bobcat Loader on State Contract* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to approve the purchase of a Truck (\$26,744.00) and Bobcat Track Loader (\$44,675.95) on State Contract. These items are in the current budget. All in favor: Motion carried 4-0

*Patton Park Sewer* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve installing gravity sewer at this location. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

## **Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma**

*Chemical Cost* – A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to advertise for Liquid Ferric Sulfate, Caustic Soda, and Sodium Hypochlorite. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

**Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis** shared that, due to the rain, the lagoon lost a couple of inches but will have that back by the end of the week. A bearing has gone out in a pump that serves the Spray Fields and they will be pulling that pump next week.

## **Finance Director – Mike Lacour**

*Budget Update* – Mr. Lacour noted the first draft of the Budget has been prepared and distributed; the first meeting on the Budget could be held the first Tuesday in August, and suggested the Commission might want to wait until the cost of Health and Liability insurance has been received before meeting.

Commissioner Langston noted he would like to have at least one meeting on the budget, but did not feel that a lot of meetings were necessary.

**City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III**

*Frank Pate Park Task Order Update* – There were no new updates on this project.

*Trail Lighting / Upgrades Grant Update* – There has been no change on this project.

*Road Bond Money* – Mr. Smallwood noted there is still some money available for repairs and asked that the Commission decide which roads they would like to pave. He suggest that the circles be considered as they do not have sewer under the road and shared that Westcott Circle has been repaved more recently than Hunter of Bellamy Circles.

**Code Enforcement** no action was required.

**Police Department – Chief Matt Herring** did not have anything on the Agenda to discuss. Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook shared that he had received complaints of cars parking on the beach at Maddox Park and asked that this be addressed.

**City Clerk - Charlotte Pierce** did not have any updates for the Commission.

**Citizens to be Heard –**

*Amy Rogers* asked that the Commission hear from individuals that oppose the rezoning of MLK Boulevard. The following individuals spoke and objected to changes in their neighborhood. Arthur Harris, Jacquelyn Leslie, and Nathan Peters, Jr. Mrs. Rogers also presented 2 pages, totaling 29 signatures, who did not support the project.

*Christy McElroy* shared her concerns about the Field of Dreams property being used for the intended purpose and noted it is owned by the citizens. She also expressed her thoughts on the NERDA Grant, noted it is a great opportunity, and wants to be kept informed on communications about the project. She also provided copies of a Public Records request concerning the NERDA Grant.

*Robert Branch* voiced his concerns about the storm drainage issues and provided pictures.

*Tan Smiley* shared that change is coming and encouraged the Commission to do what is best for the City.

*Letha Mathews, Chester Davis, and Cheryl Steindorf* noted what the PAC has been able to accomplish and that everyone had been included in the decision making. Ms. Mathews provided 27 letters of support encouraging the City to move forward with the MLK Project.

Mrs. Rogers requested that a meeting be held Monday, July 22, 2019, at 6 P.M., for the Commission to hear the concerns of everyone involved in the MLK Project.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Langston* thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated he would like to have a meeting to hear what everyone wants to say about the MLK Project. He noted that taxes will go up as property values increase, he wants to do something good for the community, and make improvements for the kids.

*Commissioner Lowry* asked Mr. Anderson to see if City Planner Ray Greer could attend the meeting Monday night.

*Commissioner Hoffman* introduced his daughter, Sarah, who was attending the meeting today.

*Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook* noted a lot of interesting information had been presented today, and that the PSJRA had been working with the PAC group for over 4 years on the MLK Project.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

David Ashbrook  
David Ashbrook, Mayor Pro tem

Charlotte M. Pierce  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

8/8/19  
Date

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Date

316 Avenue B

Port St. Joe, FL 32456

July 15, 2019

TO: Board of Commissioners for  
The City of Port St. Joe, FL

RE: Special Exception Request filed by Kelly Simpson for=

319 Avenue A

Parcel #06008-000R

Port St. Joe, FL 32456

We, Ray and Minnie Likely, are submitting this letter to request that the current Section 3.21 (3) of the Land Development Regulations be adhered to and that permanent mobile homes or trailers only be allowed in the currently approved areas of the City of Port St. Joe. Being that we are homeowners located (40 yrs.) within the immediate area affected, we would not like to see the resale value of our property go down because structures are being placed in areas for which they are not zoned.

Also, we ask that the board would be considerate of the fact that if this request is granted, it will affect the entire landscape for the city of Port St. Joe and its property owners.

Sincerely,

  
Ray and Minnie Likely