

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, September 29, 2015, at 5:01 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Port St. Joe Fire Department Meeting Room due to a request for accessibility from a citizen.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, and McCroan. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, and Chief Matt Herring were also present. Attorney Gibson was absent. Commissioner Thursbay was absent due to a medical appointment.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 516 – 2015 / 2016 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing and Second Reading; Ordinance 517 – 2015 / 2016 Budget Public Hearing and Second Reading; and consideration of Adoption of both Ordinances.

**Ordinance 516, Ad Valorem Taxes**

*Public Hearing:* No one from the public addressed the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 516. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

City Manager Jim Anderson read Ordinance 516 in its entirety.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adopt Ordinance 516. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

The Millage rate will be 3.5914 for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016. The percentage by which this Millage rate to be levied is more than the rolled-back rate of 3.5213 Mills (computed pursuant to Florida Law) is 1.99%.

**Ordinance 517, 2015 – 2016 Budget**

*Public Hearing:* No one from the public addressed the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 517. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

City Manager Jim Anderson read Ordinance 517 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to adopt Ordinance 517. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson expressed his appreciation to the Commission and Staff for all their hard work on preparing and adopting this year's budget. The Commission also thanked Staff for their diligence in presenting a sound, workable budget for the coming year.

**Grievance Committee Membership**

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to appoint John Ford to replace Mike Lacour on the Grievance Committee. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. The Hearing will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Port St. Joe Fire Department Meeting Room.

**Lighthouse Moon Light Climb**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to hold a Full Moon Climb at the Lighthouse on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

## Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) Grant Application

Mr. Anderson shared that funds are available to complete the Lime Feed System but the Distribution project is approximately \$32,000 short. NFWFMD has agreed for the City to submit a request for the additional funds in the grant cycle.

To replace the main 10" trunk line from the Surface Water Treatment Plant to the First Street and Long Avenue Intersection, would require approximately \$115,000. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner McCroan, for the City to apply for a grant to fund both projects. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

### Citizens to be Heard

*Christy McElroy* shared her concerns about the application of the PACES Foundation for affordable housing. See has spoken with Gulf County Commissioner Sandy Quinn, he has called the Affordable Housing office in Tallahassee and requested that the PACES Application be pulled. Ms. McElroy left information to be copied and distributed to Commissioners.

*Charles Gathers* addressed the Commissioners about his concerns with the PACES Foundation Project. Mr. Gathers has issues with the information originally provided by PACES and what they are now proposing. He asked that the Commission review all materials before making a decision.

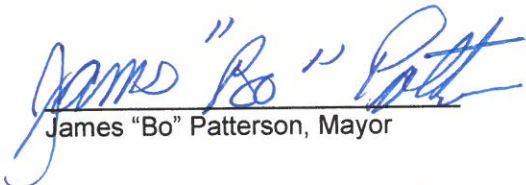
Commissioner Buzzett noted that we have one chance to get this right; questions need to be asked, materials need to be studied, and then come up with a project that we can be proud of.

Commissioner McCroan asked that the project be looked at closely and he feels we can do better than a three story building.

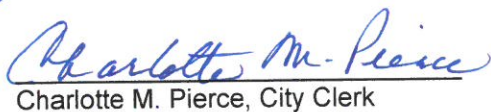
### Motion to Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

10/7/2014  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/7/15  
Date