

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 Garrison Avenue, August 10, 2016, at 12 Noon.

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Public Works Director John Grantland, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, City Engineer Clay Smallwood, Attorney Tom Gibson, and Warren Yeager, RESTORE Act Coordinator for Gulf County were also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Road Bond money to be used for Water, Sewer, and paving on Long Avenue.

Road Bond Money Options

There is \$1,050,000 available for the project. The main focus will be new Water lines from First Street to the Shark Tank and rehab of Sewer lines from First to Eighth Streets and paving from First Street to Madison Street. There is an anticipated shortfall of funds of approximately \$120,000.

Commissioner Lowry requested that the City look for additional funding as he would like to see the Water, Sewer, and Paving done from First Street to Madison Street. He suggested piggy backing on Gulf County's contract with Roberts and Roberts to get a better price for the paving.

After discussion, it was the consensus that City Engineer Clay Smallwood should prepare the engineering for the project. City Staff is to reach out to various entities to see if grants or appropriations are available for the project and do the project in phases.

Warren Yeager discussed the pots of RESTORE Act and TRIUMP Funds that could possibly be available in coming years. He encouraged the Commission to have projects shovel ready when talking with agencies as this will help secure funding.

This item will be on the Agenda for the August 16, 2016, Commission Meeting.

Affordable Housing update

Mr. Anderson shared that the PACES Foundation will be closing on their loan next Tuesday. They will need a Deed from the City for the property. There were several items that the City required prior to the Deed being given and Mr. Gibson will review these items to be sure the requirements have been met before the Deed is released.

Citizens to Be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Commissioner Comments

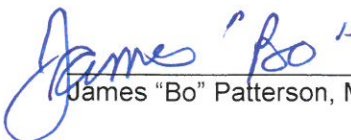
Commissioner Ashbrook requested that the Friday Workshop on the FY 16 – 17 Budget start at 1:00 P.M. rather than Noon. There were no objections to his request.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that a copy of the Road Bond be obtained from the County.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to adjourn the Meeting at 12:40 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of August 2016.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor


Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Date