

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 13, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and Attorney Clinton McCahill were also present. Commissioner Buzzett was out of town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Swearing In of Elected Officials, Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Thursbay, and Ashbrook

Attorney Clinton McCahill administered the Oath of Office to returning Mayor/Commissioner James "Bo" Patterson. Mayor Patterson's son, Keith, held the Bible for the ceremony and Jennifer Anderson joined them for the ceremony.

Attorney McCahill also administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner William Thursbay. Commissioner Thursbay's wife, Teresa, held the Bible for the ceremony and their family joined them for the ceremony.

Attorney McCahill administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Ashbrook. Commissioner Ashbrook's son, Dave, held the Bible for the ceremony and Mrs. Ashbrook joined them for the ceremony.

June 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 6, 2017. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 534 Parking Regulations for Development – First Reading and Request to Advertise

Public Hearing: No one from the Public spoke.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to have the First Reading and Advertise Ordinance 534. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 534 by Title only.

CDBG Procurement Policy

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the CDBG Procurement Policy. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2017-09 Local Preference

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve Resolution 2017-09. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

RFP 2017-07 City Pier

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to award RFP 2017-07 to Palmetto Plantation, LLC in the amount of \$29,300. The owner, Mr. George Hamm, will have to obtain a City Business License and provide proof of Longshoreman's Insurance for the project.

Since repairs for the Pier are not a budgeted item, a Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to take one-half of the cost from the Boat Ramp Funds and the other half from BP Funds. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Commerce Park Lot Update

Attorney McCahill feels that the owner of the line will grant an Abandonment of Easement. The current prospective buyer is still interested in the lot but would like to have the line removed. Due to the cost already expended on this project, consensus of the Commission was to crush the line in place and put a For Sale Sign on the property.

R & R Entertainment Iceberg Concert – Mayor Patterson

Mayor Patterson stated he was concerned about the lyrics used by the entertainer, security for the event, and issues that could arise at the event.

Cedrick Bailey, who has rented the Washington Gym for the event, assured Mayor Patterson he has taken care of issues. Mr. Bailey's handout is attached as Exhibit A.

Rezoning of Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Discussion

Chester Davis, Letha Mathews, Amy Rogers and Reverend Walter P. Henry shared their thoughts and concerns on this issue.

Mr. Anderson shared that currently the highest zoning in the Land Development Regulations is R-4 which allows for 30 Units per acre and a height restriction of 60'.

Mr. Davis asked that the PSJRA release the \$20,000 designated for the NPSJ PAC. It was noted that the current NPSJ CRA does not generate any TIF monies and the \$20,000 amount is in the second designated boundary for downtown Port St. Joe.

Ms. Mathews thanked the Commission for the new AC Unit in the WIG Building, and Ms. Rogers thanked them for the sidewalks on Avenue D.

Citizens to be Heard –

Phillip and Renee Carroll shared their concerns about parking on Reid Avenue, the inability of customers to find a parking space due to employees of businesses parking on Reid all day, Skateboard and Bicycles being ridden on Reid, lack of Handicapped Parking, and elderly people having to walk too far because of employees being inconsiderate of guests.

Public Works – John Grantland shared the flushing program is going well and he anticipates it will be finished at the end of next week.

Surface Water Treatment Plant – Larry McClamma noted the Electrician has taken another job and will be leaving on June 23, 2017. Mr. McClamma is in the process of advertising for the position.

Finance Director – Mike Lacour anticipates the playground equipment for Dooder Parker Park will be installed starting on June 26, 2017.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Kevin Pettis noted the DEP Audit was fine and the plant is running well.

Reverend Walter P. Henry asked why lift stations were above ground on Avenues E and F. John Grantland explained they were required as the sewer lines were not gravity lines and the stations have been there for many years.

City Clerk Charlotte Pierce did not have anything to share.

Port St. Joe Police Department – Sgt. Jake Richards did not have any additional information to discuss.

Discussion Items by Commissioners –

Commissioner Lowry congratulated the Mayor and returning Commissioners on their re-election.

Commissioner Thursbay thanked the citizens for coming tonight, and for the opportunity to serve again.

Commissioner Ashbrook advised that he is a supporter of the NPSJ PAC, reminded everyone that the DRA will be sun setting in 2 years and those funds will not be available.

Mayor Patterson stated he was happy to be serving for two more years.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of July 2017.

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

7/26/2017
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

7/2/2017
Date