

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT  
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, September 26, 2017, at 5:01 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Clinton McCahill, and Financial Director Mike Lacour were also present. Commissioner Ashbrook joined the meeting at 5:04 P.M.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 539 – 2017 / 2018 Ad Valorem Taxes and Millage Rate, Public Hearing and Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption; Ordinance 540 – 2017 / 2018 Budget, Public Hearing and Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption; Ordinance 541 – Commission Salary, Public Hearing and Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption, and Ordinance 542 - 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road Abandonment, Public Hearing and Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

**Ordinance 539 Ad Valorem Taxes – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:**

Public Hearing Ordinance 539 – No one from the public spoke.

*Commissioner Ashbrook joined the meeting at 5:04 P.M.*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 539. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 539 in its entirety that noted that the Millage rate for the coming year is 3.5914 mills, which is the same as last year. The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is less than the rolled-back rate of 3.4661 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 3.62%.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to Adopt Ordinance 539. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 540, 2017-2018 Budget – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:**

Public Hearing Ordinance 540 – No one from the public spoke.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 540. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 540 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to Adopt Ordinance 540. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 541, Commission Salary – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:**

Public Hearing Ordinance 541 – No one from the public spoke.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 541. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 541 by Title only.

Commissioner Buzzett noted that everyone knew how he felt about the salaries but for the unity of the Commission, he would vote to support it.

Commissioner Ashbrook stated that he shared Commissioner Buzzett's sentiments but would vote to support this issue.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Lowry, to Adopt Ordinance 541. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 542, Seventh Street Road Abandonment – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:**

Public Hearing Ordinance 542 – No one from the public spoke.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 542. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 542 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to Adopt Ordinance 542. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the public wished to speak.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Buzzett* asked for an update on the Commerce Park lot and Mr. Anderson responded that the work on the pipe has been completed, he had contacted Mrs. Burke, and we are waiting on a closing date.

*Commissioner Lowry* did not have anything to discuss.

*Commissioner Ashbrook* shared that he has heard good things about the Scallop Season and thanked Staff for their work on the budget.

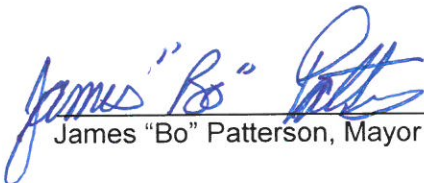
*Commissioner Thursbay* noted the last parts needed for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park are in and the new playground equipment will be ready soon. Sidewalks for Avenue D should be finished soon. He also thanked everyone for the good and bad debates on the budget and apologized for letting his emotions get out of hand during the debates.

*Mayor Patterson* did not have anything to discuss.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:10 P.M.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

10/3/17  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/3/17  
Date