

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, April 17, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.

The following were present: Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson and City Clerk Charlotte Pierce were also present. Mayor Patterson was absent.

Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook chaired the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on April 3, 2018, and the Special Meeting of April 10, 2018. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

PORT ST. JOE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PSJRA) There were no updates from the PSJRA.

PDRB RECOMMENDATION

Accessory Buildings – A recommendation was received from the Planning, Development, and Review Board to allow a maximum peak height of 18'. This was Tabled for a Workshop.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

MLK Landscaping – Commissioner Langston: Gulf Coast Property Service, LLC, provided Commissioner Langston with a Proposal of \$4,137 for Landscaping on MLK Blvd. Gulf County Commissioner Quinn will help with benches, and garbage cans. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Lowry, for Staff to massage the budget to come up with the funds for this project. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Letha Mathews asked where the improvements would be made and Commissioner Langston stated that he, John Grantland, and Patrick Ferrell had looked at the area to determine where the landscaping could be done to prevent right-of-way issues and be in compliance with road requirements.

Road Bond Money – Mr. Anderson shared that, per the County, services must be under contract by the end of June. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to advertise for bids on the following items: Water line materials and Bores for Long Avenue; Water lines for downtown; First Street Lift Station; to get quotes from C. W. Roberts who is currently under contract with the County for paving with Road Bond Money for Reid Avenue, Baltzell Avenue, Third Street, and Long Avenue from Eighteenth Street to Madison. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Jones Homestead Sewer – A portion of the funds from the \$250,000 grant have been used to purchase grinder stations. The Materials and Bores have been bid out. Mr. Lacour noted that 28 residents have signed up for the new service.

Kerrigan Lease Agreement – This item was Tabled until a new City attorney is hired.

New Business

ESAD Sewer System Purchase Workshop – Commissioner Ashbrook: After discussion, this was Tabled and Staff was directed to see if the system is for sale, if so for what price, and then a Workshop will be set up.

City Attorney Search – Commissioner Lowry stated that he was on the short end of the 4-1 vote last time for the City attorney and that he would like to hire J. Adam Albritton who was his choice in the previous vote. He noted that Mr. Albritton was present at the meeting tonight. A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to hire Mr. Albritton at the terms negotiated with the previous attorney until October 1, 2018, and 60 days prior to that date, a long term agreement with new terms would be presented to the Board for approval. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works – John Grantland did not have anything to share.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma did not have anything to update the Commission on.

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis noted there is 6' 3" of free board in the pond, Algae is starting to show a little, the plant will not be pumping until needed, and he has not received anything new on the permit.

Finance Director – Mike Lacour asked that Jones Homestead residents that are interested in signing up for the Sewer opportunities, please call City Hall. He also asked for Budget ideas for the upcoming year from the Commission.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Project Updates –

Frank Pate Park Boat Ramp Improvements – Mr. Smallwood has a meeting this week with the contractor and will be getting this work wrapped up.

Long Avenue – This was discussed earlier in the meeting under Old Business / Road Bond Money.

Code Enforcement no action was required.

Police Department – Matt Herring did not have any updates for the Commission.

City Clerk - Charlotte Pierce requested a volunteer from the Commission to serve on the Canvassing Board for the upcoming election. Commissioner Ashbrook was drafted to serve on the Canvassing Board.

Citizens to be Heard –

Letha Mathews asked that bleachers be added to the Peter's Park Baseball Field. Staff was asked to inventory bleachers that are not being used and if none are available, to purchase several bleachers.

Dawn and John Louasbury, owners of 260 Marina Drive offered their apologies for allowing the situation at that location to go on for so long. Mr. McCahill has been a stellar tenant and the issues were with Mr. Jones. They felt that their lack of handling the situation earlier lead to the unfortunate incident the weekend of April 7, 2018.

Clare Morris thanked the Commission for listening at the Joint City / County Workshop on April 11, 2018, and asked how things would be handled going forward.

Commissioner Buzzett responded that he and Mr. Smallwood had met earlier and he would like to see the area from Eighth to Tenth Streets wiped clean, 3 new fields, restrooms, a concession stand, and Pickle Ball Courts constructed. He noted that parking on Eighth Street should be kept, Eighth and Tenth Streets should remain open, and Tenth to Sixteenth Streets should be left as is.

Ms. Morris again shared her concerns about the noise and liability issues with Pickle Ball Courts and asked that upcoming drawings be available on line so everyone can see what is being planned. She noted there are numerous volunteers that are willing to work with the committee on the project.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Langston noted that he is excited about what is going on with MLK Boulevard, and has concerns about the shape of Williams Avenue with businesses located there.

Commissioner Lowry did not have anything to share.

Commissioner Buzzett stated that his concern, Tenth Street Ballfields, had been discussed earlier.

Commissioner Ashbrook asked if the new speed limit on Monument Avenue could show certain times of enforcement rather than everyone have to creep along when there is no activity at the Methodist Church. He thanked Commissioner Langston for mentioning Williams Avenue and noted his disappointment in the County not wanting to extend the CRA.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

Approved this 1st day of May 2018.



David A. Ashbrook, Mayor Pro tem

5-16-2018

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

5-2-18

Date