

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, April 1, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and City Attorney Tom Gibson were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2014, Workshop and the March 18, 2014, Regular Meeting. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Ordinance 499 Economic Development Element of CIP – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

Mr. Gibson noted that Ordinance 499 had been read by the City Commission, transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity and approved by them.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to read by Title only. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gibson read by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Ordinance 499. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 504 Signs – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to read by Title only. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

Attorney Gibson read by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan to adopt Ordinance 504. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

Ordinance 505 Designating the City Commission as the PSJRA Board – First Reading

Additional discussion on Ordinance 505 was held.

Commissioner Buzzett asked that a workshop be held to educate people on the purpose and funding of the PSJRA. He noted that the current PSJRA Board has done a good job and he does not want to let them go.

Mayor Magidson shared that he did not feel that people were knowledgeable about the PSJRA. He referenced the original and expanded boundaries, where the funds come from and how they can be expended and that the Commission does have input in the decisions being made. He requested that a Town Hall Meeting be held as soon as possible to provide information on the PSJRA.

Commissioner Patterson stated that he likes everyone on the board, the issues are not about the boundaries and he feels that the Commission should be able to set up the organization as well as hire and fire the director. He would like to see the board made into an advisory board so the Commission would be kept abreast of everything rather than find out later.

Mayor Magidson encouraged citizens to attend the April 3, 2014 Community Meeting on the PSJRA that will be held at 5:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at City Hall.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to read Ordinance 505 by Title only. Voting in Favor of the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

Attorney Gibson read by Title only. For clarification he noted that Ordinance 505 must run for 10 days in the newspaper and the Ordinance could not be voted on until the May 6, 2014, Commission Meeting.

Legacy Trust Program Update

Gulf County Attorney Jeremy Novak is staying in touch with Smith & Smith but there are no updates at this time.

Jetty Park Lease Agreement

Mr. Gibson shared that the St. Joe Company is drafting the lease but he has not received anything from them. This lease is only for the property where the Fishing Express boat docks.

Gulf Pines Hospital

Mr. Gibson noted that the packet requested by the IRS was mailed last week.

Competitive Florida Partnership Contract

Mr. Gibson advised that numerous state officials will be here on April 23, 2014, to look at our local assets, raw land and building availability.

Submerged Land

Mr. Gibson made the Commission aware of the possibility that submerged land extending from the Jetty Park Restroom area may be made available to the City. Prior to 1951, there was a dock that extended approximately 2000 feet out in the bay and the City could possibly get title to this land. Mr. Gibson will be working on this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Resolution 2014-02 Boat Launch Fees

Mr. Anderson is still working with FWC on a grant for boat ramp improvements and he anticipates something by August.

Commissioner Thursbay requested that we move forward with a fee packet. Staff will be working to resolve any issues that may arise.

Tim Nelson shared that he has been doing a survey of his own and will email the results to the Commissioners. He also offered suggestions for designated vehicle and vehicle with trailers parking areas.

Lighthouse Update

A handout was provided to the Commissioners detailing the revenue sources for the lighthouse relocation.

Centennial Building Roof

Mr. Anderson noted that scuppers are being fabricated for the roof, they should be installed next week and the trees have been removed.

Economic Development Academy

Mr. Anderson extended an invitation, on behalf of Duke Energy, for a Commissioner to attend the Economic Development Academy. Consensus was that possibly a county employee should attend as the county has recently become the economic development agency.

New Business

Fee Waiver Request – America Cancer Society, Relay For Life

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to waive the rental fee for the use of the Centennial Building on November 15, 2014. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Water Study Action Plan

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to advertise for chemicals with a lower concentration of manganese in the ferric. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Chipola Pump Station Grant Agreement

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to accept and execute a \$195,000 grant with the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the Chipola River Pump Number Two Rehabilitation Project. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, go out for bids to rehab the #2 pump at the Chipola River Station and purchase a new motor for secondary back up. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Walking Path Lighting

Ann Jarosz asked if there was a warranty that could be used to repair the lights.

Mr. Anderson noted that the warranty was for one year and the company has gone out of business. Staff is reviewing the light system to see if any adjustments can be made to improve or replace the lighting.

Churches - Prayer before Meetings and Signs

Attorney Gibson shared that the US Supreme Court should be ruling this week on a case concerning prayer before meetings. He requested that this be delayed until a ruling is made.

Commissioner Patterson would like to see a Kiosk where churches can advertise their locations and meeting times. Staff will see if there is a possibility this could be incorporated in the Billy Joe Rish Parking Lot area.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II

Progress continues on the project, additional bores will be made next week and Mr. Grantland is pleased with the progress his crew is making.

Long Avenue Sewer Line

Two sections of road between Highway 71 and Fourth Street were removed, there was no apparent structural damage to the line and temporary patches will be made to the road. There are still issues that will need to be addressed that were seen in the video and hopefully funds can be included in the budget to begin the repairs.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma did not have anything to report to the Commission.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Resolution 2014-01

One bid, which was above the state approved contract, was received for RFP 2014-01. The bid was rejected because of price and a Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner McCroan, to purchase a truck for the state contract price of \$15,758. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Todd asked that a request be made on the City's Website for volunteer test sites of homes with lead and copper pipes.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

CDBG Water Line and USDA Sidewalk Replacement Update

Work is progressing, two crews are installing the water lines and a third crew should begin work on the MLK Sidewalk Project next week.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed. No action was taken.

Commissioner Patterson asked that all citizens be treated the same. He feels that some individuals are being singled out for notices.

Police Department – Chief Barnes

Chief Barnes did not have anything to share tonight.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA) – Gail Alsobrook

Resolution 2014-05 Grant Application to USDA for Open Air Information Center

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve Resolution 2014-05. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Alsobrook provided information on the following:

- Minutes of their February 20, 2014, March 14, 2014, Meetings and a draft of the March 26, 2014, Meeting were provided for review by the Commission.
- MLK Sidewalk Grant first quarterly report is due soon.
- FDOT Phase IV Landscaping allotted up to \$1,000 to replace pine straw and clean up damage caused by the recent storm.
- Lighthouse Relocation Documentary quarterly report is due soon, an extension has been requested for the grant deadline.
- Salt Air Market grant has been submitted.
- USDA-RBEG grant application has been submitted for the Open-Air Discovery Center at the Billy Joe Rish deck.
- Florida Boating Improvement Grant will be submitted tomorrow for improvements to the Low Dock.
- Façade Grant Awards: 408 and 411 Reid Avenue; Gifted Gourmet and Port Cottages.
- Reimbursement of full and increased amount for lights on Langston Drive.
- PSJRA Board approved the \$25,000 contract with Littlejohn Engineering to provide services for the Open-Air Discovery Center.
- PSJRA will begin collaborative efforts with the Chamber and TDC to plan for stage / electrical upgrades for the Scallop Festival.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

Gene Jones asked about the water quality at each Commissioner's home, stated he felt he was being singled out for Code violations and asked why Mayor Magidson's office lawn had not been given a Code violation. Mayor Magidson shared that his lawn had been taken care of the previous day.

Gulf County Commission Tan Smiley addressed the Commission about the possibility of the City accepting Duke Energy Payments since the Radio Shack no longer receives payments there.

Mayor Magidson shared that he had spoken with the owners of the Radio Shack and 38 cents per transaction is received by the entity taking the payments. The City would have to hire an additional employee to take payments, a separate accounting process would have to be set up and over the period of a month, only about \$500 would be received for accepting the bills which is a minuscule revenue compared to what it would cost the City to be the receiving location.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that Municipalities are governed differently than private enterprise. Accepting Duke Energy payments would require additional City auditing, two cash drawers per employee and another account with MUNIS.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay asked that follow-up be done on the drainage issue with Cecil Lyons. He also thanked Bobby Pickels for all his hard work on the baseball fields and offered his compliments to the Salt Air Farmers Market Board for the outstanding job they do with the market.

Commissioner Patterson requested again that the probability of a mulching machine be considered. He also inquired as to the feasibility of sending a City employee to a grant training session in Tallahassee.

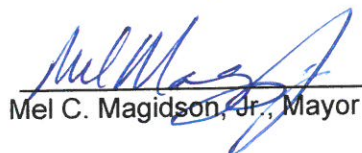
Commissioner McCroan inquired about the status of the drainage issue near Ray Ramsey's house.

Commissioner Buzzett did not have anything to discuss.

Mayor Magidson reminded those present of the PSJRA Community Workshop on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 5:00 in the Commission Chamber

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Approved this 15th day of April 2014.


Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

4/16/14
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

4/16/14
Date