

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, May 6, 2014, AT 6:33 P.M.

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

Due to the FDOT Community Meeting on the Gulf Coast Parkway, the Commission Meeting was scheduled and advertised to begin at 6:30 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2014, and the April 29, 2014, Workshop. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Attorney Gibson noted that Florida Statutes require a Resolution to dissolve the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association Board (PSJRA) but when the PSJRA was created in 1990, it was done by Ordinance. An Ordinance cannot be changed by a Resolution. Mr. Gibson prepared both an Ordinance and Resolution to be in compliance with statute.

Commissioner Patterson took exception to an article published in the Star and disagreed with statements that were included in the article.

Ordinance 505 Port St. Joe Redevelopment Board Dissolution – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption

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

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 505 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to adopt Ordinance 505. Voting for the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

Resolution 2014-07 Port St. Joe Redevelopment Board Dissolution

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Resolution 2014-07. Voting for the Motion were Commissioners McCroan, Patterson and Thursbay. Voting against were Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett. The Motion carried 3-2.

Commissioner Patterson asked that Willie Ramsey and Brian Hill be added to serve with the Commissioners as the PSJRA Board. Attorney Gibson stated that this would need to be researched before anything was done. The request was tabled until research can be done.

Legacy Trust Program Update

There were no updates on the program and the item will be removed from the Agenda until there is something to report.

Jetty Park Lease Agreement

Mr. Anderson noted that the rent for March and April has been received. Work is continuing on the lease agreement.

Gulf Pines Hospital Update

Attorney Gibson shared that the IRS is willing to discharge their Tax Liens upon payment of the outstanding

property taxes. There is approximately \$38,000 owed to two individuals plus the approximate \$92,000 Gulf County Tax Certificates from 2005 and 2010. The County has not asked for a Tax Deed. If the City has to pay the Tax Certificates, approximately one-third of the amount will come back to the City as our portion of the Certificate. It was noted that the property would be divided into six lots and an individual has already expressed interest in purchasing all six lots.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Buzzett, for our Staff to negotiate with County Staff on this issue. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Competitive Florida Partnership Contract Update

Mr. Gibson noted that everything is moving along well on the project and to date, all deadlines have been met.

Port Authority

Originally it was thought that the City may have been the sponsoring entity for dredging of the channel but after researching the issue it is not clear. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, for the City to authorize the Port St. Joe Port Authority to proceed with dredging. It was noted that this does not obligate the City for anything. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Resolution 2014-02 Boat Launch Fees

The following changes were made prior to the adoption of Ordinance 2014-02. No charge for City residents, County residents will pay \$5.00 per day or may obtain a \$25 annual permit; Out of County visitors will pay \$10 per day or may obtain a \$50 annual permit. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adopt Resolution 2014-02. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. Signs will be posted of the charges, envelopes and a receipt will be provided for the vehicle and permits may be purchased at City Hall.

Dr. Tim Nelson offered suggestions to streamline the paying process at the boat ramp and Deborah Barnes suggested putting a notification of rates in the water bills.

Centennial Building Roof Update

Mr. Anderson noted that the scuppers are being completed and will be installed soon.

Trash Bid Update

City Staff is reviewing the bids and a Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber to discuss the proposals.

Lighting Update for Walking Path, Langston and Cabell Drives

Bob Lyles is working on the Walking Path lights and hopes to have a recommendation soon as to what it will take to have the lights working.

The lighting is in place on Langston Drive. Commissioner Patterson shared that he is very happy this project has been completed and is sorry it has taken so long.

Work is scheduled to begin soon to place lights on Cabell Drive.

New Business

Gulf Coast Workforce Board Invoice FY 2012-2013

The Workforce Board failed to invoice the City for \$15,000 in last year's budget for the summer program. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve payment of the \$15,000 since it was a budgeted item last year. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CDBG Grant Public Hearing Notice

Mr. Anderson shared that the First Public Hearing Notice for FY 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$650,000 has been advertised. A copy of the advertisement is included in this Agenda.

Duke Energy – Tree Trimming Schedule for May 6-15, 2014

Duke Energy will have tree trimmers in town next week clearing around their lines.

Summer Recreation Programs

Mr. Anderson noted that the STAC House and Washington Gym Programs will begin June 9, 2014 and the hours of operation will be from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. The Job Announcements will be advertised in the paper this week for the STAC House. Career Source Gulf Coast (formerly Workforce Board) will be operating the Washington Site and will handle any advertisements for their program.

Stormwater Drainage – Commissioner Thursbay

Commissioner Thursbay expressed his concerns about standing water and the inability to move it off property. Mr. Anderson will get with Clay Smallwood, III, of PRI to see if there is any funding available to help with stormwater projects.

Fee Waiver Request – Healthy Start and July 4th Fundraiser

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to waive the fees for use of the Centennial Building as requested by Healthy Start and the 4th of July Committee. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works

Mr. Grantland was on vacation and not at the meeting.

Water Distribution Phase II Update

Mr. Anderson shared that work on Cypress is progressing. He anticipates that repairs will be made next week to driveways on Marvin Avenue that were disturbed during the project.

Commissioner McCroan noted that the mailbox of Cletus Heaps was disturbed during the project and corrections need to be made.

Commissioner Patterson expressed his concern about new mailboxes being installed on the roadways and feels they are creating clutter. He will talk with the postal department about alternatives.

Equipment Rental – Mini Excavator

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Patterson, to use SRF Funds to rent a mini excavator for water line construction. The rental cost for three months should be approximately \$3,000.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Sterling Carroll, P. E., with Florida Rural Water wants to start a Pilot Study on May 21, 2014, at a cost of \$2,500. The purpose of the study is to consider a pre-treatment of lime for incoming water. This process is currently used in Bay County has proven to be successful. It should improve the water quality and reduce chemical cost for Caustic and Ferric.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the study. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd asked for additional customers to volunteer for the lead and copper testing of their homes. Information has been provided on the City's Website for those willing to participate.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

CDBG Water Line and USDA Sidewalk Replacement Update

Due to the deluge of rain last week, work was held up. Crews are restarting this week, Mr. Smallwood anticipates tie in soon and testing will begin shortly. The projected should be finished in mid to late June.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Burkett's report was reviewed, no action was taken.

Police Department – Chief Barnes

Chief Barnes did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that copies of the new E-Cigarette Ordinances be distributed to all vendors who sell E-Cigarettes. Chief will have his department deliver the ordinances.

Commissioner Patterson asked about the lack of presence of officers on MLK. Chief Barnes invited any of the Commissioners to ride with the Police Department as they are on MLK and in the neighbor very frequently.

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

Resolution 2014-08 FDOT Phase IV Landscaping Maintenance Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve Resolution 2014-08. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

PSJRA Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014, were provided for the review of the Commissioners.

Update and Printing of Downtown Brochure RFP - No action was taken by the Commission.

Budget - A copy of the PSJRA Budget was provided for review.

Façade Grant Program – A list of funded Façade Grants was provided for review.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce noted that recently re-elected Commissioners Buzzett and McCroan will be sworn in on June 17, 2014.

The Clerk reminded the Commissioners of the Forgotten Coast Warrior Weekend to be held here May 14 – 18, 2014.

Citizens to be Heard

Qwen Lamb shared that he had gathered over six pages of signatures in support of the PSJRA. He noted that there had been a misunderstanding concerning Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Buzzett in that they were not behind the petition but did support leaving the PSJRA Board intact. He also referred to the newspaper article and Commission Patterson's challenge to the article. Mr. Lamb related that he had attempted to discuss the PSJRA issue with Commissioner Patterson and that it had been a less than desirable encounter.

Christy McElroy noted that the PSJRA issue has caused division in the community. She asked that everyone pull together and be supportive of our local businesses.

Letha Mathews thanked the Commission for the lights on Langston Drive. She also asked about City Commission Meetings being handicapped accessible. Mr. Anderson noted that the City is ADA compliant and anytime an ADA citizen wants to attend a meeting accommodations will be made for them to attend.

Eddie Fields expressed his concerns about the water rates and feels that they need to be reduced. He also inquired about the sidewalk replacement project in North Port St. Joe and the possibility of payments for Duke Energy being received at City Hall. Mayor Magidson shared that he has talked with the entity that previously received bills for Duke Energy and that it was not financially feasible for the City to be a receiver of payments for Duke Energy bills. Commissioner Patterson noted that he is talking with the City of Perry, Florida to see how they handle receiving Duke Energy bill payments.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay congratulated Calvin Pryor on his upcoming draft to the National Football League and noted there would be an NFL Draft Party, sponsored by several local businesses, Thursday at 6:00 P.M., at Marine Cove.

Commissioner Patterson questioned if the City was delivering loads of dirt to City residents as he had noticed a number of piles in yards within the City. Mr. Anderson stated that he is not aware of the City delivering loads of dirt to residents.

He also inquired as to whether the Bow Wow Beach Shop had been granted a Special Exception for their sign or not. Staff will research this.

Commissioner McCroan shared that the traffic light at the Intersections of US 98 (Monument Avenue) and Highway 71 (Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd.) is not working correctly. Staff will follow up on this.

He asked for an update of the drainage issue at the residence of Cecil Lyon, Jr. City Staff and Engineers are working on this.

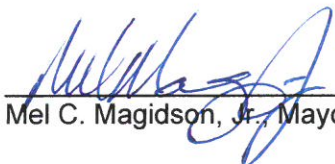
Drainage continues to be an issue at the home of Ray Ramsey and Commissioner McCroan asked that Staff review this to see what the problem is.

Commissioner Buzzett requested that Financial Statements be made available for the next meeting.

Mayor Magidson displayed a plaque from the Salvation Army recognizing the Port St. Joe Volunteers who participated in the Red Kettle initiative for the Salvation Army. The plaque was for First Place for in the region for collecting the most money at a single collection point. Chief Barnes shared that the Port St. Joe Volunteers also received the same recognition for 2012.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Approved this 20th day of May 2014.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

5/27/14

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

5/20/2014

Date