

November 4, 2014

Regular Public Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Commission Chamber
City Hall
Port St. Joe, Florida



City of Port St. Joe

Mel Magidson, Mayor-Commissioner
William Thursbay, Commissioner, Group I
Bo Patterson, Commissioner, Group II
Phil McCroan, Commissioner, Group III
Rex Buzzett, Commissioner, Group IV

[All persons are invited to attend these meetings. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Board of City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.]

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSION

Regular Public Meeting

6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday November 4, 2014

Call to Order

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- Ghost on the Coast
- Competitive Florida- DEO Year Two Funding Options

New Business

- Christmas Parade
- Hwy 98 Golf Cart Crossing- Comm. Patterson
- Jetty Park Upgrades- Comm. Thursbay

Public Works

- Water Distribution Phase II-Update

Surface Water Plant

- Update

Waste Water Plant

- Update

City Engineer

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- USDA Sidewalk Replacement- Update

Code Enforcement

- Update

Police Department

- **Update**

PSJRA

- **Update**

City Clerk

Citizens to be Heard

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Motion to Adjourn

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, October 21, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present. Commissioner Patterson was absent due to an accident but participated by telephone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 7, 2014, with the correction of Commissioner Thursbay, rather than Commissioner Patterson, inquiring about Stormwater Grants being sought by Preble-Rish. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Ann White asked if the rumor was true that the Gulf Pines Hospital property had been purchased. Mayor Magidson responded that it was only a rumor as the property has not been sold.

CITY ATTORNEY – Tom Gibson

Gulf Pines Hospital Update

Mr. Gibson noted that RFP 2014-07, Gulf Pines Hospital Asbestos Removal and Building Demolition, is currently being advertised and bids will be opened on October 31, 2014. Mr. Anderson shared that contractors preparing a proposal for RFP 2014-07 had asked about being allowed to work seven (7) days per week as a number of them are not local. The upcoming closing of the landfill was also a consideration for the change in work hours. Ann White and Commissioner Buzzett stated they felt the neighborhood would be very supportive of the proposed work hours to expedite the removal of the building. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner Buzzett, for an Addendum to be prepared allowing contractors to work from sun up to sunset for 60 days to complete the demolition. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Port Authority Dredge Basin Request

Attorney Gibson advised the Commission that there would be discussions this week with the JOE Company for additional acreage for the spray fields. He anticipates having an update for the November 4, 2014, Meeting.

Resolution 2014-15 Gulf Consortium

A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve Resolution 2014-15. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. This Resolution is requesting more flexibility in fishing days and will help the recreational fishermen.

The telephone connection with Commissioner Patterson was lost at 6:08 P.M.

Ethics Training

Mr. Gibson shared that per Florida Statute 112.3142, Ethics Training for City Commissioners is now required beginning January 1, 2015. He reminded the Commissioners that they will have one (1) year to obtain their required four (4) hours of Ethics Training each calendar year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Business

Lighthouse Update

Mr. Anderson noted that the Hydroseeding of the area was completed last week and the 10% retainage is all that is owed to GAC.

Gulf Aire Sewer Proposal

A Workshop was held at 5:00 P.M. today on this and Staff will continue to review the information provided.

Entryway Sign Update

Mr. Grantland shared that the sign is up.

Ghost on the Coast

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners that Ghost on the Coast will be held Thursday, October 30, 2014, with the Costume Contest beginning at 6:00 P.M. The fire whistle will be blown at the end of the contest to start the Trick-or-Treat festivities.

Anyone wishing to contribute candy for the festivities may drop their donation off at City Hall.

Competitive Florida DEO Year 2 Funding Options

Mr. Anderson advised the Commissioners that \$40,000 in funding is available for year two. Commissioners were asked to review the list of provided projects and select their top 5 choices. These funds will be for technical assistance and are not eligible for the brick-and-mortar portion of projects. Funds will need to be expended by June 30, 2015.

New Business

Fire Hydrant Art

John Grantland spoke on behalf of Julie Hodges and shared that the hydrant areas selected for the contest are two on Reid Avenue that will have a shopping / food theme; one near First Baptist Church depicting a Super Hero; one at St. Joe Elementary School with a school motif; the hydrant at Hungry Howie's will feature pizza toppings and the Piggly Wiggly Shopping Center hydrant will be a pig theme. The project will begin on November 4, 2014. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the painting of the six fire hydrants by Port St. Joe High School Art Students. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Telephone connection with Commissioner Patterson was re-established at 6:20 P.M.

Washington Improvement Group Lease Agreement

Mr. Anderson noted that there is not a current lease with the Washington Improvement Group and Mr. Gibson is reviewing a proposed lease. In the future, as with all other City buildings, rental of the building will need to be coordinated with City Hall.

FRDAP Grant Application

Mike Lacour shared that the FRDAP Grant Committee met earlier today and recommended that the Sixteenth Street Park be upgraded. This will be the project for the new FRDAP Grant cycle and available funding is

\$50,000.00. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to approve the FRDAP Grant Application for the upcoming cycle. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

The City currently has two FRDAP Grants open. One is for playground equipment at the Washington Gym which is a PSJRA Project and the other is the renovations and improvements to Benny Roberts Park on Tenth Street.

Telephone connection with Commissioner Patterson was lost again at 6:27 P.M.

Holiday Calendar

Due to the current financial situation, no raises were budgeted for City employees this year. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to allow the day after Christmas as a holiday for employees for this year. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Uniform Bid Proposal

Mr. Anderson noted that \$20,000 was budgeted for uniforms and asked that the City go out for bids to find a better price. A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to request proposals for uniforms. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Telephone connection with Commissioner Patterson was re-established at 6:32 P.M.

Long Avenue Road Patches

The City Manager advised the Commission of the need for road patches on Long Avenue. Schools will be out for Fall Break Thursday and Friday and because of the reduction in traffic, a section of Long Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets and another section at Eleventh Street will be repaired.

Commissioner McCroan asked that the striping of Madison Avenue, in the area of Port St. Joe High School, be redone. He has received a number of complaints that you cannot see the lane divisions and help is needed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, to proceed with the restriping if it comes in under the required \$5,000 to Bid. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Town Hall Meeting Request – Reverend James Chambers New Bethel AME Church

Mr. Anderson shared that Reverend Chambers requested that, due to the lack of a concrete date for the meeting, this be put on hold. Reverend Chambers will get back with Mr. Anderson on a date specific.

Fee Waiver Request Junior Service League

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to grant a waiver of the rental fee for the Centennial Building to the Junior Service League for their Mardi Gras Gala fundraiser on Saturday, February 7, 2015. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works – John Grantland

Water Distribution Phase II Update

Work is wrapping up in the Gulf Pines Hospital area.

Commissioner Thursbay noted that the City employees have done a remarkable job on this project.

Letha Mathews of 312 Avenue F shared that she had dirty water at her residence last week. There was a disturbance of the system and Mr. Grantland will check on this.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma

Chipola Pump Station House

Mr. McClamma advised that Mr. Gay is purchasing a travel trailer and will be vacating the house provided by the City. Jeff Bailey has expressed an interest in living at the site. A Motion was made by Commissioner Thursbay, second by Commissioner McCroan, for Mr. Anderson to talk with Mr. Bailey about the move and offer the same housing benefits that are currently offered to Mr. Gay. If Mr. Bailey accepts these terms, Mr. Anderson will approve for him to live on site. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Buzzett commended Mr. McClamma on the TTHM and Manganese numbers that are being achieved.

Wastewater Plant – Lynn Todd

Ms. Todd requested that a 1994 F150 Ford 4 x 4 Pickup Truck be declared surplus for disposal purposes. A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to declare this vehicle surplus. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Algae continues to be an issue. Ms. Todd shared that redesign of the lagoon needs to be considered as a Secondary Treatment System or an Advanced Domestic Waste System is needed. Originally, the plant was designed for industrial waste and this continues to be an issue. A recent vendor has shared that the current plant can be reconfigured to accomplish this.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

CDBG Water Line Replacement and USDA Sidewalk Replacement

GAC has notified Mr. Smallwood they have completed the Punch List. Mr. Smallwood will follow up on this.

Mr. Anderson shared that we need to be gearing up for the CDBG Application for next year.

Code Enforcement

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

Police Department – Sergeant Burch

Sergeant Burch did not have anything to report from the Police Department.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Association (PSJRA)

Adopted Budget

The Budget has been approved and a copy will be provided for the City.

Winter Banners

Additional banners of the lighthouse with a wreath are being ordered and should arrive in a couple of weeks.

Port Theatre Letters of Support Request

Discussion was held as to the ownership of the Port Theatre Building and what happens if a Not For Profit Entity dissolves. Ms. Alsobrook shared that a PSJRA Director is a member of the Port Theatre Art and Cultural Board and the PSJRA will be assisting with the matching funds for the grant.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to provide a Letter of Support to the Port Theatre Art and Cultural Center for their grant application. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Mrs. Pierce did not have anything to report.

Citizens to be Heard

Ann White shared that she has had health issues over the last several years and all types of prayers are being offered on her behalf. She assured those present that 1 more prayer has been answered and she appreciates everyone's support.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay noted the condition of several picnic tables at Jetty Park and the need for BBQ grills and asked that this be on the November 4, 2014, Agenda.

He also asked about sidewalks on Monument Avenue and an area of North Port St. Joe. Funds are needed for these projects and he requested that Staff do some research in this area.

Letha Mathews asked how the fire hydrants were selected for painting. The decision was made by Mrs. Hodges and the Commission asked that this be considered as an annual project.

Commissioner Patterson requested an update on the lights in the Washington Gym. Mr. Anderson will follow up with Duke Energy on this.

Commission Patterson had a motorcycle accident and offered advice to anyone headed to the Smokey Mountains, "Stay on the road with a motorcycle."

Commissioner McCroan did not have anything to discuss.

Commissioner Buzzett did not have anything to share.

Mayor Magidson did not have anything to bring before the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

Date

Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

Date

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP - GULF AIRE SEWER SYSTEM PROPOSAL, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, October 21, 2014, AT 5:00 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Tom Gibson, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, Public Works Director John Grantland, City Engineer Philip Jones and John Wright were also present. Commissioner Patterson was absent due to an accident but participated by telephone.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review and discuss the Gulf Aire Sewer System Proposal as offered by owner, Frank Seifert.

City Manager Jim Anderson asked John Grantland to share his Powerpoint presentation, ESAD Sewer Review Pubic Works 10/19/14.

Questions were asked and answered as discussion was held during the presentation.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Length of Gravity Sewer	18,781 LF
Approximate Manholes	54
Approximate Lampholes	12
Length of Low Pressure	600 LF
Number of Lift Stations	3
Length of Forcemain	1,564 LF

GRAVITY SYSTEM

18,781 LF of 6" PVC Mainline
600 LF of 2" Low Pressure
54 Manholes
12 Lampholes (Lampholes are not visible)

LIFT STATIONS

Three Lift stations within system:
185 Lightkeeper's Drive
Highway 98 and Gulf Aire Drive
Seashores and Americus Avenue

AREAS OF CONCERN

Lift Stations
Sections of Gravity, Christen's Curve, Cul-De- Sacs in
Seashores
Depth of the Low Pressure Along Highway 98
Sedimentation throughout system
Depth of Gravity

Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) is present in the manholes along Lightkeeper's Drive. There is also a depressed area in the 700 block of Gulf Aire Drive that should be looked at with a camera.

Additional Costs

In order to collect and pump the sewage 8,000 LF through the existing 10" Forcemain we will need to install an additional Lift Station. The cost will roughly be \$150,000.00 for the equipment plus installation. The station quoted would be a 8' x 20', 20 HP Duplex capable of 625 GPM which is needed to achieve the 2.5' per second velocity needed to scour and include all controls, valves, etc.

The cost to rehab the two existing Lift Stations would be \$28,300.00 and \$33,450 which includes all pumps, controls, rails, valves, etc. These prices are for equipment only and does not include installation.

Total cost estimate for equipment only is \$211,750.00.

TOTAL SYSTEM SUMMARY

System asking price	\$898,000.00
Upgrade and new equipment costs	\$211,750.00
Installation Costs	\$ 48,000.00
Labor Costs City Staff	\$ 7,250.00
Total Costs	\$1,165,000.00

It was noted that additional personnel could be needed if the system is purchased.

Mr. Anderson computed the monthly revenue to be approximately \$14,500 (\$48 per month for 302 customers) if the system was purchased.

Philip Jones also noted that a video inspection of the system would be advisable and runs around \$1.50 per foot and a charge of approximately \$2.50 per foot to clean the system.

Mr. Siefert reiterated that he felt the price was good, he was offering to finance the purchase and feels that some of the prices quotes by the City are high.

Staff will review the provided materials and offer a recommendation.

Mayor Magidson adjourned the Workshop at 5:45 P.M.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

Date

Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

Date

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN
THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, October 28, 2014, at 5:00
P.M.**

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

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to approve the following: Fireworks Contract, Resolution 2014-16 FDOT Grant Application, accept the Retirement letter of Police Chief David Barnes and approve to advertise for a Police Chief.

Fireworks Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the Pyro Shows Contract for December 31, 2014 and July 4, 2015. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. The Gulf County TDC will reimburse the City for the December 31, 2014, Fireworks and the City will be responsible for determining a funding source for the July 4, 2015, fireworks.

Resolution 2014-16 FDOT Grant Application

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to approve the grant application for Phase II of the Port St. Joe Pathway for Health and History. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Retirement of Chief David Barnes

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the Letter of Retirement from Police Chief David Barnes effective November 30, 2014.

Request to Advertise for a Police Chief

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to advertise for a Police Chief. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0. Consensus of the Commission was that applications would be accepted, ranked, the top three candidates will be shared with the Commission and a recommendation would be made by City Manager, Jim Anderson for the Police Chief.

Citizens to be Heard

There was no public comment.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Thursbay asked if the TDC had provided funding for candy to be distributed at Ghost on the Coast. Mayor Magidson will follow up on this.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Thursbay, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor

Date

Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

Date

From : Susan Estes <susane@opportunityflorida.com>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 02:01 PM

Subject : Rural redesignation

 1 attachment

To : Jim Anderson <janderson@psj.fl.gov>, Charlotte Pierce <cpierce@psj.fl.gov>

Cc : Jim Brook <jimbrook@opportunityflorida.com>

Good Afternoon,

The rural designation formerly known as the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern will expire in January 2015. Opportunity Florida is working to have all the counties and municipalities contained within our region designated as what is now referred to as "Rural Areas of Opportunity." This designation allows the region and the counties and municipalities contained within it access to additional state incentive consideration. It allows waivers of requirements in several incentive programs, including but not limited to: the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund, the Quick Response Training Program and transportation projects.

I have attached a sample resolution and request that your council approve and pass and relay back to Opportunity Florida at your earliest convenience. We will collect resolutions from each of the counties and municipalities and submit them along with the additional required information to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Rural Economic Development Initiative for their consideration and review.

Please feel free to contact Opportunity Florida with any questions you may have. We look forward to continuing this designation and improving the economic prosperity of the Northwest Florida region.

Jim Brook, Executive Director: 850-270-3117 or jimbrook@opportunityflorida.com

Susan Estes, Grants Coordinator: 850-633-4118, susane@opportunityflorida.com

Best regards,
Susan

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RESOLUTION 2014-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PORT ST. JOE , FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT THAT THE DESIGNATION OF RURAL AREA OF OPPORTUNITY (RAO), FORMERLY KNOWN AS RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN (RACEC) CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGION INCORPORATING CALHOUN, FRANKLIN, GADSDEN, GULF, HOLMES, JACKSON, LIBERTY, WAKULLA, WASHINGTON AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT (INCLUDING THE CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN EACH); AND, THAT ALL ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THESE COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO EXIST; AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL STAFFING GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INCORPORATED, D/B/A OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, THROUGH FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH FLORIDA'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2015.

WHEREAS, in 1999 Governor Bush, by executive order, identified eight counties (Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington) as Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern, and that this designation was renewed in 2004 and added the area within the city limits of Freeport to this designation;

WHEREAS, in 2000 Opportunity Florida was created to promote and improve economic development in the eight counties designated as Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern;

WHEREAS, the counties of Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Washington and the area within the city limits of Freeport were re-designated in 2009, as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern for a period of five years;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-103 added Wakulla County to the Northwest Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern:

WHEREAS, the various counties and municipalities in the Opportunity Florida region request that Governor Rick Scott renew the designation as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Business Development Council, Inc., in cooperation with and through the support of the nine counties, all municipalities within the nine counties, the city of Freeport, all CareerSource Centers serving

the region and corporate sector partners, has made great strides in improving the economic outlook for the Northwest Florida RACEC by assisting with recruiting new industries, supporting infrastructure projects and working together with local communities and other organizations such as the Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, FDOT and the Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the progress that has been made since 2009, there is still much work that needs to be done to help these nine counties compete economically with other parts of the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Port St. Joe City Commission does hereby express its support of the following:

1. That the designation "Rural Area of Opportunity," formerly referred to as "Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern," continue to apply to Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla and Washington counties and the city of Freeport;
2. That all existing Enterprise Zones in these counties continue to exist;
3. That all staffing grant funding for Opportunity Florida be continued and expanded for the Northwest Florida Business Development Council, Inc. through funds appropriated by the Florida Legislature and administered through Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and other designated agencies.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Port St. Joe City Commission

, Mayor

ATTEST:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HEALTHIEST WEIGHT FLORIDA INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe supports policies that focus on healthy weight, health and wellness, and healthier lifestyles in all communities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health has launched a healthy weight campaign known as "Healthiest Weight Florida", a public-private collaboration to help Florida's children and adults make informed, consistent choices about healthy eating and active living; this program has been embraced by individuals and businesses in many cities, counties, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the State Surgeon General has launched the 2015 Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition Program that will recognize local governments and active municipalities (cities, towns and villages) and 67 counties that implement policies to help people become more physically active and improve nutrition; Best practice policies implemented by communities will be recognized on January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, 66% of residents in Gulf County are estimated to be overweight or obese and more than 14 % of middle and high school students are obese; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of Gulf County adults do not consume at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily; and

WHEREAS, poor nutritional choices and a lack of physical activity are linked to excessive weight and obesity which increase the risk of diabetes, cancer, heart disease, liver disease, hypertension and other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, city officials believe there are important, long-term community benefits to be gained by encouraging healthy lifestyles, including a decrease in overweight and obesity in Florida's adults and children and the associated negative health related impacts; and

WHEREAS, cities and community partners can work together to ensure that there are safe places for residents to be active, such as in parks, ball fields, and exercise trails; and

WHEREAS, access to healthy foods has a direct impact on the overall health of our community and planning for fresh food, open space, sidewalks, and parks should be a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND PORT ST. JOE CITY COUNCIL challenge all local governments, businesses, students, parents and all residents to participate in the Healthy Weight Florida campaign to foster healthy weight and improve overall health, improve job and school performance and decrease work and school absenteeism.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor

City Clerk



Healthy Weight COMMUNITY CHAMPION

2015 Recognition Program

Share how your community champions healthy weight best practices.

Background & Purpose

Obesity rates in the U.S. have increased dramatically over the last 30 years, and obesity is now epidemic in the United States. In Florida, only 36.4% of adults are at a healthy weight. Additionally, 6 out of 10 children born today will be obese by the time they graduate from high school. For this reason, Florida's State Surgeon General, John Armstrong, MD, FACS, has declared healthy weight as a top priority.

Florida's county and municipal governments play an important role in decreasing the prevalence of unhealthy weight in their jurisdictions. Local governments can implement a variety of policies that have been shown to increase physical activity levels and improve nutrition. These "best practice" policies are reflected in the Healthy Weight Community Champion Submission Form. By implementing best practices within their jurisdictions, local governments can create environments where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

Acknowledging that many jurisdictions have already made progress in these types of policy, Dr. Armstrong established the Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition Program to highlight communities for their important efforts. Last year, 38 cities and counties were

recognized. The policies and programs implemented by the 2014 Champions affect approximately 9.4 million Floridians. This year, your locality is invited to share progress and lessons learned through a new submission cycle.

Eligibility

Florida's 410 active municipalities (cities, towns and villages) and 67 counties are eligible to submit best practices. Submissions must be made by a municipal or county official, accompanied by a resolution or proclamation. Unincorporated areas may submit under the sponsorship of the county in which they are located.

Timeline

August 6, 2014: Submission Window Opens

November 14, 2014: Submission Window Closes

January 5, 2015: Best Practices Posted and Communities Recognized

www.HealthiestWeightFL.com

**Code Enforcement 2014 Activity
As of 10/31/14**

	Open	Closed	Total	Increase
Unlawful Accumulation	31	132	163	10
Substandard Structure	3		3	1
Abandoned Vehicle	7	18	25	1
Unlawful Sewer		2	2	2
Land regulation Violation	3	9	12	
Business Lic. Violation		1	1	
Special Master Hearings				
Building Demolition		5	5	
Waste Violation	6	78	84	7
Sign Violation	0	211	211	

Total	50	Total	456	Total	506	Total	21