

MINUTES OF THE LONG AVENUE PROJECT AND WATER METERS WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, October 24, 2017, 12 O'clock Noon

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Attorney Clinton McCahill, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, and Public Works Director John Grantland were also present. Commissioner Thursbay was absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was to provide a discussion on the Long Avenue Project and Water Meters.

Long Avenue

Mr. Anderson noted there is \$1,000,000 in Road Bond Money available for this project. \$92,000 is available for Engineering and a Task Order has been given to Dewberry / Preble-Rish.

Mike Lacour shared there is \$1,050,000 available in the 2017 – 2018 Budget.

Clay Smallwood advised that, based on the video made of the line, point repairs and lateral repairs would also be needed. Sewer replacement would be recommended for First Street to Nineteenth Street, lateral replacements from Nineteenth Street to Twenty-Second Street, and complete replacement would best serve the City.

Commissioner Buzzett reminded the Commission that Triumph funds would not be available for this project.

Commissioner Lowery has spoken with Representative Beshears and he wants to help with funding to fully replace the project area.

Water Meters

Mr. Anderson shared that the current Water Meters are over 10 years old, system wide there are 4,051 residential customers and 1,729 of those are in the City. John Grantland gave an overview of the current meters, showing the register portion of the meter, and explained the upgrades that have been made to the current meters.

Consensus of the Commission is for Mr. Grantland to contact the current representative and see what they could work out with the City.

Citizens to be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Neither Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, nor Buzzett had anything to discuss.

Commissioner Lowry advised the Commission that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is willing to commit \$300,000 in RESTORE Funds to the City for a down payment on the Gulf Aire Sewer System. He asked that a letter be sent requesting the funds. Commissioner Lowry noted this does not obligate the City in anyway but is a request for the funds.

Commissioners Ashbrook and Buzzett said they were willing to consider the purchase if there is a good return on the investment and that it must be a good deal for the City. An appraisal of the system needs to be done and the price requested for the system provided.

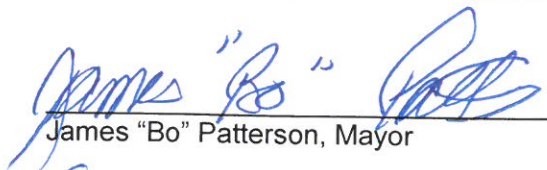
Commissioner Lowery also noted the need for work to be done on the First Street Lift Station and ask that this be looked at.

Clerk Pierce asked for direction concerning membership on City appointed Boards. Several years ago, Commissioners directed that volunteers only serve on one City Board. A current volunteer is asking for

membership on an additional Board. It is still the desire of the Commission for no volunteer to server on more than one Board. Membership and quorums were also discussed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to adjourn the Workshop at 12:43 P.M.

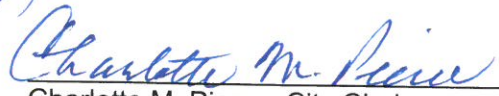
Approved this 7th day of November 2017.



James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

11/7/17

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date