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1           THE MAYOR: Ladies and gentlemen, before we get  
2           our meeting started tonight, I'd like to have the  
3           Chief of Police lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance,  
4           and I'd like to have Mr. Pat Floyd say the prayer for  
5           us.

6           (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
7           by the audience members and prayer followed.)

8           THE MAYOR: I now call this meeting of the City  
9           of Port St. Joe City Commissioners to order.

10          COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Mr. Mayor, do you mind if I  
11          say something?

12          THE MAYOR: No, go ahead. Go ahead,  
13          Commissioner.

14          COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I just want to address the  
15          issue on Friday. This is coming from me personally  
16          in regards to Jim. And I'd like to read it to you.

17          I want to take the time to thank the citizens  
18          who are here tonight and were here on Friday, and  
19          those who are not here but show their love and  
20          commitment to this city on a daily basis. I can  
21          assure you that I take each and every issue before  
22          this city seriously. And I want the absolute best  
23          for the city. After having met with Mr. Anderson a  
24          few times after Friday's meeting, along with being  
25          able to spend the weekend to consider the input of

1 all who spoke, all that I have spoken to Friday, and  
2 would like to state at this time that I would not be  
3 in favor in terminating Mr. Anderson's contract.  
4 And I will not be asking to schedule a formal  
5 hearing on this matter.

6 With that said, there are some items which  
7 Mr. Anderson and I are working through. I believe  
8 both Mr. Anderson and I can improve the long-term  
9 viability of the city by improving how we all work  
10 together. I will strive to effectively communicate  
11 the issues I have with the operations of the city  
12 with Mr. Anderson. And I believe after recent  
13 discussions, I feel very confident that we have  
14 found common ground in moving forward. I appreciate  
15 the hard work of Mr. Anderson. And I look forward  
16 to moving the city of Port St. Joe forward in a  
17 positive and productive manner. Thank you, Mayor.

18 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd like to say  
19 something myself.

20 THE MAYOR: Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I've had a chance to  
22 think about a lot of things. Over the weekend I went  
23 and talked with Jim, Mr. Anderson. We've been  
24 friends for a long time. We sat down and we talked  
25 for about 30 minutes. And I told him about some

1 goals that I wanted for north Port St. Joe. I  
2 believe he's committed to working with me to achieve  
3 those goals. And I'd like to say that I thank  
4 everyone for coming out. The things that you said, I  
5 really thought about them. It means a lot to me to  
6 be a voice for the entire city of Port St. Joe, but  
7 also north Port St. Joe. And I still -- I don't take  
8 back me saying that we've been deprived because it's  
9 real. I mean, if you ride over there and look at it,  
10 I mean -- but we have to be motivated. And I believe  
11 that if we continue to work together that that  
12 motivation will come. You know, it's just going to  
13 take some time and some hard work. And we've got  
14 some good people that's working over there real hard.  
15 So I just -- that's all I have to say.

16 THE MAYOR: I will piggyback onto that just to  
17 say that I know Mr. Anderson to be a fine husband and  
18 a fine man to his children. There's no doubt about  
19 it, he is. The problems we have have probably been  
20 personal, personal clashes that we had that weren't  
21 handled the right way by neither one of us. But I at  
22 this time do not want Jim Anderson to lose his job.  
23 I never did vote for him to lose his job. And  
24 tonight I say to Jim Anderson and to everybody in  
25 this audience, we need to move ahead, get past this

1           and work on City business. And that's all I've got  
2           to say about it.

3           COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Can I say one more  
4           thing, Mr. Mayor?

5           THE MAYOR: Sure.

6           COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd like to take into  
7           account what Commissioner Buzzett said. Let's have a  
8           workshop and try to work some of these wrinkles out.  
9           I mean, let's put it out there and strive to work  
10          together. And let's have a workshop and try to work  
11          some things out and move on. I think that would be a  
12          good idea.

13          COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Absolutely,  
14          Commissioner Langston, I think that -- Pastor  
15          Gaithers (ph) I think spelled it out perfectly for  
16          us. There has to be some kind of system in place  
17          where we can let our staff know what we expect and be  
18          able to follow up and make sure that that's  
19          happening. And I do believe that we can work all  
20          that out very easily by using other cities as a  
21          model. So I look forward to that workshop.

22          THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir. Anyone else?

23          CITY ATTORNEY: Mayor, before you move forward,  
24          I believe it was left last Friday, moving forward,  
25          with the formal hearing that was requested by

1 Mr. Anderson. And it's been brought to my attention  
2 that's where we left off. So with that being said,  
3 if the Board's intention is not to have a formal  
4 hearing, I believe we should formulate that into the  
5 form of a motion, second and have the Board vote.  
6 Which would be proper procedure based off of what my  
7 understanding of where the Board was left at on  
8 Friday.

9 THE MAYOR: All right. Could I get a motion by  
10 anyone?

11 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: So moved.

12 THE MAYOR: I have a motion from Commissioner  
13 Ashbrook. Do I have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Second.

15 THE MAYOR: Second by Commissioner Lowry. All  
16 in favor say Aye.

17 THE BOARD: Aye.

18 THE MAYOR: Motion passes 5/0.

19 CITY MANAGER: I just want to thank the City  
20 Commission today. We have had discussions. I've met  
21 with Mr. Lowry, I've met with Mr. Langston. We've  
22 had some good conversations. And for the betterment  
23 of this community, we're all going to work together.  
24 We're going to have some workshops. We're going to  
25 come up with some formulations, some ideas so we can



1 do the will of the people of this town. So thank you  
2 Commission. Thank you City of Port St. Joe.

3 THE BOARD: Thank you.

4 THE MAYOR: All right. And we'll get to our  
5 agenda.

6 MR. WOMACK: Is there any room for discussion  
7 from the crowd about this, what just took place?

8 THE MAYOR: Not at this point. We'll have crowd  
9 discussion at the end of the meeting.

10 MR. WOMACK: All right.

11 THE MAYOR: Our regular Commission on 5/1/18, I  
12 hope everyone had a chance to look over those  
13 minutes. And I need an approval in a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: So moved, Mayor.

15 THE MAYOR: We have a motion from Commissioner  
16 Buzzett.

17 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Second.

18 THE MAYOR: We have a second from  
19 Commissioner Langston. All in favor say Aye.

20 THE BOARD: Aye.

21 THE MAYOR: The motion carries 5/0.

22 Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency. Bill, you  
23 here?

24 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: He's not here. Nothing  
25 further for the Board since the last meeting.

1 THE MAYOR: Nothing to report, okie-dokie.

2 Moving right along to our City Attorney.

3 CITY ATTORNEY: Yes, Mayor. Starting with the  
4 Florida Coastal Conservancy Agreement. Last month,  
5 Mayor, I had informed the Board that I would draft up  
6 a licensing agreement between the FLCC and the City  
7 of Port St. Joe, which I did and provided to the  
8 Board, which is in the agenda packet. It has been  
9 brought to my attention that the FLCC would rather go  
10 straight to the Department of Interior pursuant to  
11 the clause in the quitclaim deed. As of just prior  
12 to lunch today, the attorney for the FLCC provided me  
13 with a concession agreement, which is a form  
14 agreement that the Department provides in situations  
15 like this. At this time the licensing agreement  
16 which you have in your agenda packet, if they're not  
17 going to agree on, there's no point to vote on. With  
18 that said, I think it would be prudent to follow what  
19 the deed restriction says in this and let's go to the  
20 Department of Interior and ask what they will  
21 approve. To do that we have to provide some  
22 framework of what the City is asking. We can't just  
23 say will you approve a lease. There needs to be some  
24 defined term specifically. The next big issue I  
25 believe would be for the maintenance and upkeep,

1       who's responsible where and when. Generally, the  
2       concession agreement that was provided just before  
3       lunch to me, I've made -- I reviewed it quickly and  
4       made a few changes. I think there are some other  
5       changes that could be made by myself. But I'm going  
6       to need some input from the Board. Because I can  
7       change some of the legal words and play lawyer on the  
8       document, but at the end of the day, I need to know  
9       some basics like term and who's responsible for what  
10      repairs. I would suggest to the Board that at this  
11      point there's really two options. One is the Board  
12      can give me at this time some feedback as to what to  
13      include in the concession agreement as far as term  
14      and responsibility for repairs and upkeep. We can  
15      provide that to the Department, agenda this item for  
16      the next regular meeting, come back. And if between  
17      that time there's -- the Board would like to see  
18      additions, corrections, deletions, I can send an  
19      amended request to the Department. The other  
20      alternative is that we table this issue, and the  
21      Board reviews the concession agreement as it stands  
22      now and allows me more time to review it myself and  
23      we come back next month. And at that time,  
24      hopefully, we'll have something ready in its final  
25      form for the Board. Ultimately, either way I'm going

1 to need some direction as to lease term and  
2 responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep. And  
3 I'm not necessarily looking at the maintenance and  
4 upkeep as lightbulbs and air conditioner filters. I  
5 think everybody can agree that will be on the -- to  
6 use the laymen's term -- tenant here. But HVAC,  
7 other instrumentalities of that building, who's going  
8 to be responsible at what level. \$500 is a major  
9 repair, would that be the City's responsibility. And  
10 would the City be forced to make that repair. All  
11 those things need to be considered. And I have to  
12 have the Board tell me -- direct me on those issues.  
13 Once I have that direction, we can really go to  
14 either Option A or Option B as to where to take it  
15 from there.

16 THE MAYOR: What's the wishes of the Board?

17 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Mr. Mayor, I'd be more  
18 comfortable -- I just saw that concession agreement  
19 myself around one o'clock this afternoon. And I  
20 really haven't had time to dig into it. I'd be hard  
21 pressed to make any decisions today. I think that we  
22 should think about it until the next meeting. Let's  
23 table it and put eyes on it and get more advice from  
24 our attorney.

25 THE MAYOR: Do you want to put that in a motion?

1           COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: I will put that in the  
2 form of a motion. Let's table this issue until next  
3 week.

4           COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Second for discussion.

5           THE MAYOR: We've got a motion from Commissioner  
6 Ashbrook, a second from Commissioner Buzzett for  
7 discussion.

8           CITY ATTORNEY: Just for a point of reference,  
9 we don't have a meeting next week.

10          COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: I'm sorry. Next  
11 meeting.

12          COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Adam, with this motion do  
13 you still want input from us concerning the lease,  
14 the length of term, maintenance of, the type of  
15 agreement. Would you still like to get that from us  
16 tonight?

17          CITY ATTORNEY: Yes, Commissioner. There are a  
18 lot of things I can do just based off what's standard  
19 and what's in the best interest of the City. There  
20 are a few things that I just -- I have to be informed  
21 by what the Board's desire and interests are. One of  
22 those would be the term. The other would be the  
23 maintenance and upkeep of the major items. So I  
24 would like some feedback. Obviously, that's up to  
25 the Board on how they want to pursue it going

1 forward. But until I know what to put in this  
2 agreement, I'm sure the Department is going to tell  
3 me that they're going to want to see some specifics.

4 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Exactly. And the lease  
5 agreement that you presented to us is basically 18  
6 months commencing today I think. I made reference  
7 last meeting that I was comfortable with 12 months.  
8 I can get along with 18 months of the 60 days.  
9 Basically everything in this lease, that's the way  
10 it's written. And I think it's \$500 for the upkeep  
11 and maintenance and also at our discretion.

12 CITY ATTORNEY: Correct, Commissioner. And when  
13 you're saying "lease," I presume you're referring to  
14 the license agreement, which --

15 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: License, yeah.

16 CITY ATTORNEY: -- I provided. Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I think most people here  
18 tonight don't really know what's going on. But  
19 basically we can't lease any of the keepers quarters  
20 or Eglin. We can grant a license. Only the  
21 Department of Interior can -- can grant that I think.

22 CITY ATTORNEY: The Department of Interior will  
23 have to approve of the usage if it's to sell, lease  
24 or sign.

25 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: So that's -- I guess that

1 would be my two cents worth.

2 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'm fine with the 18 months  
3 as well. And I'm also fine with anything under \$500.  
4 Anything major would be on us, as you have it  
5 written, if everybody is fine with that.

6 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I'm fine is it.

7 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: My biggest fear, the  
8 reason why I'd like to table it, and you can probably  
9 answer it. My biggest question today, is there still  
10 an out. If we happen to get a call saying that the  
11 lens is ready and we need to ask them to leave, is  
12 that still an option?

13 CITY ATTORNEY: What I drafted the answer would  
14 be yes. The concession that I have currently, there  
15 is no explicit out that I saw. Again, I just got the  
16 agreement right before lunch today. So if I'm wrong  
17 please excuse me, but from what I saw "no" would be  
18 the answer to your question.

19 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I think really think we  
20 have to have that. Because the whole point of having  
21 that down there is to display that lens. So when  
22 they get the money to put it in there, we need to go  
23 forward with that.

24 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I've got a question.  
25 What if the lens hasn't got fixed after the 18

1 months?

2 THE MAYOR: Is there a renewable clause?

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Yes.

4 THE MAYOR: Is there anything renewable in there  
5 about after the first 18 months, if the lens hasn't  
6 come in?

7 CITY ATTORNEY: Well, as of right now the  
8 concession agreement that I was provided doesn't have  
9 a term. But there is -- there is no renewable  
10 language in there. But any contract can be -- I  
11 mean, you can renew any -- and again, to piggyback  
12 off Commissioner Buzzett, this is -- essentially what  
13 we're working out is a lease. We can get into the  
14 legal technicalities and concessions and license.  
15 But essentially it's a right to use the property.  
16 And the Commission, certainly, at the end of the term  
17 could vote to extend it by however many months if  
18 there's a willing party that wants to be in that  
19 building, meaning the FLCC wants it extended.

20 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Would we have to go back  
21 to the Department of Interior for that permission?

22 CITY ATTORNEY: I believe I would suggest to the  
23 commissioners that, you know, as long as the scope  
24 doesn't change, more than likely not. But that is a  
25 conversation I can have with the Department of



1 Interior, if the commissioners would so like.

2 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I agree with that.

3 THE MAYOR: All right. We have a motion and a  
4 second. All in favor say Aye.

5 THE BOARD: Aye.

6 MS. SWINDALL: Excuse me. Can I just say a  
7 couple of things about that, about --

8 THE MAYOR: Yes, ma'am. Come on up.

9 MS. SWINDALL: Thank you.

10 THE MAYOR: We've already voted, but come on up.

11 MS. SWINDALL: I know. I just want to clarify  
12 some of the things because I don't think  
13 Mr. Albritton is clear. We spoke with John Barrett,  
14 (ph) who is the program manager for the Federal PERC  
15 and Land for the Southeast Region. He's the guy  
16 whose name is on all of those documents that were  
17 sent when the property was transferred to the City.  
18 And he provided us a template for a concession  
19 agreement. So it was basically just a fill in the  
20 blank, this is what you do if anyone wants to come  
21 in, any third party like a non-profit, like us, or a  
22 historical society or food vendor, anyone, if they  
23 want to operate in a structure like this, this is the  
24 template to follow. So we went through and we filled  
25 in the blanks. And there are probably a couple of

1 things that needs to be, you know, added in there.  
2 And anytime any change has to be made to it, it does  
3 have to go back to Mr. Barrett's office for approval.  
4 So we did get a lot of clarification by just going  
5 straight to him. So I think that kind of erases some  
6 of the ambiguity of who can do what and what's what.  
7 So we had a lot of clarity of that. So I just want  
8 to say a couple of things about the term. Because we  
9 will be in there fixing this stuff up, and we have to  
10 consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer  
11 for everything that we do in there. And knowing we  
12 have a lots of far think only that. And knowing the  
13 pace that government moves, we -- I feel like a good  
14 solid six months to fix the place up would be fair.  
15 And then an 18 month operating period after that to  
16 operate as the Sea Turtle Center because we're going  
17 to have to consult with this office and the state.  
18 We're going to try to get some grant money to do some  
19 things and fix that house up. And that's to the  
20 benefit of not only us, but the City. It's your  
21 building. It's our building. We're doing this for  
22 the city of Port St. Joe. And then ultimately, the  
23 Historical Society when they move in there. So I  
24 think it would be fair to have a six month  
25 fixer-upper period for the house and then followed by

1 18 months afterwards to operate. and so, you know,  
2 I -- that's just kind of what we think about it. And  
3 then as far as the maintenance, he said \$500. We'd  
4 like to see that at 250. Maybe we can meet somewhere  
5 in the middle. Because it is an old building. And  
6 it does belong to the City. And if we're in there --  
7 and at any given time something can go out and we  
8 have to put \$500 into it, and then you can kick us  
9 out next month, I just don't think that's very fair.  
10 So we're, you know, just -- those are the couple of  
11 things that I wanted to say about that when you're  
12 thinking about this. But, yeah, I think pretty,  
13 though, the format of this agreement has been set.  
14 Mr. Barrett's aware of, you know, that we're doing  
15 this here. And he's been -- he was very helpful and  
16 gave great guidance. And so I think we're on a path  
17 now to actually getting something in that house.  
18 It's been sitting empty for three years. So I just  
19 would like to keep the momentum going. Because it's  
20 going to be a great thing for the city really. Thank  
21 you very much. I appreciate it.

22 THE BOARD: Thank you.

23 MS. SWINDALL: Thank you, Adam.

24 THE MAYOR: All right.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I say something, please?

1 THE MAYOR: Yes, ma'am, come on up.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. Well, I came  
3 tonight on behalf of the Historical Society to  
4 approve the license that Adam had prepared.

5 THE MAYOR: Speak up a little bit. They can't  
6 hear you.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm sorry. I had came on  
8 behalf of the Historical Society to put our backing  
9 behind the license agreement that Adam had so  
10 graciously worked out for us.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You need to speak where folks  
12 can hear you.

13 THE MAYOR: Is that microphone working?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. Anyway, we agreed with  
15 the provisions of the license agreement that Adam  
16 worked up. I too have not had much time to look at  
17 the concession agreement. But there were a couple of  
18 things that kind of stuck out to me. And one of  
19 those was that they planned to open a giftshop. Now  
20 for those who may not be aware of the arrangement at  
21 the Lighthouse, the Historical Society runs the  
22 Lighthouse for the City. The Historical Society  
23 receives zero income from either the Lighthouse or  
24 the giftshop. The funds from those two places go  
25 back into the Lighthouse. We're going to have

1 another giftshop right next door to us that is going  
2 to impact the amount of funds that's going to be  
3 available. Now we've operated in the black for the  
4 last two years barely. But our agreement was that as  
5 long as we could operate it in the black, we would  
6 operate it. So I need you to be aware of that. If  
7 we have competition for the dollars that come into  
8 that park as far as giftshop dollars are concerned,  
9 then we may have -- we may have some other issues.  
10 We mentioned that there was no provision for a notice  
11 to vacate. I appreciate you bringing that up. It's  
12 not there. I believe that's appropriate in here.  
13 And, of course, we had estimated that it would take  
14 us about 18 months to raise the money to display the  
15 lens. I would say to that we have a historic  
16 treasure there. Our lighthouse was the only light in  
17 the state of Florida that was intact, which meant the  
18 a lens was there, the mechanism, the clocking  
19 mechanism, everything was there. And we don't want  
20 to lose that obviously. So we will be working  
21 diligently to raise that money. So I would propose  
22 that perhaps we give them the 18 months. And then if  
23 we have not raised the money, then it would be  
24 renewable after that until such time as we have the  
25 money to do the display of the lens. But we really

1           need that out clause. Thank you.

2           THE MAYOR: Yes, ma'am. Please sign in for me.

3           MS. SWINDALL: So I'm going to cut into your sea  
4           turtle artwork sales?

5           AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm sorry?

6           MS. SWINDALL: Is that going to cut into your  
7           sea turtle artwork sales?

8           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me. She has a question  
9           about sea shell -- sea turtle artwork. We were  
10          donated artwork by a local lady who gives her artwork  
11          to non-profit organizations for them to make money.  
12          It just so happens some of them were turtle pictures.  
13          I have not sold a one of them. But, yes, I do have  
14          them because they were donated to us as a non-profit.

15          THE MAYOR: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

16          Yes, sir, Mr. Pat. Come on up.

17          MR. FLOYD: Thank you.

18          Thank you for the opportunity to address you  
19          again on this. And I like the attitude of reasoning  
20          together that you've already started and exhibited  
21          quite some time with this commission. It certainly  
22          is a good hallmark. I think you can see that the  
23          historical society has approached this in the spirit  
24          of compromise. They were the ones who really were  
25          given the right to occupy and facilitate both of

1       these buildings, including the Eglin building. But  
2       they have said, look, that's okay. I mean, the  
3       Florida Coastal had a part of the Sleeping Beauty  
4       quarters. They allowed that. And now I think what  
5       you've seen is increasing demands by Florida Coastal  
6       to the point that now -- and I think you should look  
7       at this carefully. They have unilaterally gone  
8       straight to the Department of Interior to talk with  
9       them and deal with them about this issue without  
10      your authority or input or that of the Historical  
11      Society. And that is something that you need to  
12      really keep in mind at the forefront. If somebody  
13      does that, that kind of evidences a reckless  
14      disregard for the very thing that we're trying to  
15      talk about here, the lens. This lens is on loan.  
16      And the grant has specific application requirements.  
17      If you end up going to these people without the City  
18      and without the Historical Society, and then you  
19      generate some type of controversy over there, we may  
20      all lose it. We may lose the lens as well as the  
21      other grants that were there. So what is the thing  
22      to look at to reason together about. First thing  
23      is, you need to tell these people, Florida Coastal,  
24      not to do anything without the City or without the  
25      Historical Society. Because you don't know what's

1       said and you don't know how it's going to be reacted  
2       to. And the red flag that I think you need to look  
3       at first is they -- is that Florida Coastal  
4       submitted a lease, but it did not have anything in  
5       there but about being terminated or complying with  
6       the requirements of the application grant or the  
7       loan. So that should be something to cue you on  
8       what's happening there. Then we get down to the  
9       next thing, this concession agreement. Like I said,  
10      they go unilaterally to them. But the concession  
11      agreement doesn't have the 60 days in there noticed  
12      that you specifically said would be in there before.  
13      And now there are additional items that are being  
14      requested. And that's what I'm calling as sliding  
15      negotiations, where you get something you think, and  
16      then you keep on going with it. And that's what I  
17      see looks like is happening here. What's  
18      problematic about it really is this too, is you get  
19      somebody that's a bull in the china closet -- well,  
20      maybe it's really here a turtle in the china closet,  
21      and you have them disregard the particular interest  
22      of those other people and go straight to it, you may  
23      generate a controversy there that you can't stop.  
24      And that's why I'm saying, these people from the  
25      Historical Society, I say we on the Historical



1        Society have made compromises to try to make sure  
2        that there's a place for the people at Florida  
3        Coastal in a reasonable and gentle way of doing  
4        this. Now what I suggest -- what do you suggest?  
5        Well, I suggest that the particular lease that's  
6        come up with -- excuse me. The license agreement  
7        that's come up with by Mr. Albritton, that that be  
8        utilized and be voted on as the template for us to  
9        go to if we have to to the Department of Interior.  
10       And I think it's already been suggested we probably  
11       won't have to do that. Isn't that the best way?  
12       Let's don't look the gift horse in the mouth and go  
13       over there and start complaining and having problems  
14       and controversy. Let's get it set as to what we  
15       want to have. And what you have, your attorney has  
16       recommended, is come back. It's got the 60 days in  
17       there. It's got the 18 months that they compromised  
18       on. I suggest you go ahead and do that in the  
19       interest of reason and the interest of the lens and  
20       the lighthouse. And then we won't have to go and  
21       talk with Goliath over there and risk losing the  
22       lens and the lighthouse. Thank you.

23       THE BOARD: Thank you.

24       THE MAYOR: Pat, would you sign in, please?

25       MR. FLOYD: Yes, I will.

1 THE MAYOR: Don't forget, people, if you come  
2 up, please sign in. All right. We had a motion and  
3 a second, we've already voted. So what's next?

4 Are you through, Mr. Adam?

5 CITY ATTORNEY: As for that issue, Major.

6 THE MAYOR: All right.

7 CITY ATTORNEY: As to the RG Kay Investments  
8 land lease wherein the City of Port St. Joe wishes to  
9 lease land from RG Kay Investments, I think this one  
10 is much easier. We have a lease agreement that I  
11 have previously provided to the City, which I am in  
12 agreement and so is RG Kay, alias Mr. Kerrigan. The  
13 one outstanding issue is that Mr. Kerrigan has asked,  
14 or his representative has asked that before final  
15 execution of the least that he see the anticipated  
16 press release that will be issued by the City. I've  
17 spoken with Mr. Anderson about this and Mr. Anderson  
18 did not seem to think that would be an issue.  
19 Correct, Mr. Anderson?

20 CITY MANAGER: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Adam, what was the most  
22 recent change that was made to this? I've been  
23 following this, but there's been quite a few back and  
24 forths.

25 CITY ATTORNEY: Yes, sir. If you look at

1 Article 15.1, and you go down closer to the bottom,  
2 you'll see language referring to the recording of the  
3 right of first refusal. This will put third parties  
4 on notice that the City has this right of first  
5 refusal. If there's a title search, the title  
6 company should see it. Absent doing that, you know,  
7 we could have a situation where a good-faith buyer  
8 purchased the land and it's not the buyer's issue.  
9 It's just easier to put it in public records.  
10 There's no question as to the existence. That's the  
11 only substantial change in here. I did clean up a  
12 couple of typos and things like that, but it did not  
13 change or alter the substance or terms of the lease.

14 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: So this was a change in  
15 our favor, in the City's favor?

16 CITY ATTORNEY: Correct. Correct.

17 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Okay.

18 CITY ATTORNEY: And a change I had asked for.

19 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I applaud Mr. Kerrigan  
21 for offering this property to us for a dollar a year  
22 for 30 years. It would be a great addition to Reed  
23 Avenue to have some nice restroom facilities right in  
24 the middle of town. He's a St. Joe High graduate,  
25 St. Joe person. He loves Port St. Joe. And I

1 appreciate his offer. And with that I make a motion  
2 to approve the lease as presented.

3 THE MAYOR: All right. We have a motion from  
4 Commissioner Buzzett. Do we have a second?

5 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Second.

6 THE MAYOR: Second by Commissioner Ashbrook.  
7 All in favor say aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 THE MAYOR: Motion carries 5/0. Is that all we  
10 have for us Mr. Attorney?

11 CITY ATTORNEY: Yes, sir, that's all I have at  
12 this time.

13 THE MAYOR: All right. Jim?

14 CITY MANAGER: Yes, sir, Mayor. The first item  
15 of business tonight under old business is the road  
16 bond money. We have went out to bid for the  
17 materials for the downtown area and for Long Avenue.  
18 We suspect those should come in on the 25th. In our  
19 previous meeting we did go ahead and schedule the  
20 special meeting for the 31st at twelve o'clock for  
21 the Board to review all of our options and to move  
22 forward on expending the road bond money.

23 THE MAYOR: Sounds good. Sounds good. All  
24 right.

25 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd like to say

1 something.

2 THE MAYOR: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I was called by a  
4 citizen on Avenue G back there, I think Dab Dawson,  
5 right there in front of his driveway, it's like built  
6 up kind of high and people have been tripping over it  
7 and falling down. A few people have been to the  
8 hospital. He said -- he was kind of upset. He said  
9 he was going to send the City the bill. And I told  
10 him that I'd speak with the other commissioners and  
11 see if we could get something done. John Reckon (ph)  
12 called me and told me that he had an idea to  
13 temporarily fix it. But he wanted -- I wanted to get  
14 with the other commissioners. He wanted to get with  
15 the other commissioners and get with the City  
16 engineer to see what we need to do. But I also think  
17 that that road there needs to be paved if we have any  
18 extra money from the road bond. It's a short street.  
19 It's not a long street, it's a short street. It's  
20 probably not even a block long. I just wanted to put  
21 that -- get that to commissioners and let's think  
22 about it. But John did say he could fix it  
23 temporarily. So I think that that would be a good  
24 idea for now.

25 CITY MANAGER: Commissioner Langston, that is

1       one we have talked at the staff level. And we are  
2       going to have some numbers for you when we come to  
3       that meeting on the 31st to fix that issue on  
4       Avenue G. So, yes, sir, that will be one option that  
5       you could, if you wanted to forward on that.  
6       Mr. Smallwood will be back in the office next week.  
7       We're going to have him formulate some numbers for us  
8       on that. It will be an option for us.

9           COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Okay. Thank you, sir.

10          THE MAYOR: All right. What else we got, Jim.

11          CITY MANAGER: The next item under old business  
12       is the fire truck purchase. We did table this at our  
13       last meeting. Commissioner Lowry wanted to see if we  
14       could come up with some options to pay for it with  
15       cash instead of financing it. What we have, Mayor,  
16       is the total expenditure is about \$354,507.72. That  
17       would include the firetruck, the equipment and a new  
18       jaws of life. We've looked at trying to see what we  
19       have on hand as far as paying for it in cash.  
20       Unfortunately, don't have a lot of options in the  
21       general fund. We have our BP money that we've been  
22       using for different items on there, as a option on  
23       there. Going up on ad valorem taxes, I don't know if  
24       that's something anybody wants to address on there.  
25       Hopefully our ad valorem numbers are going to go up

1       this year. But we don't have those in hand yet.  
2       What I would suggest is that if it's the will of the  
3       Board to go ahead -- if we feel we need a new  
4       firetruck, let's work it through the budget process.  
5       Based on the contract -- I gave a copy of the  
6       contract to the City Attorney to review. But from  
7       what I've seen on there, correct me if I'm wrong,  
8       Mr. Attorney, we don't have to pay anything for a  
9       full year thr-- or 300 days. So that gives us time  
10      to work through our options on that. But it's up to  
11      the Board to feel -- if you feel it's worthy of us  
12      replacing the 1992 firetruck.

13           THE MAYOR: We definitely need to replace it,  
14      don't we, John?

15           JOHN: Yes, sir, you do.

16           THE MAYOR: We don't have a choice, I don't  
17      think.

18           JOHN: Not unless you're going to tie up a lot  
19      of money in an old firetruck.

20           THE MAYOR: And did you tell me the price we got  
21      is only good up till tomorrow or something?

22           JOHN: Tomorrow morning. The chase itself  
23      would go up to 3 to 4 percent in the morning.

24           COMMISSIONER LOWRY: John, the game plan is to  
25      also sell that other truck too and recoup --

1           JOHN: Yes, sir.

2           COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I mean, that's positive.

3           THE MAYOR: I think the County might have some  
4 interest in purchasing the old truck. Some of the  
5 people I've talked to said they would entertain the  
6 idea of buying it if the price is right. So we may  
7 be able to sell it just like Commissioner Lowry said.

8           We've got to have to it. There's no choice. We've  
9 got to be able to put out fires in the way they  
10 should be put out. And I feel like with what we've  
11 got now, we're in jeopardy of not being able to do  
12 that at some point in time. So I don't want to lose  
13 no lives because we don't have a firetruck that's  
14 capable of taking care of any fire we may have.

15          JOHN: Yes, sir.

16          THE MAYOR: So that's where I'm at at this  
17 thing. I'm ready to do whatever we need to do to  
18 order this truck.

19          COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: And, Mr. Mayor, it's not  
20 just a public safety issue as well. That's the big  
21 one. But we risk our ISO rating dropping as well.  
22 Which could raise every bodies property insurance on  
23 new builds. So that's another thing to think about  
24 too. It could cost the citizens if we don't act.

25          THE MAYOR:



1 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: So let's move forward,  
2 Major. And let the staff work out the --

3 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'm fine with Jim's  
4 recommendation. I make a motion to move forward with  
5 the purchase.

6 THE MAYOR: I have a motion from Commissioner --  
7 I can't even think of your name, Mr. Lowry,  
8 Commissioner Lowry.

9 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I second.

10 THE MAYOR: I have a second from Commissioner --  
11 what's your name?

12 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Langston.

13 THE MAYOR: I know what your name is. All  
14 right, we've got a first and second. It's good to  
15 have a little laughter sometimes, people. I tell  
16 you. We have a first and a second. All in favor say  
17 Aye.

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 THE MAYOR: Likewise signed, Motion carries 5/0.  
20 John, you're getting you a new truck, son.

21 JOHN: Thank you, sir.

22 THE MAYOR: Thank you. We appreciate everything  
23 you do for the City.

24 JOHN: Thank you, sir.

25 CITY MANAGER: Onto new business. The first

1 item, Mayor --

2 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Whoa, whoa, whoa. That  
3 was for the truck. What about the equipment?

4 THE MAYOR: Equipment, we've got to do the  
5 equipment.

6 CITY MANAGER: Yes, sir, I would recommend the  
7 equipment also. The equipment -- the truck itself is  
8 324,930. The equipment is \$21,777.72. And you  
9 also -- there is a sole source item on there for the  
10 jaws of life equipment on there. That is 7,800. In  
11 the total for everything, Mayor, is \$354,507.72,  
12 total package.

13 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Move your bid for the  
14 equipment.

15 THE MAYOR: We have a motion from Commissioner  
16 Buzzett. Do we have a second?

17 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Second.

18 THE MAYOR: Second from Commissioner Ashbrook.  
19 All in favor say Aye.

20 THE BOARD: Aye.

21 THE MAYOR: The motions carries 5/0.

22 CITY MANAGER: What about the actual sole source  
23 for the jaws of life equipment? Can we get a motion  
24 for that?

25 THE MAYOR: It's got to be separate?

1 CITY MANAGER: I think so. It would probably be  
2 appropriate, Mayor, since that was not bid out.

3 THE MAYOR: All right. Can we get a motion for  
4 that?

5 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: So moved.

6 THE MAYOR: So moved by Commissioner Ashbrook.  
7 Do we have a second?

8 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I second.

9 THE MAYOR: Second by Commissioner Eric  
10 Langston. All in favor say Aye.

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 THE MAYOR: Motion passes 5/0.

13 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Takes a lot of work to  
14 buy a truck.

15 THE MAYOR: I tell you.

16 CITY MANAGER: Moving on to new business. First  
17 the item we have is the north Port St. Joe PAC  
18 workshop. To my understanding, the plan has been  
19 submitted to the redevelopment agency. The  
20 redevelopment agency has reviewed it. And it's  
21 appropriate at this time to set a workshop for the  
22 City Commission to review.

23 THE MAYOR: Okay. We need to do this I think  
24 when Mr. John Henry is in town. Do you want to come  
25 up a minute?

1           COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Well, I think the City  
2           Planning Consultant, we need to get him on here too.  
3           John, he can be -- I guess, he can be on conference  
4           call or whatever. But we need to get the city  
5           planning consultant here on that date whenever we set  
6           it up.

7           COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: The gentleman that took  
8           Maria Pennington's place?

9           THE MAYOR: I agree. Jim, you'll take care of  
10          that?

11          CITY MANAGER: Do we have a range of dated,  
12          Mayor? Is there a couple of dates that y'all want to  
13          try to come up --

14          THE MAYOR: Sometime in June, maybe the middle  
15          of June, Chester?

16          MR. DAVIS: Yeah, we want to try to do it as  
17          quickly as possible. And I want to say based upon  
18          the fact that this started about two and a half years  
19          ago. And we submitted a plan to the City, the CRA  
20          and City then approved. We developed a CDC, and it's  
21          been approved. And we're set. Now to do some great  
22          things in our community. As a matter of fact,  
23          Commissioner Langston has put it to the floor very  
24          prophetically that we need to do something for north  
25          Port St. Joe. For the last ten, twelve, thirteen

1       years, nothing has been done. So we now have  
2       submitted to the City a plan that's dealing with  
3       rezoning that's very beneficial for the shareholders  
4       in that area so that we can increase property value  
5       and bring in business to that community. The only  
6       thing I wanted to add to that, Major and to the  
7       Commission is this, one of the problems that we have  
8       is when people don't come and share with the city  
9       commission meeting and with the PAC meeting and the  
10      CDC meetings about what's going on in the community,  
11      it gets to be a split thing with the community simply  
12      because people are not there to know what's going on.  
13      And I'm asking that now we inform our callers that  
14      come with dividing statements that, you know, they  
15      come to the meetings and find out what's going on.  
16      Because so often what's happens, is they get by words  
17      or they get things that are said on the side. They  
18      need to come and see what we're requesting for the  
19      City. And they need to be part of the meetings so  
20      that when they come and call the mayor and say, you  
21      know, got certain people running the commission or  
22      running the floor over there, and they're not  
23      knowledge about what's going on. We need to make  
24      sure the public knows exactly what we're doing. And  
25      with the rezoning thing that we have out there now,

1       it's very profitable not only to north Port St. Joe,  
2       but it's for the city of Port St. Joe. So we're  
3       hoping that when people come that we invite them to  
4       come not only to the city commission, but to the CRA  
5       meetings and also to the PAC meetings that we're  
6       having so that they can be informed and know exactly  
7       what we're doing in north Port St. Joe. I think we  
8       have a viable process going on now. And we're  
9       looking forward to some great things in the future.  
10      I think Eric has been very valuable to us now in  
11      talking about what we need to do. We just need  
12      people to come and support it.

13           THE MAYOR: Thank you. What dates you got for  
14      this workshop?

15           MR. DAVIS: Well, we need to set that up with  
16      Eric. Because one of the problem is, we need the  
17      city consultant there. So we need to get with the  
18      City to find out what date the consultant can be  
19      there. And we will have John Henry there just as a  
20      person that can make a statement as to, you know,  
21      what the rezoning really requires. But we need the  
22      city consultant there to tell us exactly, you know,  
23      what the City can do and what they cannot do to make  
24      that rezoning. Because it's a lot of increase in  
25      density.

1 CITY MANAGER: Commissioner Langston, if you'll  
2 get with me, we'll give a call and see if we can set  
3 up a couple of days. And we can get with Mr. Davis  
4 and make that happen.

5 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Okay.

6 THE MAYOR: Okay, sounds great.

7 MR. DAVIS: And right now our next meeting is  
8 Saturday at eleven o'clock at Philadelphia Primitive  
9 Baptist Church. Thank you.

10 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Chester Davis.

11 CITY MANAGER: All right, the next item we have,  
12 Mayor, is in reference to the fishing piers at  
13 Clifford Sims Park. Mayor, they're starting to show  
14 their age. We've looked at them, we've worked on  
15 them. The guys have tried to keep them piecemealed  
16 together for the last couple of years. They're well  
17 received by the community. It's time they need a  
18 little TLC. What staff would like to do is ask  
19 permission to go out and get some CAD drawings to  
20 formulate what we think can be done to make some  
21 repairs out there. We're probably looking at, you  
22 know, 1,000, \$2,000 to do that. We have money put  
23 aside. We're receiving the money coming in from the  
24 Fishing Express for the rental. You have about  
25 \$25,000 in that fund. So the first step, we would;

1       like to get permission to do that, and then bring  
2       that back to you so we can formulate some bids to get  
3       these things repaired.

4             THE MAYOR: All right.

5             COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'm fine with that.

6             COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I'd like to throw  
7       something out. We've got two piers down there. We  
8       have to maintain two piers. I've talked to some of  
9       the guys who fish down there, and 90 percent of them  
10      use that one central pier that comes off from the  
11      restroom facility. I'd like us to consider, of  
12      course, demolishing both of them, rebuild the one in  
13      the center, but a little larger, a little nicer.  
14      We'd only have one pier to maintain. And so that was  
15      just --

16            COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: And demolish the two?

17            COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Yeah. And just come back  
18      with one a little bit larger and nicer, of course.  
19      We'd only have one to maintain at that time instead  
20      of two.

21            THE MAYOR: We're going to keep the area down  
22      there where the gazebo is, right?

23            COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Definitely. But the two  
24      piers, I would say, consolidate into one real nice  
25      one. It might save us some money.



1 MR. EDEN: Since you mentioned it, I've got a  
2 question about that pier.

3 THE MAYOR: Just a minute.

4 MR. EDEN: Can I ask a question?

5 THE MAYOR: Just a minute, yes, sir.

6 MR. EDEN: Just wanted to ask a question, that's  
7 all.

8 THE MAYOR: Okay. Are you putting that into a  
9 motion?

10 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: No. I'd just like to --  
11 if we do CAD drawing maybe have a choice.

12 THE MAYOR: We have a motion on the floor from  
13 Commissioner Lowry, right?

14 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Well, I'll withdraw my  
15 motion. Because that was just for the original pier.

16 THE MAYOR: All right.

17 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I can make a form motion,  
18 yeah. I'll make a form motion we just construct one  
19 pier in the center at the restroom facility at  
20 Clifford Sims Park, and that would be it.

21 THE MAYOR: We have motion from Commissioner  
22 Buzzett. Do we have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'll second. Second for  
24 discussion. And my only discussion point is, as long  
25 as we can perform that task within our -- what we

1       have saved up currently.

2               COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I agree. I can -- I'll  
3       incorporate that in my motion.

4               COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'll second stance it.

5               THE MAYOR: Any discussion? Mr. Eden, was that  
6       you? Come on up.

7               COMMISSIONER LOWRY: While he's coming up, this  
8       is just for the CAD drawings, though, right?

9               CITY MANAGER: Yes, that's it. We have no idea  
10       what the cost -- we need to go back to you and go out  
11       to bid for it. Once you look at the drawings and you  
12       think it's appropriate, then we'll go out to bid for  
13       it.

14              THE MAYOR: Okay.

15              MR. EDEN: I just had a question for you. I  
16       happen to be down in that area where he's talking  
17       about the pier for the last -- I've been down there  
18       twice in about a month. And we used to have an  
19       open container -- we had an open container law down  
20       there. You couldn't drink on either one of those.  
21       Well, I was down there day before yesterday and the  
22       pier on the far left was -- had a bunch of hooligans.  
23       They were probably anywhere from 18 to 25. And they  
24       were all drunk and they were running those people off  
25       from there. They couldn't fish. The people that

1       were trying to fish had to go down on the bottom with  
2       little kids. I mean, they were -- excuse the  
3       expression. They were raising hell. And  
4       something -- we didn't used to let the people do  
5       that, you know.

6               THE MAYOR: Did you call the police and tell  
7       them?

8               MR. EDEN: No, I didn't bother to call. They're  
9       supposed to check. You know, that's what you pay  
10      them for.

11              AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

12              THE MAYOR: I agree. I agree.

13              MR. EDEN: I mean, we had people to go down --  
14      we had to run people off from there when we first put  
15      that up. We had to get the message across. It ain't  
16      a drinking lounge.

17              THE MAYOR: Right.

18              MR. EDEN: You know, it's a place where people  
19      are supposed to fish and bring their kids. Well,  
20      they had everybody out there running. They had to  
21      actually get off -- get out and go down and get down  
22      on that little link with small kids. There was one  
23      about that high.

24              THE MAYOR: That's not right.

25              MR. EDEN: They couldn't get on there. So I

1       just wondered if we still had the open container. I  
2       know we eliminated a lot of areas. I don't know if  
3       that area is --

4             THE MAYOR: Jim, is that one of the areas that  
5       no alcohol is allowed, open container?

6             CITY MANAGER: No, sir, you're not allowed to  
7       have an open container there. You have to have --

8             MR. EDEN: Well, all I'm asking is please  
9       enforce it, okay? Thank you.

10            THE MAYOR: Chief, you'll take care of that for  
11       us, won't you?

12            CHIEF HERRING: Yes, sir.

13            THE MAYOR: All right.

14            CITY MANAGER: The next item we have is in  
15       reference to the food distribution center for the  
16       summer at the Centennial Building. Currently the  
17       food distribution center is handled by the Workforce  
18       Board on Mondays at the Washington gym out of the  
19       Wick building. It's been well received by this  
20       community. I would recommend that we do allow for  
21       the Workforce Board to utilize the Centennial  
22       Building. They said that they would come in, set up  
23       on Mondays, make sure it's all cleaned up at the end  
24       of the day, Mayor, over there. They would like to  
25       use it just on Mondays during the summer months.

1       Because you cannot have prisoners around children  
2       when we have the summer programs.

3               COMMISSIONER BUZZETT:  It's great idea.  I make  
4       a motion we allow it.

5               THE MAYOR:  All right.  We have a motion from  
6       Commissioner Buzzett.  Do we have a second?

7               COMMISSIONER LANGSTON:  Second.

8               COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK:  Second.

9               THE MAYOR:  We have a second from  
10       Commissioner Langston Or Ashbrook?  Who seconded  
11       that?

12              COMMISSIONER LANGSTON:  I seconded it.

13              COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK:  He can have it.

14              THE MAYOR:  Okay.  We've got a first and a  
15       second.  All in favor say Aye.

16              THE BOARD:  Aye.

17              THE MAYOR:  The motion carries 5/0.

18              CITY MANAGER:  The next item we have is in  
19       reference to scallop restoration.  There's a program  
20       going on now to -- where you can actually -- I  
21       believe you can actually adopt a cage, can't you --

22              COMMISSIONER LOWRY:  Yeah.

23              CITY MANAGER:  -- Commissioner Lowry, where you  
24       can actually help out with the restoration of the  
25       scallop program.  I'll let Mr. Lowry -- I'll turn it

1       over to him. But I think it's a really good program  
2       that's got quite a bit of movement going on in the  
3       community.

4               COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I spoke to Jim about this  
5       last week. I had an individual approach me that is  
6       involved, and a couple of other their friends are  
7       involved with the FWD Scallop Restoration Caging  
8       Project. Those three individuals are residents of  
9       Bay County. They use -- they go out on Mexico Beach,  
10      but they also put in at our boat ramp downtown. And  
11      what their request was to have a waiver of the fee,  
12      of a permanent fee, if they showed prove that they're  
13      involved in that restoration project. But I would  
14      make sure -- I don't expect many. But I thought I  
15      would bring it to the Board and see what you guys  
16      thought about it. But again, I don't anticipate many  
17      at all.

18             COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: You go through FWC and  
19      get some kind of license? Or how do you go about  
20      getting one?

21             COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I imagine there's some  
22      type -- and I made a phone call but didn't get an  
23      answer today. There's got to be some kind of  
24      certification they have to go through to even -- or  
25      some kind of badge or something they give them to

1 check them. Because they can't just go out there and  
2 touch those cages. So we to get written proof before  
3 we would issue a permit free of charge.

4 CITY MANAGER: And I think we could -- on our  
5 permits on there, we could do some kind of  
6 distinguishing mark on those if they showed the proof  
7 on there and attach it to the actual permit itself if  
8 it's the wish of the Board.

9 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I think it's a good  
10 idea.

11 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: I have no issues with  
12 that.

13 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: All right. I'll make the  
14 motion.

15 THE MAYOR: All right. We've got a motion from  
16 Commissioner Lowry. Do we have a second?

17 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I second it.

18 THE MAYOR: Second from Commissioner Langston.  
19 All in favor say Aye.

20 THE BOARD: Aye.

21 THE MAYOR: Motion carries 5/0.

22 CITY MANAGER: The last item we have in  
23 reference to golf carts. Mayor Patterson wanted to  
24 talk to you tonight about them.

25 THE MAYOR: Somebody is going to get killed on

1       the golf carts. The reason they're going to get  
2       killed is that people don't know the rules and they  
3       don't care to know the rules. We've had one golf  
4       cart accident about a couple of weeks ago. Luckily  
5       no one was hurt seriously. Sunday I was sitting at  
6       the red light at First Street on 98, here comes a  
7       golf cart across. It's legal crossing. I swear the  
8       kid driving that golf cart couldn't have been more  
9       than 13 years old. So I want to propose that we set  
10      up a golf cart workshop. And everyone that has a  
11      golf cart needs to attend. And we need to make sure  
12      everybody knows the rules. First of all, you're not  
13      supposed to be on Garrison, long or Monument except  
14      to a next street where you can turn off. That's the  
15      rules. You're supposed to travel the other streets  
16      up and then go across. And I've seen people in  
17      offices cross at the wrong place on 71. I mean, so  
18      it's not just regular people. It's people -- other  
19      people too. It's just -- I tell you, somebody is  
20      going to get killed. And I don't want that on my  
21      hands, not nobody's young baby get killed with a golf  
22      cart. So I think we need to have a workshop whenever  
23      we can get it set up and we go over the rules of  
24      having a golf cart. And I want to maybe injunction  
25      in some inspections periodically on golf carts. I



1 don't know if three years, five years, whatever we  
2 can come up with. But we need to make sure that the  
3 golf carts are operating properly. They have all the  
4 things on them that they need to have. Because this  
5 can get serious. This can get real serious.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If you're coming down  
7 Garrison, Long or Monument, you've got to get out of  
8 the way because people do 60 and 70 down Garrison,  
9 Long and Monument. Am I right or not?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're right.

11 THE MAYOR: I don't know. I mean --

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I see them do it all the time.  
13 Nobody stops for people.

14 THE MAYOR: Right. The way I understand the  
15 rules of the golf cart is you should be on either  
16 Woodward, Marvin or Palm. Those are three I know of.  
17 You can take them most of the way all the way up, and  
18 then you can cut over and go where you're supposed to  
19 cross at there at 71 right there by --

20 MS. ROGERS: You've got to enforce the rules.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're going to have to have  
22 an ongoing process of --

23 MS. ROGERS: If you don't enforce the rules --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- training people.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- they're not -- and that's

1 the thing.

2 THE MAYOR: Exactly. We need a training  
3 session. That's what I say, we need --

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, no, it's going to have  
5 to be ongoing because some people will buy one and  
6 hadn't gone to this workshop and they'll need to go  
7 to a -- I think you should just institute some kind  
8 of a license that they have -- or a permit that they  
9 have to get.

10 THE MAYOR: Would you please come up. Please  
11 come up. Sign in, if you will.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think you ought have to just  
13 an initial permit they have to go through a training  
14 workshop. And then people that buy a golf cart  
15 subsequently, they would of course need to go through  
16 that procedure. Because if you just have a workshop  
17 now, you're going to train everybody that's got one.  
18 And then people are going to come in later that will  
19 not have gone through the workshop. And, then, you  
20 know, you'll have the problem all over again. It  
21 will gradually come back as people acquire -- you  
22 have new purchasers. So my advice is to make some  
23 money at this thing.

24 THE MAYOR: What would we do about --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Give a permit. We pay for

1       permits for out cars and so forth.

2               THE MAYOR:   Right.

3               AUDIENCE MEMBER:   But get them some training to  
4       let them know what it is.   We have a lot of folks  
5       that come down here, and they acquire a golf cart.  
6       They think this is the beach, you know, rules don't  
7       apply, you know, it's just carefree.   But, you know,  
8       it's not the case.   You know, we need to think about  
9       this.

10              COMMISSIONER BUZZETT:   Jim, what's the normal  
11       process when someone comes in for a permit?

12              CITY MANAGER:   Basically what they do is they  
13       come in and get the application processed.   Then they  
14       have to actually have it inspected by the police  
15       department.   Sounds like what we may need to, it  
16       sounds like we need a combination of things.   You  
17       know, I think we probably need to have an inspection  
18       process every so often, whether it's a year or two  
19       years, Mayor.   And you may want to tag onto that a  
20       safety course.   You know, the folks when they come in  
21       and they get in inspected and everything, if they  
22       have to do a 30 minute safety course with the police  
23       department, they could go over the equipment and tell  
24       them the rules and make sure everything is done  
25       properly.

1 THE MAYOR: I think that would work great, Jim.

2 I do. I think that's what we need to do.

3 MS. ROGERS: If they're under 16 they should not  
4 be able to drive a golf cart.

5 THE MAYOR: Come up front. I can't -- we can't  
6 hear you.

7 MS. ROGERS: Under years of age they should --

8 THE MAYOR: Wait, wait until you get up front.

9 MS. ROGERS: -- not be able to drive a golf  
10 cart.

11 THE MAYOR: You have to be 16 years old and have  
12 a permit.

13 MS. ROGERS: That's right.

14 THE MAYOR: Or you can a learner's permit and  
15 have somebody in the car with you.

16 MS. ROGERS: Right, to drive a golf cart.

17 THE MAYOR: Right.

18 MS. ROGERS: And if you don't enforce the rules,  
19 then, it doesn't do any good to have rules. We lived  
20 in a golf cart community in Georgia, and there was  
21 never any problems. We had an auditorium where there  
22 were always big concerts. And everybody took the  
23 golf carts to the concerts because it was a lot  
24 easier than taking a vehicle.

25 THE MAYOR: Sure.

1 MS. ROGERS: And there was never any problems.  
2 But you have to set rules and you have to abide by  
3 them. If you are under 16 and you are caught without  
4 an adult, then the adult is responsible for that  
5 child.

6 THE MAYOR: Exactly.

7 MS. ROGERS: And if you're an adult and you  
8 drive intoxicated or whatever the case is, you pay  
9 the price just like you're driving a vehicle. It's  
10 that simple.

11 THE MAYOR: Yes, ma'am. I agree with you be.  
12 The golf cart, it's a privilege.

13 MS. ROGERS: That's right.

14 THE MAYOR: And people need to --

15 MS. ROGERS: And if you're on the wrong road  
16 and -- I'm sorry, if you can't read the signs, then  
17 you pay the price.

18 THE MAYOR: I agree. Thank you for your  
19 comments.

20 MR. RICH: After the process, are there rules  
21 that the police or somebody gives them?

22 THE MAYOR: Come on up, sir.

23 MS. ROGERS: You get a ticket just like a  
24 vehicle.

25 CHIEF HERRING: If and when you get -- buy the

1       golf cart, you go through the process, the City comes  
2       inspects it and all, is there a set of rules that  
3       they are given?

4             THE MAYOR: Yes. They should be given a set of  
5       rules.

6             CITY MANAGER: Mayor, if you like, what we can  
7       do is we can go back and look at our golf cart  
8       ordinance. We can bring back to you some type of  
9       mechanism that you can look at, if you want to go  
10      forward with an inspection process and a safety  
11      course, something you maybe could add it to. I'll  
12      get with the City Attorney and see if that's  
13      something y'all want to add into it.

14            THE MAYOR: Jim, I think that would be  
15      wonderful, man. Like I said, I don't want no child  
16      or no adult to get killed on a golf cart.

17            CITY MANAGER: We'll have something for you at  
18      the next meeting.

19            THE MAYOR: Okay, thank you.

20            COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Mayor, while we're on  
21      that, we still have problems with the walking path,  
22      vehicles on our walking path.

23            THE MAYOR: I've seen golf carts on it.

24            COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Yes. Especially in the  
25      ballpark area. And there are a lot of children

1 running up and down there. But one of the worst  
2 things happening right now in that area, from Eighth  
3 to Tenth Street on walking path are vehicles. I saw  
4 a lady last night drive from Eighth Street to Tenth  
5 Street in her car on the walking path.

6 THE MAYOR: I've seen them in pickup trucks.

7 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: We need to put those  
8 delineators back up on Eighth and Tenth Street side.  
9 I mean, yeah, you want to drive in there and see your  
10 youngun play ball. But, I mean, you walk farther  
11 than that when you go to Walmart. So park where you  
12 should park.

13 THE MAYOR: I agree.

14 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: So I think along with  
15 this I'd like -- right now it says authorized  
16 vehicles only. I think we need to change the sign to  
17 say no motorized vehicles, and that way -- because  
18 folks think, well, my kid has got a ballgame, I  
19 should -- I can drive in here. So I'd like to see us  
20 change those signs to motorized vehicle -- no  
21 motorized vehicles allowed.

22 THE MAYOR: I don't have a problem with that.

23 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: And then if the police  
24 find folks doing it, then they --

25 THE MAYOR: We hate to give tickets, but we have

1 to sometimes.

2 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: They do what they should  
3 do.

4 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: What about the individuals  
5 that own the houses along that stretch, aren't they  
6 allowed access back there?

7 CITY MANAGER: There is a provision in there for  
8 those folks. That was part of it when it was put  
9 together, that we did say the people that do live  
10 directly behind there, they do have the right -- to  
11 be safe. But they do have a right to get to the back  
12 of their property.

13 THE MAYOR: So I guess it would have to say --

14 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: That's a small exception.

15 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: A half dozen house,  
17 that's it.

18 CITY MANAGER: We'll move forward on getting  
19 something to you the next meeting.

20 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: We just need to make sure  
22 that we delineate them, those particular ones.

23 CITY MANAGER: Absolutely, yes, sir. If we come  
24 across those folks, we'll let the police department  
25 know those folks are allowed to do that.



1           THE MAYOR: What did we decide on our golf cart  
2 workshop? Are you going to get us one set up, Jim?

3           CITY MANAGER: We can. We can have a workshop,  
4 or I can have something to you the next meeting.  
5 However you want to do it, Mayor.

6           THE MAYOR: That's fine. Just bring it to us at  
7 the next meeting.

8           CITY MANAGER: Okay, we'll do it.

9           THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir.

10          CITY MANAGER: Mayor, Mr. Grant is not here  
11 tonight. His son is actually playing in a pretty big  
12 baseball game tonight starting in just a minute. So  
13 go Sharks. But if you would like an update for the  
14 Public Works, I can give you what we have on that.

15          THE MAYOR: Okay. Jim, go ahead and do that for  
16 us.

17          CITY MANAGER: Yes, sir. We work in flushing,  
18 preparing for the summer season, precautionary boil  
19 water. What we're doing is not boil water. But  
20 actually what we're doing is we're trying to make  
21 sure the waterline is as clean as possible for the  
22 summer months. So we are out there flushing the  
23 lines in the beaches area, all the way through to  
24 Overstreet. We did a code red yesterday to let  
25 people know that we are doing that to -- as routine

1 maintenance.

2 THE MAYOR: All right.

3 CITY MANAGER: The second item we have is the  
4 Highway 98 from Avenue A through D waterline  
5 replacement. That is part of the water management  
6 district grant for \$85,000. We will be wrapping that  
7 up in the next two to three weeks. That will  
8 complete that phase of the water replacement project.

9 THE MAYOR: Good deal.

10 CITY MANAGER: And then the last item, we're  
11 going to roll back once we get through with those two  
12 items, we're going to roll into the Jones Homestead  
13 sewer. That's the \$250,000 legislative appropriation  
14 we got for sewer installation at Jones Homestead. So  
15 we are moving forward on that very quickly.

16 THE MAYOR: Good deal. All right, is that it on  
17 Public Works, Jim?

18 CITY MANAGER: Yes, sir, that's all we have  
19 tonight.

20 THE MAYOR: All right. Surface water. Larry.

21 MR. MCCLAMA: Mr. Mayor, I don't have an update  
22 for the Board. But I'll answer any questions you  
23 have.

24 THE MAYOR: Anybody have any questions for  
25 Larry.

1 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: Just a comment. Larry,  
2 I got your e-mail. Those tanks look awesome. You  
3 guys did a good job.

4 MR. MCCLAMA: Thank you.

5 THE MAYOR: That's it, Larry?

6 MR. MCCLAMA: Yes, sir.

7 THE MAYOR: All right. Mr. Mike LaCour.

8 MR. LACOUR: We have confirmed with our auditor.  
9 We are expecting to receive our completed audited  
10 financial statements for prior year by the end of the  
11 month. So we're hopeful that that comes through.

12 THE MAYOR: All right. Anybody have any  
13 questions for Mike? Find us some money, man.

14 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Did you look into the  
15 money that we need to get down -- to go down MLK?

16 MR. LACOUR: I'm sorry. The money we need --

17 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: The beautification  
18 that --

19 MR. LACOUR: Oh, the beautification, yes.  
20 Haven't we worked that out with John on the  
21 beautification?

22 CITY MANAGER: Yes. I believe that was approved  
23 by the Board to use up to \$5,000 of BP funds, if I'm  
24 not mistaken. So I believe that was approved.

25 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Did we go with the BP

1 fund? I thought they were going to try to find  
2 some --

3 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: You might be right. I  
4 think we did BP on the train.

5 THE MAYOR: We did BP on the train for sure.

6 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: He said he was going to  
7 look through the budget to see if he could find any  
8 money besides -- because we didn't want to pinch off  
9 that BP money.

10 THE MAYOR: Right.

11 CITY MANAGER: We can find \$5,000 for --

12 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Yeah, I think just move  
13 forward on it.

14 THE MAYOR: All right.

15 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Good.

16 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: Mike, have y'all talked  
17 about when start budget?

18 MR. LACOUR: We put together a timeline. But I  
19 don't think I've given it to Jim for his review. And  
20 then we'll push that out to you here in the next few  
21 weeks. But we have started that process internally,  
22 yes.

23 CITY MANAGER: We're starting at staff level,  
24 Commissioner Lowry. If y'all have things -- if you  
25 want to come and sit down with any of us at any time,

1       please do it. Generally we try to wait until the  
2       election is over with, that way we have a full Board.  
3       And then we start the full review with the Board  
4       itself. But at any point in time, we're always  
5       working on budget stuff so, yeah, come see us.

6               MR. LACOUR: Yeah, certainly if you have ideas  
7       for budget, please bring them up so we can start a  
8       list. And we have started a list to try to make sure  
9       we catch everything that needs to be looked at.

10              THE MAYOR: Okay. Wastewater.

11              MR. PETTIS: We're pretty much the same place we  
12       were the last few weeks -- or actually a couple of  
13       months, or a month and a half now as far as the level  
14       of the pond. Two tenths of an inch of rain today  
15       didn't really do justice to the pond. You know, the  
16       pond is just too big for that. So we're going to not  
17       spray this month. We'll pick it up next month and  
18       spray in June. So we discharge out in June. It will  
19       probably take all the --

20              THE MAYOR: You know, my biggest fear because  
21       we're coming into the summertime, if we don't spray  
22       and keep it low, people in Highland View are not  
23       going to be to stand it. It will take your breath  
24       over there in Highland View when that stuff gets on  
25       top of that water. You can't hardly breathe. I

1 mean, I've been over there. And we had some upset  
2 residents over that way because of that. So I just  
3 hate we can't spray. I wish we could. But if we  
4 can't, we can't. And maybe we won't have the algae  
5 blooms that we've been getting. But I just hate to  
6 see it come.

7 MR. PETTIS: Yeah, the discharge in the spraying  
8 will slow down the algae. I mean the nutrition is  
9 always going to be there in the bottom of the pond.  
10 That's what we've got to get rid of, that nutrition.  
11 You know, we've got to at least help it as far as  
12 cleaning the pond, the bottom of the bond.

13 THE MAYOR: Are our sonic boomers working, or  
14 whatever?

15 MR. PETTIS: Yeah. I've got one that's out  
16 right now. So I've went out to see what I can get to  
17 replace it. They're about 4,000 each, 5,000. You  
18 know, they're in that range. So it's not a --  
19 they're not as cheap as you would hope they would be.  
20 So I've got five out of six working. And I'm waiting  
21 for the rest of the guys to come back and tell me if  
22 they can do me any good on the pricing. But if we  
23 sprayed now, we wouldn't be able to get more than six  
24 inches of water off the top of the pond anyway.  
25 We've got it down more than four feet. So we've got

1           20 there. And we're only past 16 foot deep.

2           THE MAYOR: Have we got approval yet on the sand  
3 from the DEP?

4           MR. PETTIS: Working with that. Talked to Kadee  
5 Yates. And so --

6           THE MAYOR: When are they going to be sampling  
7 it I guess and let us know. How long of a period are  
8 we talking about?

9           MR. PETTIS: We're kind of hoping -- we're kind  
10 of hoping not. I met with the Saint Joe corporation,  
11 and we've got a spot of sand that they think should  
12 be fine. Which may be enough to get us what we need.  
13 So it will be just the diesel fuel and the labor to  
14 move it and spread it.

15          THE MAYOR: Right.

16          MR. PETTIS: Waiting on Kadee to make sure that  
17 she agrees with St. Joe Corporation, you know, that  
18 it's clear.

19          THE MAYOR: Everything is fine, okay.

20          MR. PETTIS: We're already set up. Just waiting  
21 on DEP to let us know.

22          THE MAYOR: All right. Anybody have any  
23 questions for Kevin? Do you have anything else?

24          MR. PETTIS: That's all I've got. Thank you.

25          THE MAYOR: All right. Thank you. What about

1 the City Engineer?

2 CITY MANAGER: He's not here with us tonight,  
3 Mayor.

4 THE MAYOR: Okay. I didn't see him. I didn't  
5 want to skip him.

6 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Mayor, if you will, it  
7 might an appropriate time under City Engineer that  
8 I've been working with Clay on the Tenth Street  
9 Ballpark Renovation that the County is working with  
10 us on. I passed out to each of you tonight a -- the  
11 most recent drawing that we're planning to present.  
12 I would like if you guys would take it home and study  
13 it. The next meeting if everything looks on here to  
14 you, I'd like to put it on the agenda for a vote and  
15 we can take it to the County and say this is what we  
16 want. They've already offered to -- you know, that  
17 fifth penny any of the bed tax to fund it. So we can  
18 get started on engineering once we've got a plan. So  
19 that's -- Clay has done a great job again. And  
20 after -- I think after we approve it, we can put it  
21 on our website for everybody. But until then I think  
22 we just need to try to work it out among ourselves.  
23 And then we'll put it out and go from there.

24 THE MAYOR: I agree, I certainly do. All right,  
25 code enforce, I guess everybody has been looking at



1 the stuff that you sent --

2 MS. BEBEE: Can I make one little request?

3 THE MAYOR: Ma'am?

4 MS. BEBEE: Could I make a comment, a request?

5 I think it's probably a great improvement over what  
6 we had before. But we got into trouble before  
7 because nobody saw it but you before it was voted on  
8 and was going to be acted on. I would ask that you  
9 put it on the website before you vote on it and let  
10 there be public comment.

11 THE MAYOR: I don't have no problem with that.

12 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Oh, by the way, Ms.  
13 Charlotte has got several copies of this latest  
14 mockup for a few folks that would like to have one.  
15 You have a few extra, don't you?

16 MS. PIERCE: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Okay. And then also if  
18 we can put it on the website, Jim.

19 CITY MANAGER: We'll get it on there.

20 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: If you can do that before  
21 the next meeting.

22 THE MAYOR: All right. Police department.

23 CHIEF HERRING: I don't have anything, Mayor,  
24 unless the Board has questions for me.

25 THE MAYOR: Y'all have anything for the Chief?

1       Anybody have anything for the Chief? All right, Ms.  
2       City Clerk.

3               MS. PIERCE: Everything is in process for the  
4       election runoff. We're working with the supervisor  
5       of elections, Mr. Handlin. And everything is on go  
6       with that.

7               THE MAYOR: Okay. Is that all, Ms. Charlotte?

8               MS. PIERCE: Yes, sir.

9               THE MAYOR: Thank you very much. Okay, at this  
10      time we'll go to citizens to be heard. That will be  
11      a three minute limit and please, please, please be  
12      courteous to each other. Yes, sir.

13              AUDIENCE MEMBER: It will just be easier for me  
14      to pick this up. Last Friday, I see that you guys  
15      are trying to work things out. I think that's good.  
16      But I think it's naive and unwise to just try to  
17      paper over this. A man just about lost his job that  
18      day. And I went back over the video and all y'all  
19      both -- and Mr. Patterson and Mr. Lowry both  
20      mentioned -- Mr. Lowry, you mentioned getting text  
21      and e-mails that were upsetting. I think it was on  
22      Thursday. I never what -- what was those about?  
23      What was the -- it was some incident that sounded  
24      like it happened on Wednesday that all of a sudden  
25      your phone blew up on Thursday.

1 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I'm not personally going to  
2 get into that.

3 MR. EDEN: You're not?

4 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: It's -- it's --

5 MR. EDEN: But that was the reason for your  
6 decision to ask for his termination?

7 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: No, sir.

8 MR. EDEN: Oh, that wasn't?

9 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: It's a dead issue in my --

10 MR. EDEN: Oh, it's not dead.

11 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: To me personally --

12 MR. EDEN: You guys almost -- do you know what  
13 you almost did to this man's family, all three of  
14 you. Also, you want to come up acting like tonight  
15 like nothing happened.

16 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: No, we ain't acting like  
17 nothing happened.

18 THE MAYOR: No, nobody's doing that.

19 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: We said we were going to  
20 have a workshop to try to deal with thing and bring  
21 it out into a discussion. That's what we've said.  
22 You can come to the workshop.

23 MR. EDEN: What is the thing? What is the  
24 thing? What is the thing about him? You said --

25 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: What do you mean "what

1 is the thing"?

2 MR. EDEN: You said --

3 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I said we're going to  
4 get things out in the open. We'll see what the thing  
5 is at the workshop.

6 MR. EDEN: You're not going to tell us  
7 beforehand?

8 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: What you talking about?

9 MR. EDEN: The cause. The cause that you used  
10 to make a motion for termination without cause. You  
11 seconded it. And we don't -- you don't want to tell  
12 us.

13 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I don't have anything to  
14 hide.

15 MR. EDEN: You don't?

16 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I told you what my  
17 reasons were --

18 MR. EDEN: Your three things.

19 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: -- that day. If you  
20 can't remember that, I'm sorry, I'm not going  
21 backwards. We're moving forward with this.

22 MR. ECHOLS: I know you want to.

23 COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: We are.

24 MR. EDEN: You mentioned that he didn't -- he  
25 wouldn't rezone MLK.

1           Do you remember the other two things,  
2           Mr. Anderson, that were his causes for saying you  
3           did not do it?

4           CITY MANAGER: Mr. Echols, at this point I'm  
5           trying to work with the City Commission over here to  
6           move forward.

7           MR. ECHOLS: It's been told to me that those  
8           three things are actually your jobs, not his. He  
9           would be breaking the law if he did what you were  
10          holding against him. So I mean -- so you want to  
11          fire him for not doing your job, for not breaking the  
12          law. Now do y'all realize this man almost lost his  
13          job. In a little town, it's hard to replace that. I  
14          want y'all to think about that. You started the  
15          meeting off by saying that this meeting is not about  
16          the termination of Jim Anderson. I don't know who  
17          did that. But somebody misconstrued what you said.

18          THE MAYOR: Your three minutes is up. I'm  
19          sorry.

20          MR. ECHOLS: It didn't take 30 seconds for you  
21          to prove that you were lying about that. Because  
22          that's what the meeting was about. You read from  
23          notes. You were prepared. What did somebody tell  
24          you to prepare for.

25          COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: Is three minutes up yet?

1 THE MAYOR: Chief.

2 MR. ECHOLS: Give me the hug when it gets tough,  
3 right?

4 THE MAYOR: He needs to get away from the  
5 podium. Be courteous and nice. Thank you, sir.

6 MR. ECHOLS: Bo got to go. Recall vote.

7 THE MAYOR: Yeah, that's right.

8 MR. ECHOLS: That's right.

9 THE MAYOR: All right. Anyone else? Raise your  
10 hand. Come on up, Johnny.

11 MR. LINTON: Johnny Linton. I just want to say  
12 that I appreciate what you did tonight. And I don't  
13 if we would have done it unless we had all these  
14 people behind us last week on Friday. I think it  
15 would have been a different situation.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

17 MR. LINTON: I think Jim would have lost his  
18 job. But I'm not going into that now. I just want  
19 to tell you, I was on the commission for ten years.  
20 Commissioner, Mayor and I was privileged to service  
21 them. Bill Wood, Charles Norton, Bennie Roberts,  
22 Greg Johnson, Damon McNair, Nathan Peters and Rex  
23 Buzzett. I just wanted to tell you tonight, Rex how  
24 long have you been on this commission?

25 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Ten.

1 MR. LINTON: How many?

2 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Ten years.

3 MR. LINTON: Rex is probably -- if I had to pick  
4 one commissioner that I wanted to be with me on my  
5 commission for the lifetime, Rex Buzzett would be one  
6 of them. And I just want to tell you that I really  
7 appreciate you, Rex. If you'd stand up, I'd like to  
8 give you a -- come on.

9 (Audience clapping.)

10 MR. LINTON: I just think Rex is -- his dad  
11 encouraged me to run for office when I ran. And that  
12 was back in the old days. But I certainly appreciate  
13 everything you've done, Rex. Thank you very much.

14 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Johnny.

15 Yes, sir, come on.

16 MR. WALL: Gentlemen, I'm opening a new business  
17 in town. And I've been there every day for two  
18 months observing everything going on on the corner of  
19 3rd and 98, and I'm very concerned. In the morning  
20 we have people who are cooks and servers and clerks  
21 and business owners who pull their cars in front of  
22 our business, all up and down and stay eight, ten  
23 hours without moving them. Our customers have no  
24 place to park. And in other areas I've been in,  
25 usually you -- one way to solve it is a three hour

1       limit, and somebody -- you know, you can't park all  
2       day. But we're spending a lot of money to put in a  
3       business. A businessman here has closed his parking  
4       lot across the street from us. We can't park there  
5       anymore. So I just would like to ask that we  
6       consider something, I don't know what. But I mean,  
7       but something to try keep our employees and our  
8       business owners from tying up every parking place  
9       we've got for ten, twelve hours a day. And our  
10      customers don't know where to park. And I just ask  
11      that you consider that.

12           THE MAYOR: Yes, sir. We have been working on  
13      it. It's a progress and process, you know. But we  
14      have been addressing it. And I agree with you. Some  
15      merchants are terrible. We have some terrible  
16      merchants in this town because they won't make their  
17      employees park nowhere else. I make mine park down  
18      there by Mark Costin's.

19           MR. WALL: Well, another thing, is some of them  
20      are even now parking in the non-parking places. I  
21      had a man today, and the truck couldn't get the  
22      alley. He had to go knocking on doors to get  
23      somebody to move his truck out of the way at his  
24      tattoo parlor. Anyhow, I'm not saying who it was.  
25      But anyhow, I mean he was parked in a non-parking



1 place blocking the alley. So I think people ought to  
2 watch out a little. And I called the police  
3 department, and an hour later his truck was still  
4 there. And so, you know, whatever caused that.  
5 Thank you. I appreciate it very much, gentlemen.

6 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir. Anyone else?

7 All right, Mr. Buzzett, we'll go to you tonight  
8 first.

9 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Well, you've --

10 THE MAYOR: We got one, okay. Come on. I  
11 didn't see your hand. My bad.

12 MR. ROGERS: No doubt you didn't see me. You  
13 didn't know when the meeting was yesterday.

14 THE MAYOR: Yesterday, what are you talking  
15 about?

16 MR. ROGERS: When you told my wife you didn't  
17 know when the meeting was when she asked you when the  
18 meeting was.

19 THE MAYOR: I didn't tell your wife that, sir.  
20 I offered to come pick up trash out of your yard  
21 myself.

22 MR. ROGERS: That's right.

23 THE MAYOR: Myself come to your yard because --

24 MR. RICH: But she asked you --

25 THE MAYOR: -- children had put trash in your

1 yard.

2 MR. LINTON: She asked you -- she asked you on  
3 the phone when the next meeting was, and you told her  
4 you didn't know.

5 THE MAYOR: Sir, I never said that. Do you have  
6 a recording?

7 MR. ROGERS: Well, either you --

8 THE MAYOR: Do you have a recording?

9 MR. ROGERS: -- or my wife lied. One of you.

10 THE MAYOR: I'm sorry. Your wife called me and  
11 asked -- told me there was children playing and  
12 messing up her banana trees. I told her we were  
13 going to try to get a sign built to put in her yard  
14 to say do not go in this yard, and I would come  
15 personally and pick up your trash for you.

16 MR. ROGERS: Yeah, you did say --

17 THE MAYOR: But she called me back and said  
18 there wasn't but a little bit and y'all had picked it  
19 up.

20 MR. ROGERS: You did say that.

21 THE MAYOR: So I don't understand.

22 MR. ROGERS: But you told her you didn't --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's personal. We need to  
24 get on with the meeting.

25 THE MAYOR: Yes, we do. I mean, I was trying to

1       help your family by doing everything I can to make  
2       sure those kids stay out of your yard. You know I  
3       am.

4           MR. ROGERS: All right. The City is looking at  
5       two potential serious problems. The first problem  
6       is, the pedestrian crossways. Apparently people in  
7       this town do not understand that the state of Florida  
8       gives the right-of-way to the pedestrian. And people  
9       blow through those pedestrian crossways like they  
10      mad. They crazy. I mean, if you're walking down  
11      that path and you get to the pedestrian crossway, you  
12      better -- I mean, there is a stop sign there. But  
13      the pedestrian has the right-of-way, not the car.  
14      The car should have the stop sign. And that is a  
15      state law. I saw a kid almost get hit on his  
16      bicycle. People jammed on their brakes to keep from  
17      hitting him.

18           THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

19           MR. ROGERS: That is one serious problem that  
20      needs to be corrected. The other serious problem is,  
21      your ball field that you're fixing to build, the  
22      infield is going into people's backyards. And  
23      according to you, you said the City don't have money  
24      put a fence up. So therefore, you are putting -- if  
25      there's some kid playing in the person's backyard or

1 the person is in their backyard grilling and the ball  
2 field kid, hopefully gets him a good home run over  
3 the field and it goes into somebody's backyard and  
4 hits them, you're opening yourself up for a liable  
5 suit because you have no protection to stop the balls  
6 from going into people's backyards.

7 THE MAYOR: I know on the other side over there  
8 where the 11 and 12 year olds play, there's a fence  
9 over there in people's backyard. And when we hit  
10 balls over there -- I remember when I used to coach,  
11 they wouldn't give us our balls back, they just kept  
12 them.

13 MR. ROGERS: Well, I find a lot of -- I find the  
14 balls in my backyard when I hit with my lawn mower.

15 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

16 MR. ROGERS: All you've got to do is look at  
17 that right there and count from Eighth Street down.  
18 And Eighth Street is where the kid almost got run  
19 over on his bicycle.

20 THE MAYOR: Right.

21 MR. ROGERS: I mean...

22 THE MAYOR: I have asked John Grantlin to  
23 bill -- get me a price on a sign that would say  
24 please do not enter per the City -- in your yard per  
25 the City of Port St. Joe.

1           MR. ROGERS: I know my three minutes are up.  
2           But I don't care if a kid come and gets his ball out  
3           of the yard. What I don't like is the kid coming in  
4           my yard and peeing. My yard is not a bathroom.  
5           They've got bathrooms there.

6           THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

7           CITY MANAGER: Mayor, can we suggest that when  
8           start moving this plan forward to the committee that  
9           maybe we can look at putting a fence in there to  
10          see -- that's one of the options we can look at in  
11          there to see.

12          THE MAYOR: Yes. We may be able to afford it.  
13          The City can't.

14          CITY MANAGER: We may or may not be able to do  
15          it, but that's something we can look at?

16          THE MAYOR: I don't remember how much John  
17          Grantlin told me it was. But it was a lot of money.

18          CITY MANAGER: So that may be something we can  
19          utilize when we put this plan together in there. If  
20          that's something we need to do to move forward and  
21          make this thing work for the community, why don't we  
22          try to do that.

23          MR. ROGERS: If you're going to build a complex  
24          in a housing area, there should be a barrier to  
25          prevent balls from going into somebody else's yard.

1       Just like if you're driving down the highway and --  
2       now this is in Panama City, so I know it's different.  
3       But they've got the driving range over there right  
4       down the side of the road.

5             THE MAYOR: All right, sir. And I hear  
6       everything you're saying. I really do.

7             MR. ROGERS: And they've got a barrier so people  
8       can't slap a ball out across there and hit somebody's  
9       car, you know, and cause an accident.

10            THE MAYOR: Yes, sir. And I will work on trying  
11       to solve y'all's problems. I've already told your  
12       wife. I met with her and told her. She called me on  
13       the phone, I talked with her on the phone and told  
14       her what I would try to do. I even offered to come  
15       get the trash out of your yard.

16            MR. ROGERS: Yeah, I know. I already picked the  
17       trash up.

18            THE MAYOR: I know. Because she called me back  
19       and told me not to worry about it, y'all had already  
20       picked it up. She said, but please try to help us.  
21       And I said, I certainly will. And that's what I'm  
22       going to try to do is help you.

23            MR. RICH: Trying has run out a long time ago.

24            THE MAYOR: Okay. Sir, your three minutes is  
25       up.

1 MR. ROGERS: Thank you.

2 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGERS: Everybody's time runs out when you  
4 get tired of listening to your problem. Some kid  
5 gets hit on their bicycle, it's going to be nobody's  
6 fault but y'all's, or whoever is in charge of  
7 controlling the road.

8 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

9 MR. WOMACK: Good evening. I know there's a  
10 baseball this evening. I had some prepared notes.  
11 I'll be brief. My name is Steve Womack. I'm a  
12 full-time resident of Port St. Joe. Bo,  
13 Mr. Patterson, I see this as another leadership  
14 failure. I know -- you're laughing again. I'll get  
15 to that. I had previously asked for your resignation  
16 after you defending Mr. Thursby's indefensible  
17 actions. Remember when --

18 A. I showed compassion for somebody that I --

19 MR. WOMACK: Can you please not cut me off, sir?  
20 It's my turn to talk. I have three minutes. If  
21 we're not -- if we're talking about other things, we  
22 have more than three minutes. But when we're talking  
23 about you, we only have three minutes, and you're  
24 going to take that three minutes from me. So  
25 please --

1 THE MAYOR: Give him an extra two minutes.

2 MR. WOMACK: Well, thank you, sir. So when you  
3 were defending Mr. Thursby, you had stated things  
4 about second chances and judgment and caring and all  
5 of these Christian ethics. You fell on his sword for  
6 a man that was clearly in the wrong. Fast forward to  
7 Friday and you're going to throw a man under the bus.  
8 You're going to ruin his livelihood, you're going to  
9 ruin his finances, you're going to ruin his  
10 reputation, you're going to ruin his family, you're  
11 his life. For what? I mean, we keep hearing the  
12 same thing. So for me personally -- and the last  
13 time I spoke to you about your leadership and your  
14 leadership failure -- I think you're bad for the  
15 city. I know you're bad. Because I've seen other  
16 places. I've been other places. I was in Iraq and  
17 Afghanistan, and I saw better leaders than you?

18 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your service.

19 MR. WOMACK: I saw better leaders than you, sir.  
20 I'm asking you for the second time please, sir,  
21 resign.

22 THE MAYOR: Not no, but hell no.

23 MR. WOMACK: Well, you've got one fan back  
24 there. That's very nice.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's got two.



1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He has many.

2 THE MAYOR: Do y'all want to stand up for me,  
3 the ones that believe in me.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

5 MR. WOMACK: So --

6 THE MAYOR: This man does.

7 MR. WOMACK: So let me finish up with this, to  
8 the people, please remember that Pam Bondy is our  
9 state attorney. She has a web page. And if you to  
10 myfloridalegal.com, in the bottom right corner of the  
11 opening page under Resources is a spot that says File  
12 a Complaint. If anyone in this room on either side  
13 of this lecturn or desk, the staff or the people of  
14 Port St. Joe or the county, have any firsthand  
15 personal knowledge of an ethical or legal problem for  
16 our elected officials, do the right thing, do the  
17 morale thing, do the hard right over the easy wrong  
18 and submit a complaint. Whose life are these people  
19 going to destroy next. The whole thing tonight was  
20 going to be to elect the new guy in. That's why they  
21 had a special meeting. Get rid of him and tonight  
22 they would have voted on the new guy. And then the  
23 new guy was going to be a yes man. And he was going  
24 to start firing other people on the staff. So you  
25 should look around and wonder who's next.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Tell it.

4 MR. WOMACK: These people are not chesspieces on  
5 a board. This is not a checker game for you, Mr.  
6 Mayor. These are people. How do you think these  
7 people feel going to work every day now thinking that  
8 their job is on the line. You are not leading this  
9 city. You are putting another black eye on Port St.  
10 Joe, and the people deserve better. Please submit  
11 your resignation. Thank you, sir.

12 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Recall it.

14 MR. WOMACK: It's a process, and we'll get  
15 there.

16 MS. BURKE: I have something to say.

17 THE MAYOR: Yes, come on up.

18 MS. BURKE: My name is Angel Burke, and I live  
19 1005 Garrison Avenue. And I've stood back there and  
20 I've watched four or five incidences. I know  
21 there -- in case y'all didn't know, today is National  
22 Peace Officer's Memorial Day for all the men and  
23 women who are gunned down in the line of duty. Okay,  
24 in case y'all also didn't know, what do you have on  
25 staff, four police officers, four.

1 CHIEF HERRING: There's eight of us.

2 MS. BURKE: Four. So for y'all to expect them  
3 to be everywhere all the time from the Windmark Beach  
4 to down here to everywhere they're supposed to be,  
5 that's craziness. Just craziness. And by all means,  
6 if you can't stand behind them, put on a uniform and  
7 stand with them.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

9 THE MAYOR: I have always stood behind the  
10 police force. And I think the Chief knows that. He  
11 knows how I am about the police force.

12 Anyone else?

13 (No response.)

14 THE MAYOR: All right, Commissioner Buzzett.  
15 A.

16 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: Okay, Mayor. Let me  
17 catch my breath a little bit here.

18 THE MAYOR: All right.

19 COMMISSIONER BUZZETT: The PSJRA extension is  
20 hanging over our hands. I just want to bring that up  
21 tonight. A ten year extension has been voted on by  
22 the PSJRA to bring to the City, and I'd like to put  
23 it on the next meeting's agenda for us to consider.  
24 I think they've done wonderful things. They expanded  
25 the boundaries, which includes north St. Joe, which

1 will help them with their projects. So I would like  
2 to, you know, I guess you'd say put you on notice  
3 that I'd like to have that on the agenda for the next  
4 meeting. And also I'd like to say that I've got two  
5 more meetings. And I'd love to go out with -- I  
6 mean, these guys, they were elected to serve the  
7 city. They came out tonight and said let's move  
8 forward. I applaud them for that. I think it's  
9 important for the city. But, you know, we need to  
10 all work together. And the attacks on the  
11 commissioners and the attacks on each other, is not  
12 helping us. I know folks are upset. If you're upset  
13 with the Commission or you're upset with me, call me  
14 and let's sit down and meet and see if we can work  
15 things out. But coming up in the public and bashing,  
16 we need to try to get past that. That's it.

17 THE MAYOR: That's it, sir. Okay, Mr. Lowry.

18 COMMISSIONER LOWRY: I don't have anything  
19 tonight.

20 COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: I'll keep it brief. I  
21 want to get to that game as well. I just want to let  
22 this Board know that I think it was eight months,  
23 possibly a year ago we had talked about possibly  
24 adding a drug dog. And it just wasn't in the cards.  
25 It wasn't in the budget. It got cut. And I said

1       that I would be more than happy to go out and try to  
2       privately raise those funds. I'd just like to let  
3       y'all know, as of I think a couple of days back,  
4       maybe Friday it was, I turned in the last \$200  
5       donation to the Chief. And we have raised the, I  
6       think, \$6,000 that it's going to take. So that has  
7       happened. We have a dog that's been donated and an  
8       officer willing to be trained and a trainer in Gulf  
9       County. So I do want to also put that on the agenda,  
10      Jim, for the next meeting to work out the details on  
11      that.

12           AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's good.

13           COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: That is all I have,  
14      Mr. Mayor.

15           THE MAYOR: All right. Thank you, sir. Mr.  
16      Langston.

17           COMMISSIONER LANGSTON: I'd just like to thank  
18      you everybody for coming out. And I want to revamp  
19      back on the fact, you know, about to rezoning north  
20      Port St. Joe. And, you know, rezoning is the  
21      foundation for redevelopment. And in order for us to  
22      redevelop north Port St. Joe, that's what we have to  
23      do first. Thank you for coming out. And y'all have  
24      a nice night.

25           THE MAYOR: I don't have anything to say

1       tonight. I appreciate everybody being out here. I  
2       would ask everybody if we could, you know, let's be  
3       nice to each other.

4               AUDIENCE MEMBER: Wow. Wow.

5               THE MAYOR: Just can't reason with them, can  
6       you? All right, that's all I have. I ask for a  
7       motion to adjourn.

8               COMMISSIONER ASHBROOK: So moved.

9               COMMISSIONER LOWRY: So moved.

10              THE MAYOR: Adjourned.

11              (Conclusion of the meeting at 7:40 Eastern Time)

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