

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, August 7, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and City Attorney Adam Albritton were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Minutes of the Special Commission Meeting on May 11, 2018, and the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2018. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2018, and the Workshop Meeting of July 17, 2018. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

PORT ST. JOE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PSJRA) The paving of Reid Avenue has been delayed due to rain and will start at 10 P.M. Sunday, August 12, 2018.

City Attorney

Resolution 2018-07 Tenth Street Park –

Commissioner Hoffman shared Option #7, the cost analysis that had been done, and information that he had gathered.

Mike Holcombe asked if anyone had talked with the residents of Jones Homestead to see how they felt about having the Field of Dreams in their neighborhood.

Mayor Patterson noted this is a hard choice as to where to place the fields, he has not been bothered by noise or people parking in his yard at the Tenth Street Park. He has been contacted by Pickleball players and they do not want courts at the Tenth Street facility.

Commissioner Ashbrook stated he agrees with Mayor Patterson, money is an issue and we should stay with what we can pay for.

Commissioner Langston noted his concerns of children getting to the Field of Dreams area, money is an issue, and feels the park needs to stay on Tenth Street.

Commissioner Lowry shared that Pickle Ball players want 8 courts, they do not want them in the Tenth Street Park, and money is an issue for providing the park.

The following individuals discussed their thoughts and concerns about the Tenth Street Park and Field of Dreams.

Reggie Patrick, Arthur Rogers, Christy McElroy (provided TDC Minutes, City funds received from TDC, Petition, and Star articles on the park for the record), Robert Branch, Jai Bryant, Suzan Marshall, Robert Thomas, Clare Morris, Elaine Rogers, Fred Morris, Ben Ashcraft, Steve Womack, and Brad Knox.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to adopt Resolution 2018-07; approve Option 6A and remove the Pickleball Courts and Splash Pad from the proposed project. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hoffman voting no.

Resolution 2018-10 Field of Dreams Park – Did not pass.

Special Exception Request Bridgeport – Jim Sickels shared his concerns about the previously noted set back lines in the Bridgeport Plat. After discussion, and input from Attorney Albritton, consensus was that a blanket approval for Special Exceptions would not be in the best interest of the City. The Commission asked that these requests continue to be presented to the Planning, Development and Review Board and be addressed on a case by case basis.

Mayor Patterson asked that the ARPC Services Agreement be moved up in the Agenda.

Bruce Ballister – ARPC Services Agreement: Mr. Ballister explained that all numbers and prices for the project are in and the scoring is not positive. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to proceed with the project, provide additional \$66,000 in City dollars for work to improve the overall score. Funds are available in the Sewer Fund for the project. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

Road Bond Money Update – The \$97,000 waterline replacement for downtown does not qualify for this project. Commissioners are to provide Staff with suggestions for road paving to use these funds for.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to award RFQ 2018-11, Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Materials Purchase, and RFQ 2018-12, Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Bores and utilize FL DEP and SRF Funding. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0

TRIUMP Fund Update, Commissioner Ashbrook requested that he be allowed to talk with an entity that has successfully written grants for small towns and communities to see if they would be able to help the City get grant funds from the TRIUMP Fund. There were no objections to his request.

New Business

Health Department – Healthy Community Award: Sarah Hinds presented the City with the Florida Department of Health 2018 Healthy Community Champions Award for all that has been done to improve the overall health of City residents.

Red Light at the Intersection of Highway 98 and First Street – Mayor Patterson shared that he is talking with Chief Herring in hopes of having FL DOT make changes at the First Street intersection to allow for a Left Turn Lane from First Street on to Highway 98.

Community Garden – Commissioner Langston requested this item be Tabled until more information could be gathered. He would like to see a spring garden planted and have the community involved in it.

Core Park Lighting – A discussion was held concerning the quotes and difference in the bids. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to accept the quote of Scott's Quality Electric as it met what was specified. Commissioners Hoffman and Ashbrook voted in favor of the Motion. Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Langston, and Lowry voted no. Motion failed 2-3.

Bruce Ballister – ARPC Services Agreement: Moved up on the Agenda.

Jones Homestead Sewer – Deborah Mays voiced her displeasure with sewer being installed on Palm Breeze Way, questioned the City's authority to make such a decision, and shared the feelings of those she had gathered petition signatures from.

Mike Lacour explained the funds were from a Legislative Appropriation, letters were mailed to all Jones Homestead residents about the opportunity to come on to City sewer, noted 52 people have paid for sewer hookups in her area and there are only 13 spaces left for the reduced hookup rate.

The following individuals shared their concerns about the sewer: Reggie Patrick, Mike Holcombe, Randall Walker, and Debby Griswold.

Attorney Albritton referenced FL Statute concerning the mandatory 365 day hookup. It was noted that, in the past, the City had not mandated the 365 day hookup and is not requiring it at this time.

Public Works – John Grantland was not present and Mr. Anderson briefed the Commission on the following.

Grinder Pump Contract – The current contract is coming to an end and Mr. Grantland would like to have this on the next Agenda to extend the contract.

16th Street Lift Station Pump – The station is down to one pump, should it go out, there will be an emergency situation. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to purchase a pump as an emergency repair. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Fishing Piers – Clifford Sims Park: Specs are close to being completed and prepared to go out for bid.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma did not have any updates for the Commissioners.

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis

RFP 2018-13 Re-Bid of WWTP Repower: A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to approve RFP 2018-13. The quote was over bid by \$5,550 and these funds will come from other WWTP funds. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Finance Director – Mike Lacour

Budget Timeline - Due to the progress made in the Budget Workshop today, the next Workshop Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at Noon in the Commissioner Conference Room at City Hall.

Sewer Request – Eventide Drive and Aruba Drive: Consensus was to proceed with the engineering on Eventide Drive and to proceed with the engineering and construction on Aruba Drive. Both of these are under the bid threshold.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Road Paving update was discussed earlier in the Road Bond Money segment of the Agenda.

Mayor Patterson questioned why stripes had not been placed on the recently paved area of Avenue A. Mr. Smallwood shared that normally, time is given for the road to cure before the thermo plastic striping was applied and the company will strip all new paving at one time. He stated that, if the City wanted to cover the mobilization to have the company make special trip to stripe the road, he would contact them.

Code Enforcement no action was required.

Police Department – Sgt. Russell Burch did not have anything for the Commission.

City Clerk - Charlotte Pierce did not have any updates for the Commission.

Citizens to be Heard –

Deborah Mays again questioned the City's authority to place sewer in an area and asked for the FL Statute that allows a City to do this. Mr. Albritton assured Ms. Mays that City has the authority and will provide the FS number for her.

Chester Davis, once again, suggested using the fields in North Port St. Joe for practice and playing fields. He also noted the NPSJ PAC had applied for TRIUMP Funds, was turned down because the County had not approved their application, and offered to help the City with applying for TRIUMP Funds.

Mr. Davis stated the NPSJ PAC is waiting on the City to continue with the MLK Project.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Langston did not have anything to share with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ashbrook requested that the sidewalk by Sister's Restaurant be checked as there have been some issues with it.


Commissioner Lowry did not have anything to discuss.


Commissioner Hoffman asked that the pothole at the Intersection of Twentieth Street and Palm Boulevard be checked as it is becoming larger.

Mayor Patterson did not have any updates for the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 P.M.

Approved this 21st day of August 2018.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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