

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, March 5, 2019, at Noon.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and City Attorney Adam Albritton were also present. Commissioner Lowry was out of town on county business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2019. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Building Department Update – Bo Creel updated the Commissioners on the number of permits that have been issued. Mr. Creel noted his department would be very strict on Building Code compliance, and FEMA will be doing damage assessments on structures. This is to meet the requirements from the Department of Emergency Management.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency: PSJRA Interlocal Agreement – Commissioner Ashbrook:

Attorney Albritton noted the conflicting information that he found when researching this issue and requested that he be given more time to do more research before giving a final legal opinion. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to Table this until more information is provided by Mr. Albritton. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Patterson stated there has always been 2 separate CRAs and he doesn't understand why all the questions now.

Christy McElroy noted that everyone understood there was 1 CRA, including some current County Officials, and good change has occurred since the CRA was established.

Commissioner Langston said that he wanted legal advice before proceeding with this and still feels that more money should be spent in North Port St. Joe.

Commissioner Hoffman shared that it is a very complicated issue, the attorney is perplexed, and he feels that extending the CRA, making adjustments to what has been done to be fair and equitable, safe guard the funds, establish a board for the program and prioritize the funding would be the best way to go.

Chester Davis feels that Hurricane Michael will change the base line and is concerned about what the outcome will be.

City Attorney –

Resolution 2019-03, House Bill 0191 Opportunity Florida Hurricane Michael Relief –

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to read Resolution 2019-03 by Title. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Albritton read Resolution 2019-03 by Title.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to adopt Resolution 2019-03. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

MLK Rezoning Update – March 12, 2019, for PDRB Meeting; March 19, 2019, City Commission Meeting
Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners of the above dates and meetings.

Community Garden – Commissioner Langston: Jill Bebee made a presentation to the Commission and provided a handout about the Port Saint Joe Community Garden. Liability Insurance is needed, Mr. Anderson will work with the group on the insurance.

Hurricane Michael:

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center – City Fire Station: FEMA's stay has been extended until the end of the month. A mobile center has been established at the Washington Gym, 401 Peters Street, on Monday and Tuesday from 9 until 4 and at the Fire Station on Wednesday – Friday from 9 until 6, and Saturday 9 until 1.

Debris Removal Deadline – A verbal date of March 15, 2019, has been given but nothing has been received in writing.

SBA – No one from SBA attended the meeting.

New Business

July Fourth Fireworks – The Gulf County TDC can only commit to a \$5,000 contribution this year. A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, for the City to contribute \$7,500 which would total a \$12,500 show. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

SBP Presentation – Anya Conlon made a presentation to the Commission about SBP and offered their assistance to help the City with the recovery effort.

Affordable Housing Solutions Florida – Fee Reduction Request: Jacqui McPhillips asked for a fee reduction to assist with their grant application for affordable housing on Long Avenue near the Shark Tank. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to grant a 30% waiver of Impact Fees in the amount of \$11,688 for a 2" water and sewer line for their project. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Lease Agreements - North Port St. Joe Project Area Coalition (NPSJ PAC) and the Washington Improvement Group (WIG):

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to approve both requests. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. The NPSJ PAC will be responsible for the expenses incurred with the construction of the office space and the WIG Lease will be updated to an automatic renewal.

Clifford Sims Park – Mr. Anderson shared that the park reopened on Monday.

Mr. Albritton noted that he has again spoken with counsel for the St. Joe Company and they have no specific objections to a lease and want to support the City.

RFP 2019-01 Keepers' Quarters Roofs - A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to accept the low bid of Lewis Walker Roofing for the total amount of \$39,200 to reroof the Keepers' Quarters. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Anderson shared that insurance has provided a total of \$67,000 for repairs to the complex and these funds would come from that.

Public Works – John Grantland did not have anything to update the Commission on.

Surface Water Plant – Larry McClamma noted the CCR had been completed and there were no violations to report.

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis shared the Disfiltration System will be down to install the new filters, and they are in the process of tying the Sonic Disrupters to the Solarbees to prevent Algae growth.

Finance Director – Mike Lacour was meeting with FEMA Insurance representatives on site and was unable to attend the meeting.

City Engineer – Clay Smallwood, III

Langston Drive Sidewalk Update – Work began yesterday and it should be 30 – 45 days before the project is completed.

2019 SCOP Grant Application – A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to apply for funding to pave First Street from Highway 98 to Highway 71. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Dooder Parker and Frank Pate Park Task Orders Update – Work for the bridges at the Dooder Parker and Buck Griffin Lake should advertise next week. FEMA is in the process of reviewing the damage to the pier at Frank Pate Park.

Trail Lighting Update – The state has requested more information on the project.

Road Paving, Update on Current Projects – Eighth Street work has not begun but there should be progress shortly.

Code Enforcement no action was required.

Police Department – Chief Matt Herring did not have anything to update the Commission on.

City Clerk - Charlotte Pierce noted that the information concerning changing the election polling place to the Supervisor of Elections office has been update on the website, in the Star notification, and all posted notices.

Clerk Pierce shared that she received a phone call earlier today from Melissa Durham in Senator Montford's office that the Senator is inviting local officials to stand in solidarity with him and Senator Gainer as they announce a \$400 million Hurricane Michael Relief Package for effected counties. The Press Conference will be held at 12:30 ET on Thursday, March 7th in front of Senate Chambers. Please allow time for parking, to get through security in the main capitol building, and be on the 4th floor of the Capitol building by 12:15.

Citizens to be Heard –

Lorinda Gingell shared information on the establishment of the CRA, its mission, and requested that a Workshop be held so everyone would understand the governing structure of it.

Christy McElroy announced that she would be running for mayor in the upcoming election.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Langston asked about the summer recreation programs. Mr. Anderson shared that the Methodist Church has a new location for their Care Closet and will be relocating shortly to that location.

Commissioner Ashbrook did not have anything else to share with the Commission.

Commissioner Hoffman asked where chips from Ashbriitt are being stored. Mr. Anderson responded that it was his understanding they were being taken to the previous landfill site.

Mayor Patterson shared his concern about down lines still in the road and right of ways and asked that the owners be contacted to remove them.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Approved this 19th day of March 2019.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

3/19/19
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date