

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 4, 2019, at Noon.**

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

Mayor Patterson requested a Moment of Silence for the family of Layla Jean Adkison, Commissioner Lowry's grandmother.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2019. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Building Department Update – Kelly Simpson updated the Commission on the number of permits that have been issued by the Building Department since the last meeting: Demolition Permits 0; Residential Reroof 9; Commercial Reroof 0; Residential Remodel 7; Commercial Remodel 1; Temporary Power Poles 1; Electric Service Repair 7; Accessory Structures 1; New Single Family Structures 1; Temporary Structure Permits 0, and Increased Cost of Compliance Letters 1.

Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency Update – Due to the lack of a quorum, there was no meeting. Commissioner Ashbrook asked that a date be established to meet.

City Attorney –

Boat Dockage Agreement Update – Patrick Murphy, representing the St. Joe Company stated that he felt a compromise could be worked out. The company wants to clean up and rebuild the marina, and they were not bothered by a time line. He noted that the City owns the bulkhead and that the request to dock 4 boats is not an issue. Attorney Albritton will revise the provided documents and work with the St. Joe attorney on modifications.

Ordinance 550 Golf Cart Ordinance – Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 550. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Albritton read Ordinance 550 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adopt Ordinance 550. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Patterson requested that parents stop their children from driving golf carts.

Ordinance 555 Voluntary Annexation of Parcel #04272-000R – Continuance:

Commissioner Langston stated that he needed more time to review this and asked that it be Tabled.

Commissioner Hoffman shared several concerns and asked for a Continuance of the issue.

Mayor Patterson questioned who the owners of the property are that want to have the property annexed into the City. He stated that he understood Matt Terry, a nephew of incoming Mayor, Rex Buzzett, was involved.

Commissioner Lowry stated that he did not believe there was a need for the R-4 Zone.

Mayor Patterson passed the Chair to Mayor Pro tem David Ashbrook and made a motion to deny the annexation of the property. A second to the Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry.

Rex Buzzett stated he was disappointed in the mayor's comments, that he is not involved with his nephew's affairs, and asked that the mayor stick to the facts.

The following individuals shared their concerns and opinions on the issue: Suzanne Lyon, Christy McElroy, Doug Kelly, Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's attorney, Jeremy Novak, Mark Lyle, John Strayer, James Lyon, and Robert Branch.

Mayor Pro tem Ashbrook called for a Roll Call Vote on Ordinance 555 to deny the annexation of the property into the City. Commissioners Hoffman, Langston, and Mayor Pro tem voted no. Mayor Patterson and Commissioner Lowry voted yes. The Motion was defeated 3-2.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook to have a continuance of Ordinance 555 and 556 until the August 6, 2019 meeting. Voting for the Motion were Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. Voting against were Mayor Patterson and Commissioner Lowry. Motion carried 3-2.

The Chair was returned to Mayor Patterson.

Ordinance 556 Small Scale Plan Amendment Parcel #04272-000R – Continuance:

Medical Marijuana Ordinance – Draft

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to follow the county's document on this. Attorney Albritton will review the documents signed by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners and tweak those documents for the City's review.

Disaster Recovery Consulting Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to work with CDR Maguire on a Continuing Service Contract and use Task Orders when work is needed. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. This will be for funds to repair infrastructure and not seeking grants.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Jim Anderson

Old Business

July 4th – Fireworks Location; Events:

Pyro Shows will be providing the fireworks on July 4th at 10 P.M. from Clifford Sims Park. Commissioner Ashbrook asked if the Burn Ban approved by the county would apply to this. Mr. Anderson will check on this.

Gulf County Commissioner Sandy Quinn is heading up the Street Dance and all paper work has been received.

Latrina McNeil has requested use of the Washington Gym for an event on July 6th. The serving of alcohol requires a Certificate of Additional Insured and this has not been received yet as well as additional information needed about the event.

Mr. Anderson has not received any paper work from Cora McNair Curtis for the event on July 4th.

FEMA Damage Assessment Reports Updates – Staff is working on this and there is a meeting with Building Inspector Bo Creel on Thursday. 102 Structures have been identified by FEMA.

MLK Corridor Zoning Change Update – Mr. Anderson shared the green light has been given by the Department of Economic Opportunity for the project to move forward. This will be on 18 acres and allows up to 40 units per acre. Ray Greer is working on the notice for the project.

New Business

RFQ 2019-01 Grant Writing Services, Gouras and Associates and The Ferguson Group –

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commission Hoffman, to offer a Continuing Service Contract with a Task Order for work when need, to each applicant. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Lease of City Property for an Ice Machine – Henry Rackley

Attorney Albritton advised that using public property for private business can be problematic.

Public Works – John Grantland did not have anything for the Commission.

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

Wastewater Plant – Kevin Pettis stated the lagoon has 37" of free board, they will not be discharging in June but cleaning up and repairing around the plant. He shared that Solar Bees will be doing their maintenance free of charge for the next 2 years because of Hurricane Michael which will be a savings of \$13,000 per year. The by-pass pumps will be here July 2, and the biological dredging is starving the algae in the pond.

Finance Director – Mike Lacour noted that hard copies of the Audit Report will be available at the next meeting. The budget process has started, STANTEC is working on the wholesale Sewage Rate, and he continues to work with FEMA and the insurance company.

City Engineer –

Mr. Smallwood was absent and Mr. Anderson updated the Commission on the following:

Frank Pate Park Task Order – No update at the present time.

Trail Lighting / Upgrades Grant – Nothing to update at this time.

Baltzell Avenue Paving Update – Paving has been completed, final grading and striping will follow shortly.

Mr. Smallwood is working on the engineering for the SCOP Grant that will repave Garrison Avenue from 16th Street to Madison Street.

Code Enforcement no action was required.

Police Department – Paul Beasley did not have anything for the Commission. He noted the department is aware of underage drivers of golf carts and they are working to resolve this.

City Clerk - Charlotte Pierce did not have anything to discuss.

Citizens to be Heard –

Amy Rogers asked for clarification of zoning for North Port St. Joe.

Marvin Davis questioned the cost for sewer on his water bill, asked about an additional restroom for ladies at the Juneteenth festivities, and the lack of grocery stores in Port St. Joe.

Robert Branch asked if the ditches have been cleaned for the upcoming hurricane season. Mr. Grantland responded that Public Works is currently working on them. Mr. Branch also questioned pipe being placed in ditches with the new grant. Mr. Anderson responded that the proposed grant is for help in cleaning up water before it goes into St. Joe Bay and no final plans have been made at this time.

Christy McElroy shared her concerns about rising seas and provided the handout "Walls Won't Save Our Cities From Rising Seas. Here's What Will."

Suzanne Lyon shared her concerns about the lack of grocery stores in Highland View.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Langston shared his concerns about the lack of a turning lane on to Avenue C when you come down the overpass. He also asked about the possibility of speed bumps to slow traffic down in residential areas.

Commissioner Ashbrook did not have anything to discuss.


Commissioner Lowry did not have any others items to share.

Commissioner Hoffman expressed his appreciation to City Staff and Department Heads for what has been done since Hurricane Michael. He noted the City is financially strong, funds have not been spent, and he appreciates the hard work of everyone.

Mayor Patterson shared his concerns with the double yellow lines not being observed in front of McDonald's and Hungry Howie's.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 P.M.

Approved this 18th day of June 2019.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

6/18/19
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

6/18/19
Date