

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT  
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 30, 2020, at 12 Noon.  
Teleconference as allowed under Executive Order 20-69; App – ZOOM;  
Phone 1-646-876-9923, Meeting ID: 823 8098 3850; Password 353785**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, City Attorney Clinton McCahill, Police Chief Matt Herring, and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Burkett were also present. Commissioner Ashbrook participated by the Zoom app.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Mayor Buzzett shared that he did not feel that our citizens are following the CDC Guidelines and noted that the Commission does not want to mandate requirements and is asking that citizens be responsible.

Attorney McCahill provided a draft suggestion for consideration should an emergency Proclamation or Declaration be needed.

A lengthy discussion was held with Commissioners sharing their thoughts on the issue and stating they were not in favor of a mandate to wear masks at this time. They support following the CDC Guidelines, and being responsible.

Jared Lucas and Tana Coleman shared their concerns on this issue with the Commissioners.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to strongly encourage the use of masks when social distancing is not possible and follow the CDC Guidelines. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

**RFP 2020-05 Frank Pate Park Gazebo**

Mr. Anderson provided a handout showing that \$67,000 is available in insurance money, \$30,000 has been allowed for insurance depreciation if the structure is rebuilt, and FEMA has allowed \$144,000 for the project that has not been received. The state match of 25% (12.5% City and 12.5% County) totals \$48,000 with the City having approximately \$34,000 out of pocket expense for the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to accept the bid of \$38,055.36 from RJ Gorman Marine Construction, LLC to demolish the remaining pier pilings. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Anderson is to talk with the contractor concerning their bid to rebuild the pier and see how long the bid price is good for.

Bill Kennedy stated that it is important to build the pier back and noted there may be ways to reduce the quote of \$298,426.19 for rebuilding.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Washington Gym Summer Program started last week and the STAC House is set to open Monday, July 6, 2020.

Commissioner Lowry left the meeting at 12:43 P.M.

**Citizens to be Heard –**

No one wished to address the Commission.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

*Commissioner Hoffman* shared that he had visited the Washington site and was very impressed with their program.

He also asked that there be a daily garbage pickup at the fish cleaning station.

Commissioner Langston noted that he had visited the site and was really pleased with what he saw.

He shared his concerns that BCC is not picking up yard debris promptly and asked that this be addressed.

Commissioner Ashbrook encouraged everyone to stay safe and wear their mask.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 P.M.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

Rex Buzzett  
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

7/7/20  
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

7/7/20  
Date