

**MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS WORKSHOP FOR THE
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION
CHAMBERS, 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, November 29, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook and Hoffman. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Finance Director Mike Lacour, Chief Jake Richards, and Public Works Director John Grantland were also present. Commissioners Langston and Lowry were absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was for the consideration of Downtown Improvements.

Mayor Buzzett welcomed everyone to the Workshop.

Chamber of Commerce Director, Joe Whitmer, provided a list of general topics that meetings with downtown business owners had produced.

- Street: Vacuum, streets and gutters. Response: This is currently being done, but the biggest issue is the Oak Trees and Acorns.
- Clean before and after events: Response: This is also currently being done.
- Alley: More aggressive trash removal, for sanitation, health and security. Response: Mr. Anderson shared the charges for additional pickups, and noted the size of the alleys will not allow for large containers to be used.
- Sidewalks: Maintenance and leveling to reduce trip hazard: Response: The City has contracted with a firm and work should begin next week on this. Areas of concern have already been identified; street intersections are also being looked at.
- Lighting: Repair or replace lights. Response: Parts have been ordered and should be in this week to make the needed repairs. Previous cost quote to replace each light is approximately \$4,500.
- Lighthouse: Maintenance of promenade. Response: Staff will look to see if any more work needs to be done.
- Pier and boat ramp: Maintenance and sanitation to alleviate stench: Response: A grinder has been ordered to crush carcasses and permits have been obtained to return them to the basin area, the dumpster has been moved and additional pickups will be made during Scallop and Snapper seasons.
- Parking: Future expansion, paving, metering, and ordinances. Response: The City is talking with the St. Joe Company about additional land for parking, research is being done concerning the possibility of installing meters and hiring someone to monitor them.

The following individuals shared their thoughts on the improvement needs for downtown.

Joe Whitmer, Sandie Kennedy, Leesa Haire, Madeline Carnes, Tina Ubben, Joey Jernigan, Sheryl Bradley, Phillip Carroll, Barbara Radcliff, Jessica Faircloth, and Mike Sparks.

Mayor Buzzett thanked those attending for their input, and adjourned the Workshop at 6:00 P.M.

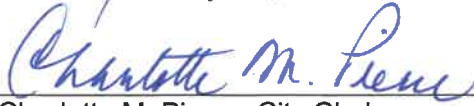
Approved this 6th day of December 2022.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

12/6/22

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

12/6/22

Date