

MINUTES OF THE INTRODUCTION TO NEW CITY LOBBYIST, CLARK SMITH OF THE SOUTHERN GROUP, FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, JANUARY 31, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett and Commissioner Ashbrook. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and Finance Director Mike Lacour were also present. Commissioners Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry were absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was to meet the City's Lobbyist, Clark Smith, and discuss how to proceed with obtaining funding for City legislative projects.

Mayor Buzzett welcomed everyone to the Workshop and turned the meeting over to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith shared about his company, discussed how they approach legislators, and offered suggestions on how to proceed from here.

Commissioner Hoffman provided a list of projects with an estimated cost for each one.

- Administrative Building / Police / Fire / 911 Shelter (Eight Million)
- Reroute Depot Creek from City of Port St. Joe to Money Bayou / Gulf of Mexico (Ten Million)
- Field of Dreams Sports Complex (Ten Million)
- Clifford Sims Park / Fishing Dock (Two Million)
- George Core Park Restrooms / Splash Pad (Five Million)
- Road Paving (Ten Million)
- Walking Path extension / update (Five Million)

Mayor Buzzett and Commissioner Ashbrook reviewed and discussed the list of projects with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith shared that he would review the project list and get back with the Commission on which ones he feels are realistic and would possibly be awarded.

Mayor Buzzett thanked everyone for attending and noted that the Commission is looking forward to working with Mr. Smith for the betterment of our City.

He adjourned the Workshop at 11:15 A.M.

Approved this 7th day of February 2023.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

2/7/23

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

2/7/23

Date