

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, July 20, 2023, at Noon**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance 602 Parking First Reading and Request to Advertise

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the First Reading and advertise Ordinance 602. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 602 by Title only.

Mayor Buzzett asked for any public input and there was none.

Long Avenue Pay Request

After a lengthy discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to make a final payment in the amount of \$314,578.85 to North Florida Construction, Inc. for the project. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0. \$100,000 is not being paid due to the issues with Long Avenue.

RFP 2023-09 Beacon Hill Sewer

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to accept the low bid of \$2,095,010 from North Florida Construction contingent upon approval of the state for the City Staff to do the tap work. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Jamie Miller of North Florida Construction was present, and Commissioner Lowry asked him if he were comfortable doing this project Mr. Grantland and staff to which Mr. Miller replied, "Yes." Commissioner Lowry also asked Mr. Miller if he felt there would be any issues with time or overages and he responded, "No."

Citizens to be Heard

Delores Windolf asked when the structure at 903 16th Street would be demolished. Attorney McCahill has been working with a judge, and the local police department because this is a civil matter and without proper documentation, the police department cannot be involved. Mr. McCahill anticipates that all issues concerning the legalities of this matter will be resolved by the August 1, 2023, meeting.

Discussion Items by Commissioners.

Mayor Buzzett referenced an email request from Ed Mitchem of the pickle ball group. The original request was for the pickle ball group to provide a third of the cost, and the City and county to each provide a third of the cost. The more recent request was for the City and county to each provide 50%. Commissioner Hoffman feels that there is a disconnect on who represents the pickle ball group, other Commissioners feel the group should raise money for other entities to match, and if this a project that a FEDAP Grant would cover, to consider that as a possibility.

Commissioner Kerigan shared that Mark Costin had contacted him about possibly closing Second Street between Williams and Long Avenues and turning it into a public parking area. Utilities would need to be checked before any commitments are made on this.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Buzzett adjourned the Meeting at 1:47 P.M.

Approved this 15TH day of August 2023.

Rex Buzzett
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

8/15/23
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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Date