

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, at 5:01 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy City Clerk Carrie Fodge, Finance Director Mike Lacour, and Chief Jake Richards were also present. Commissioner Lowry and Attorney McCahill were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Langston, to approve the Minutes of the Workshop and Regular Meetings both on September 16, 2025. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

City Manager Jim Anderson read Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict For County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers as completed by Commissioner Lowry when he abstained from voting as he has a business relationship and is a relative of the representative of the developer of Salt Pines Subdivision – Parcel #03040-002R: Development Order Amendment from Townhomes to Single Family Residences; Special Exception – Side Setbacks and the Rish Family Plaza Parcel #'s 04830-006R through 04830-016R: Special Exception – Side Setbacks.

New Business

Ordinance 622: Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate: Public Hearing; Second Reading and Adoption

Mayor Buzzett opened the Meeting for the Public Hearing of Ordinance 622.

Robert Branch and Kevin Holden shared their thoughts with the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the Second Reading, and Adoption of Ordinance 622.

Mr. Anderson shared that the Millage Rate of 3.5914 will remain the same as it has for a number of years.

All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson read Ordinance 622 in its entirety.

Mayor Buzzett closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance 623: 2025 – 2026 Budget: Public Hearing; Second Reading, and Adoption

Mayor Buzzett opened the Meeting for the Public Hearing of Ordinance 623 the 2025 - 2026 Budget, Second Reading, and Adoption.

No one from the public addressed the Commission.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 623. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson read Ordinance 623 by Title only.

Mayor Buzzett closed the Public Meeting.

Resolution 2025-12 City Pay Scale

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to approve the City Pay Scale for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson noted this includes a 5% an across the board raise for all employees for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.

Dispatch Contract with Gulf County Sheriff's Department

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to renew the Dispatch Contract with the Gulf County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Stop Signs on Avenue A and Garrison Avenue

Robert Branch and Kevin Holden shared their opinions on the issue.

After discussion, consensus of the Commission was to relocate the sign in front of Mrs. Quinn's house at Broad and Avenue A to Harbor and Avenue A and add an additional Stop Sign on Avenue A. The Stop Signs on Garrison will be left in place and given a chance to see how they work rather than add Speed Tables.

Tallulah CBD, LLC

A Request for Consideration was received from Ashley Guy, Owner Tallulah CBD, to allow Tallulah CBD to continue serving the Port St. Joe Community. Chief Richards addressed the issues and noted the violations of illegal behavior since January 29, 2025. Three inspections were done by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as well as purchases by undercover agents from Florida Department of Law Enforcement, FDLE Organized Crime Unit, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, DEA, and Port St. Joe Police Department.

During the searches 12,623 grams (27.83) pounds of suspected marijuana containing THC and 2,784 grams (6.1 pounds) of "House Wax," which contains THC were found.

Chief Richards shared of other issues that have come from the business and feels that for the health and safety of our citizens, the business should remain closed.

Madeline Carnes shared of experiences and negative effects on her business from being a neighbor to Tallulah.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, for Chief Richards and Attorney McCahill to file an Injunction based on the actions at the Tallulah location. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Citizens to be Heard

Kevin Holden asked about de-annexing the Myers Park Subdivision from the City.

Mayor Buzzett responded that if the property owner had requested annexation into the City, it would involve an attorney drafting paperwork and presenting it to the City for consideration by the City Commission.

Robert Branch asked about the area from Tenth to Sixteenth Street where the grass is being cut. It was noted that this has been a golf course for many, many years and the area is being revitalized.

Madeline Carnes asked about Ghosts on the Coast this year. She will contact Superintendent Jim Norton and request that all schools in Gulf County be made aware of the change to Thursday, October 30, 2025, because of a home football game on Friday October 31, 2025.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Neither Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, nor Langston or Mayor Buzzett had any additional concerns to share with the Commission.

Motion to Adjourn

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Approved this 7th day of October 2025.

Rex Buzzett
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

10/13/25
Date

Charlotte M. Pierce
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/13/25
Date