

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, June 2, 2026, at Noon.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, Langston and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and City Attorney Clinton McCahill were also present.

Call to Order

Mayor Buzzett presented a plaque to Finance Director Mike Lacour for his 20 years of service to the City of Port St. Joe and wished him well in his retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Attorney McCahill read Form 8B where Commissioner Lowry abstained in the May 19, 2026, meeting from voting on the Special Exception to build a pier at 282 Dockside Drive, St. Joe Marina Cottages – Parcel #04594-030R because Mr. Rish is a business partner of his.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2026. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Robert Branch and Christy McElroy expressed their concerns about the Agenda Notice and Minutes of the previous meeting. Chief Richards showed Mr. Branch where the Minutes were posted on the City's website.

City Attorney

Mr. McCahill did not have anything specific for the Commission today.

City Engineer – Josh Baxley

City Government Complex

Mr. McCahill stated that he had reached out to Patrick Ferrell and provided him with a tentative date of September 1, 2026, as the date to vacate the property.

Permit status for the complex:

FDEP Wastewater: This has been received.

ERP Stormwater: Dewberry is working on the RAI Response and they will be submitting the response this week. They hope to receive the permit within the next two weeks.

FDOT Access: Dewberry needs a signed letter from the City regarding the development order and they are working with Mr. Anderson on this.

FDOT Drainage Connection: Dewberry is working on RAI responses.

USACOE Dredge and Fill: This has been submitted to the Corps and no response has been received from them as of today.

Downtown Alleys Drainage Improvements

Dewberry has provided plans to the contractor for review and comment.

Avenue A Stormwater

This project is out for bid.

MLK CDBG

The survey has been ordered, and Dewberry will be organizing a kickoff call soon.

Core Park Restroom Facility

A floor plan sketch has been provided for City staff to review.

Avenues C and D Resurfacing

Dewberry is working on 60% design, and they expect to submit 60% to FDOT by June 19, 2026.

Commissioner Hoffman requested that the owner of 314 Avenue F be contacted concerning a drop off from the street to their drive.

Core Park Restrooms

Consensus was that Commissioners want to receive a total price for what is shown on the plan to decide how to proceed with the project.

Old Business

City Projects

Mr. Anderson noted the current projects on Pages 9 and 10.

Government Complex Update

Mr. Anderson shared that the state budget for next year includes \$650,000 for the project. The original request was for \$5 Million.

Mayor Buzzett asked that Commissioner look at the city's finances and see what can be put toward the project.

New Business

Code Red Contract Renewal

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to renew the Code Red Contract.

Robert Branch and Christy McElroy shared their opinions on the issue.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Electrician Position Reclassified to IT Specialist

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to reclassify the Wastewater Electrical Position to an IT Specialist. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Maddox Park at Shipyard Cove Signage

Mayor Buzzett commended the Maddox Family for the research and documentation that has been provided for the six Trailway Signs. Proofs will be mailed to the Commissioners tomorrow for their review and then sent to Florida Communities Trust for their approval before production of the signs is begun.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Summer Recreation Programs will begin next week at the STAC House and Washington Site.

Public Works – John Grantland

Mr. Grantland did not have any updates for the Commissioners.

Surface Water Plant - Larry McClamma

Mr. McClamma did not have any additional information for the Commissioners today.

Wastewater Plant – Joe Harris

Mr. Harris shared that the plant is running, they are treating water, discharging, and that the filter replacement order has been placed.

Finance Director – Tiffany Giddens

FEMA Update

Mrs. Giddens noted that there have been no changes in the FEMA Project as it is still open, but has been fully reimbursed.

Grants Reimbursement Update

Mrs. Giddens reminded customers that the Beacon Hill and Septic to Sewer Grant Applications will be closing July 31, 2026, and installation must be completed by December 31, 2026.

Code Enforcement – John Cannon

Mr. Cannon shared that he is waiting on the signature of the county attorney to finalize the demolition of two more structures.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired about a property at 522 First Street and Mr. Cannon will check on it.

Police Department – Chief Richards

Howard Road

Chief Richards shared that he has been working with England Reeves of Eastern Shipbuilding and Eastern has created an exit road for their workers. The road is from the Eastern Shipbuilding Parking lot, parallels the original road into the mill, it goes under the overpass, up the old Kenney's Mill road with a turn through what was the previous Arizona Chemical Plant Site and connects to the Industrial Road. This will eliminate the traffic congestion that has been occurring as the workers were leaving the worksite.

Chief Richards also updated the Commission on the fire that occurred early Saturday morning and commended the City Police Officers Caleb Kesterson and Jamie Nichols, Port St. Joe Firemen Michael Mize and Heath Player and their Department, as well as everyone involved with the situation for their actions that led to removing three family members from their home.

Chief Richards has been working with Gulf County Chamber President Joe Whitmer for a resolution to parking in the downtown area. Business owners are also being included in the process and when a recommendation is determined, Chief Richards will bring the recommendation to the Commission.

City Clerk – Charlotte Pierce

Grants Update

Clerk Pierce shared that staff is working to close out the Centennial Building and Cape San Blas Lighthouse grants. There were no changes to Pages 16 and 17, and that a visit is scheduled for June 17 to discuss the possibility of the lens being returned to the lighthouse.

Citizens to be Heard

Amy Rogers, Robert Branch, and Christy McElroy shared their opinions on various issues.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Langston shared that holes are being left in customer's yards when fiber is being installed, and he asked that the company be contacted to correct this issue.

Neither Commissioners Kerigan nor Lowry had any additional items to discuss with the Commission.

Commissioner Hoffman expressed his appreciation to Eastern Shipbuilding for listening to the concerns about traffic as their workers were leaving and working to correct the issue.

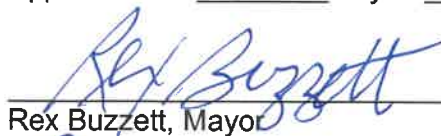
He also noted that concerns about traffic for the weekend baseball tournament were unfounded as there would not be as many participants as there are on a regular season day.

Mayor Buzzett shared that a local hobbyist group had contacted him about using sailing boats on Buck Griffin Lake. They would also like to have several buoys for racing purposes. There were no objections to the request from the Commissioners.

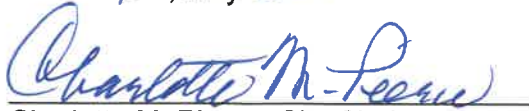
Motion to Adjourn

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of June 2026.


Rex Buzzett, Mayor

6/16/26
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

6/16/26
Date