

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, and when permitted or required by the subject matter, the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, held on March 14, 2019.

ROLL

MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:

PAUL CASTO

PHIL CHESTER

GEOFF MCCONNELL

HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:

MARIO GISBERT

CITY CLERK:

MARY JAN BOSSERT

CITY ATTORNEY:

AMY MYERS

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 6 p.m. with all Councilmen, the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Councilman Solis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 28, 2019 were read. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Minutes as written. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were none. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the Agenda as written. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Councilman Casto explained he received several calls in reference to a lot on Escanaba which has been by the neighboring community to access Frank Brown Park. Councilman Casto requested that Staff inquire into purchasing the property to serve as public access to Frank Brown Park and the City's trail system. The Council agreed.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Councilman Solis introduced Hannah Smith and presented her with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Latina Reed, Club representative, spoke of Hannah Smith's contributions to the Club. The audience responded with applause.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (REGULAR NON-PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSENT ITEMS)**

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 6:08 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Comments at 6:08 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Items by title.

1 **RESOLUTION 19-64, TASK ORDER NO. 8 TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. RELATING TO MAJOR WASTEWATER**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving Task Order #8 to the Master Services Agreement for Major Wastewater Engineering Services with Tetra Tech, Inc., related to Conservation Park Biological Monitoring – 2019 in the amount of \$92,120; authorizing execution and providing an immediately effective date."

**2 RESOLUTION 19-67 - TASK ORDER 2019-01, MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MCNEIL CARROL ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,900 FOR PROFESSIONAL STORMWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES, RELATING TO EAGLE DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving Task Order #2019-01 to the Master Services Agreement for Stormwater Engineering Services with McNeil Carrol Engineering, Inc., related to Eagle Drive Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$13,900; authorizing execution and providing an immediately effective date."

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 19-68, PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT AND UPDATE.**

Myers read Resolution 19-58 by title. The Council had no comments.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 19-68. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

1 Burnie Thompson, 17292 Front Beach Road. Mr. Thompson asked about the Mayor's absence at the Council's March 14 meeting and requested a copy of Mayor's calendar for that week.

Mayor Thomas explained his absence.

2 Gary Beck, 14825 Front Beach Road. Mr. Beck explained the media has not covered anything on his federal case. He spoke of his lawsuit and his experiences with social media comments.

3 Cherie Crim, 17680 Front Beach Road. Ms. Crim thanked Councilman McConnell for holding a Town Hall Meeting. She advised the public of the upcoming municipal election on April 16<sup>th</sup> and that voter registrations needed to be updated by March 18<sup>th</sup>. She explained she recently worked with Project Trinity and would like to see more awareness on human trafficking in our area.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Delegations period at 6:20 p.m.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Ms. Myers stated the City has closed on the new Fire Station property and received title work on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant property and expects it to close soon.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Gisbert explained the City has broken ground on the Fire Station site, they are cleaning the site. He read the open bids and available jobs.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Solis had no comments.

Councilman McConnell stated he would like to see the Fire Chief and his crew take pride in the new fire station property. He asked about a ground breaking for the new station. The City Manager advised it would be in April.

Councilman McConnell addressed the problems with traffic accidents on the access road near Home Depot. Mr. David Campbell, CRA Director, presented to the Council the staff's work with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on this issue. Councilman McConnell asked that this project be elevated. He also thanked everyone that participated in the Town Hall Meeting.

Councilman Casto asked for an update on the new City Hall construction. Mr. Gisbert explained due to Hurricane Michael the construction is scheduled to be complete in August. Mayor Thomas asked to investigate any changes which could expedite construction.

Councilman Chester asked for an update on the Thomas Drive area. Mr. Shortt provided an update on the staff's work with Bay County on the project.

Mayor Thomas explained that lack of street lighting on Front Beach Road presents a danger to the community. He asked staff to look into placing lights at the crosswalks. Councilman Solis suggested a combination of blinking lights and directional lighting. Mayor Thomas requested Staff to contact FDOT on this issue.

Mayor Thomas explained the City borders have multiple enclaves which are not part of the City limits. He explained his position that enclaves should be annexed into the City and the benefits to the City and the public. Mayor Thomas requested Staff pursue annexation by interlocal agreement with Bay County.

Councilman McConnell asked if Bay County had agreed to annexation. Ms. Myers explained the, while County is open to the concept, staff has not compiled a list of all parcels. Councilman Chester asked about the effect on compliance with the Land Development Code. Mr. Gisbert noted that potential right-of-way differences, setbacks and other differences would need to be addressed.

Councilmen Solis, Casto, and Chester all noted areas which would be ideal candidates for annexation. Ms. Myers explained that multiple parcels were evident on the County's maps which could be addressed. Councilman Solis suggested assessing road conditions of potential enclaves. All Council Members directed staff to pursue annexation of enclaves.

Mayor Thomas asked for an update to a review of the City's pension plan. Ms. Myers explained that her office was preparing a Request for Qualifications to seek a consultant on this matter. Councilman Casto expressed concern that changing plans would negatively affect hiring. Councilman McConnell noted that moving the Florida Retirement System could improve hiring of outside candidates. Mayor Thomas requested staff move forward.

Mayor Thomas suggested moving forward with an assessment for CRA landscaping and maintenance costs. Mayor Thomas noted the City's legal obligations to institute an assessment and concern for losing CRA funding. Councilman McConnell stated noted his preference that the assessment be limited to Front Beach Road. Councilman Casto agreed the that the City was obligated to institute the assessment. Ms. Myers explained the City's contractual obligations with Bay County. Ms. Myers explained the process for instituting and maintaining the assessment. Councilman Casto noted the importance of finishing the CRA after 18 years of progress. Mayor Thomas asked to move forward with a CRA assessment.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.

**IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FOREGOING MINUTES AND A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE MINUTES, THE FOREGOING MINUTES SHALL CONTROL.**

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk