

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 April 11, 2019.

ROLL
MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:
PAUL CASTO
PHIL CHESTER
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 Councilman Casto, Councilman Chester and Councilman Solis, the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

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

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting/Workshop and Regular Meeting of March 28, 2019 were read. **Councilman Casto made the motion to approve the Minutes as written. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mr. Gisbert requested to add a purchase necessary for emergency sewer repair. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Agenda as with the addition. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

PRESENTATIONS

1 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. Councilman Chester introduced Cody Pugh and presented him with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Latina Reed, Club Representative, spoke of Cody Pugh's contributions to the Club. The audience responded with applause.

2 "NATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK" PROCLAMATION & ANNUAL REPORT FROM CLUB. Councilman Chester presented Mr. Hank Hill, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club with the Proclamation designating April 8 – 12, 2019 as "National Boys & Girls Club Week". Mr. Hill thanked the Council and presented the annual report from the Club, detailing the number of children served and thanked the City for the annual donation that supported their effort.

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

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 6:11 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Comments at 6:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Items by title.

1 REVISION OF THE MASTER AUDIT LIST TO REMOVE OBSOLETE ITEMS.
These items are to be removed from the Master Audit List. STAFF RECOMMENDS

approval. By approval of this matter in the Consent Agenda, the City Council makes a finding of surplus for these items and approves their removal from the Master Audit List.

2 RESOLUTION 19-74, BID AWARD – (3) UTILITY SERVICE VEHICLES. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving the purchase of three vehicles for the street and stormwater departments, from Garber Ford, Inc. in the total amount of \$99,046; and providing an immediately effective date.”

3 RESOLUTION 19-75, BID AWARD – 310 TRACTOR. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving the purchase of a loader backhoe, from Dobbs Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$82,093.25.”

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 19-76, DEWBERRY TASK ORDER FOR ALF COLEMAN SIDEWALK DESIGN. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-76 by title. The Council had no comments.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 19-76. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 19-77, VEHICLE PURCHASE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #22. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-77 by title. Mayor Thomas asked about the source of the funds for the purchase. Councilman Chester explained this will replace a vehicle which was totaled. Chief Whitman stated most of the value was recovered from an insurance claim.

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Resolution 19-77. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 19-78, LETF PURCHASE OF K-9 PATROL HANDLER COURSE FOR ONE OFFICER. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-78 by title. Councilman Chester inquired about the number of staffed K-9 officers. Chief Whitman explained the Department currently has four.

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Resolution 19-78. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 19-79, EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A LARGE SEWER MAIN NEAR NAUTILUS LIFT STATION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-79. Ms. Myers explained this Resolution will approve the emergency repair of a 30” diameter gravity sewer main by Gulf Coast Utility Contractors, LLC, not to exceed amount of \$100,000. Mr. Gisbert explained three bids were received for this work. He explained this is an emergency repair, the sewer line handles sewer flows from approximately 1/3 of the entire City. Mr. Shortt explained the gravity sewer main was put

in 50 years ago, the top of the pipe has broken and settled. The sewer line is 22 feet deep and is beyond the capabilities of City staff and equipment.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 19-79. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of those Council Members present recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

1 Cherie Crim, 17680 Front Beach Road. Ms. Crim thanked the Council for closing portions of Pier Park and suggested it remained closed during the summer months. She reminded everyone of the election next Tuesday. She stated human trafficking is a problem in Bay County, which grows during special events.

2 Burnie Thompson, 17292 Front Beach Road. Mr. Thompson asked about Councilman McConnell's absence. He stated if the vote passes on Tuesday the Civil Service Board will become a grievance Board. He spoke of a past employee's experience with the Board. He stated items should be listed on the agenda, such as an assessment or tax instead of speaking on major items during council comments.

3 Michael Prier. Mr. Prier explained he felt harassed for four days, he has called the Police Department with no resolution. He explained people are running stop signs and almost hitting him in the road. He explained he does not have an address.

4 Rex Reed, 202 Gulf Lane. Mr. Reed thanked Mr. Ponak and his department for a great job at the volleyball courts.

5 Gary Beck, 14825 Front Beach Road. Mr. Beck spoke of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and his lawsuit. Mayor Thomas explained the delegation's period is for residents or City employees, water or sewer customers to speak on matters related to the City's water or sewer system.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Delegations period at 6:35 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Myers had no report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Gisbert read the open bids and available jobs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casto asked if the Council could dissolve the Civil Service Board by vote. Ms. Myers explained that, if voter's approved the proposed Charter amendment, the Council could change the composition of the board but not dissolve it. Councilman Casto explained the Civil Service Board has been a benefit and due process for the employees. He asked why the City is not having early voting. Mr. Gisbert explained it costs the City more money.

Councilman Chester asked for an update on the property next to Frank Brown Park. Mr. Gisbert explained the property is still under contract and he will reach out to the new owner to see if they are willing to sell a parcel or easement, if available. Councilman Chester asked Chief Whitman about human trafficking. Chief Whitman explained human trafficking is everywhere, the department is working on several cases and is aware of the issues.

Councilman Solis explained cities in Florida have moved on from Civil Service Boards, more information was placed on social media but removed by request of another Council Member. The street department has done a great job staying on top of grants for sidewalk projects, there is a big amount of work behind the scenes to get things done. He explained since Hurricane Michael apartment complexes are charging exorbitant amounts and storage units have doubled in price. In neighboring cities debris cleanup was a half billion dollars. The schools have laid off over 600 employees. Federal money is not coming in and the cost to recovery is great. People need to get involved and

contact their state representatives for a solution. The cost per person is thousands if they do not come up with an emergency half cent sales tax.

Mayor Thomas explained the Civil Service Board going to a referendum was approved by majority vote of the Council. Mr. Thompson has not asked to meet with him on any subject to gather facts or suggest solutions. Mayor Thomas explained it is the Council's job to save the city money and run the City efficiently.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 25th of April, 2019.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk