

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 October 10, 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 6:00 p.m. with Councilman Casto, Councilman Chester, Councilman McConnell, the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney present.

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

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events. He announced that Mr. Ed Offley, reported from the News Herald, was retiring. The Mayor commended his efforts reporting on the City and wished him well on his new endeavors.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2019 were read. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Minutes as written. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Councilman Casto requested to add a discussion on the public-private lifeguard partnerships to the agenda.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve the addition to the agenda. Councilman Chester seconded the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

2 HURRICANE MICHAEL 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION. Councilman McConnell read the proclamation remembering October 10, 2019, as the One-Year anniversary of Hurricane Michael. He expressed his gratitude to the City Staff and First Responders for all their support.

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 Item by title.

1 RESOLUTION 20-01, SHADDAI SHRINERS PARADE ROAD USAGE. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing careful traffic control and extraordinary usage of a portion of Front Beach Road (U.S. 98) to permit the Shaddai Shrine Temple Fall Ceremonial Parade on the morning of Saturday, October 12, 2019; and providing an immediately effective date.”

2 RESOLUTION 20-02, ROAD CLOSURE J.R. ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing the temporary closure of certain sections of North Alf Coleman Road, Market Street, and North Richard Jackson Boulevard to permit the J.R. Arnold High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 11, 2019.”

3 RESOLUTION 20-03, AUTHORIZING JOINT MEETING WITH BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing the City Council to participate in a joint meeting with the Bay County Board of Commissioners to discuss matters of mutual interest related to the redevelopment of the Front Beach Road Corridor.”

4 RESOLUTION 20-09, LETTER OF SUPPORT – FDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, indicating its support of the City’s pursuit of a “Safe Routes To School” Grant; authorizing the City Manager to provide a letter of support and any other documents necessary to satisfy the requirements of the application for the grant; and providing an immediately effective date.”

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 20-04, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT, BUDGET AMENDMENT #1. Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-04 by title. Mayor Thomas asked Chief Whitman for clarification of the Resolution. Chief Whitman explained the grant will be used for overtime salaries and the benefits for patrols; which are designed to enhance public awareness and compliance of safe driving practices to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities. He explained the officers look for those weaving in and out of traffic, road rage, and those texting and driving.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 20-04. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 20-05, PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM GULF POWER FOR BAY PARKWAY PHASE II. Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-05 by title. She explained the City is working to design and construct the Bay Parkway Segment 2 Roadway Project. She explained the design necessitates the acquisition of certain real property currently held by the Gulf Power Company. She explained staff has negotiated and drafted an agreement for the purchase and sale of this property in the amount of \$15,000.00. She explained Gulf Power has reserved uses in the agreement that are inconsistent with Bay Parkway. She requested Council to approve the Resolution with the dollar amount and the anticipated closing date of October 30th. She requested authority to strike the use provision or at least negotiate it and state that the agreement is for a road.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 20-05 with the change. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 3 PLAT APPROVAL MIDDLE BEACH ROAD, PUBLIC HEARING. Ms. Myers explained the commercial property is generally located on the northwest corner of Hutchison Boulevard and Richard Jackson Boulevard. She explained this is a proposed four lot commercial subdivision with existing improvements on all the parcels. She commented at this time there have been no plans submitted to contemplate any future changes of the current development.

Councilman Solis, Councilman McConnell, Councilman Casto, and Councilman Chester commented they each know where the property is located and has had no contact from anyone regarding this property. Mayor Thomas disclosed he found out this morning that his son's employer is financing the loan on this property.

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. and invited comments.

1 Fred Gleason, 223 Emerald Coast Club Blvd. Mr. Gleason asked if the plat was for the undeveloped property Mayor Thomas explained it is for the shopping center.

With nothing further, Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve the Middle Beach Road Plat. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 20-10, CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT EXPENSES, BUDGET AMENDMENT #2. Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-10 by title.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 20-10. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 5 PRIVATE PUBLIC AGREEMENT FOR LIFEGUARDS DISCUSSION.

Councilman Casto explained this was a bad year on drownings. He explained several property owners have approached him for these services. He suggested the City not wait another year to start this program. He requested to start in the Spring. He commented each year the City grows. Councilman Solis agreed with Councilman Casto. He commented the City needs to move as quickly as possible. He commented the biggest discussion item has been cost. He explained he has been contracted by private entities also. Councilman McConnell suggested starting the program at the beginning of the year. Discussion ensued.

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

1 Jim Dalton, 246 S Glades Trail. Mr. Dalton presented the council with a handout. He explained his desired outcome is to improve safety on South Glades Trail by reducing the speed of traffic. He commented several trash services run twice a week in the subdivision and the trucks are destroying the streets.

With no further comments, Mayor Thomas closed the Delegations period at 6:32 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 had no comments.

Councilman Chester had no comments.

Councilman McConnell had no comments.

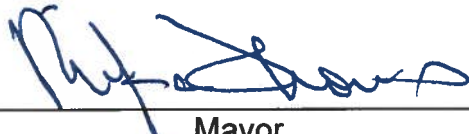
Councilman Solis echoed Councilman McConnell with his appreciation of the city staff, first responders, and community efforts during Hurricane Michael.

Mayor Thomas commented it was a humbling experience and we should keep everyone in their prayers.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

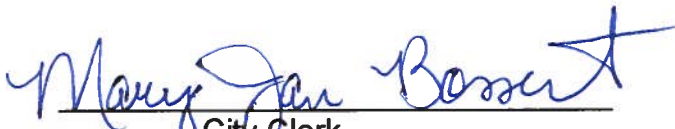
READ AND APPROVED this 14th of November, 2019.

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