

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 January 9, 2020.

ROLL  
MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:  
PAUL CASTO  
PHIL CHESTER  
GEOFF MCCONNELL  
HECTOR SOLIS

INTERIM CITY MANAGER:  
HOLLY WHITE  
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 Interim City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney present.

Pastor Ramon Duvall with Beachside Fellowship gave the invocation and Councilman Casto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events. He thanked Pastor Duval for his guidance and assistance in the community. He announced the passing of Mr. Jimmy Patronis, Sr. Mayor Thomas commented Mr. Patronis was a great addition to the Beach, he loved his community and will be truly missed.

The Minutes for the Special Meeting of December 2, 2019; Regular Meeting of December 12, 2019; and the Special Meeting of December 13, 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:**

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

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mayor Thomas added a discussion of Bay Parkway.

**Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Second was by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

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

**2 PROCLAMATION – KEY CLUB.** Councilman Casto read the Key Club Proclamation in its entirety. Councilman Casto presented the Proclamation to the Key Club and thanked them for their service. The audience responded with applause.

**3 PROCLAMATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY.** Councilman Casto presented Chief Whitman with a Proclamation honoring the Panama City Beach Police Department on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The audience responded with applause. Chief Whitman thanked the Council.

**4 HALF-CENT SALES TAX CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION.** Mayor Thomas welcomed Chair Roger Scheeres to the podium. Chair Scheeres spoke of the other Committee members and gave a brief history of the Oversight Committee and its duties. He reported that \$631,031.90 of half-cent sales tax funds have been spent for the Bay Parkway Segment 2 Project in 2019. He thanked Ms. Holly White and Clerk Mary Jan for the support of their committee. Mayor Thomas thanked the Committee for the work they do. Councilman Solis commented he appreciated everything Chair Scheeres does for the City.

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

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 6:18 p.m. and invited comments.

1 Tom Klomps, 614 Poinsettia Court. Mr. Klomps questioned a provision of the Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement consent item.

With nothing further, Mayor Thomas closed the Public Comments at 6:19 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Item by title.

**1 RESOLUTION 20-38, BID AWARD – SKID-STEER.** *“A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with United Rentals for the purchase of a Skid Steer in the amount of \$50,995.00.”*

**2 RESOLUTION 20-39, BID AWARD – LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES – CITY MAIN CAMPUS FY 2020.** *“A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Rotolo Consultants, Inc., related to Landscape Maintenance Services on the City’s Main Campus in the amount of \$40,707.80 per annum.”*

**3 RESOLUTION 20-40, BID AWARD – FRANK BROWN PARK PARKING LOT SEALING & CRACK REPAIR.** *“A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Emerald Coast Striping for the repair and resurface of the Frank Brown Park parking lot in the amount of \$58,000.”*

Ms. Myers addressed Mr. Klomp's question and explained an older version of the contract was used to prepare this item. Ms. Myers stated the correct Project Representative should be Kelly Jenkins.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification of Kelly Jenkins as Project Representative on Consent Item 2. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 20-31, BID AWARD – BEVERAGE VENDING AT PARKS.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-31 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions by the Council Members; there were none. Councilman Solis thanked Mr. Ponak for all his hard work putting this together, all Council echoed their thanks.

**Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Resolution 20-31. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 20-41, BUDGET AMENDMENT #8, REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-41 by title. There were no comments.

**Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 20-41. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 20-42, REVISING AUDIT COMMITTEE.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-42 by title. She explained under the new legislation city employees may not serve on the committee except in an advisory capacity. Staff recommends the committee be comprised of one Councilperson and four qualified persons appointed by the Council, serving two-year terms. The members do not need to be City electors but do need to have a basic understanding of accounting and auditing principles.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 20-42. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 20-43, CITY MANAGER CONTRACT.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-43 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments by the Council Members. Councilman McConnell stated he is pleased the incoming City Manager mentioned he will be graded on a citizen survey and benchmark report at this six-month evaluation. Councilman McConnell commented he has always been a fan of strategic planning and believes the suggested employee survey is also a great idea. Councilman Solis commented Mr. O'Rourke is extremely knowledgeable and on top of his game. Councilman Casto commented he has reviewed the contract and Mr. O'Rourke is qualified, he looks forward to working with the incoming City Manager and making Panama City Beach a better community. Councilman Chester echoed their comments and stated Mr. O'Rourke is an asset to Panama City Beach.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 20-43. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 5 RESOLUTION 20-44, AUTHORIZING LETF FUNDS FOR K9 OFFICER.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-44 by title. Councilman Solis asked about the selection process. Chief Whitman explained the officers volunteer for it and make sure they are qualified to handle a K9.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 20-44. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 6 RESOLUTION 20-37, BID AWARD – AQUATIC CENTER POOL LINER PROJECT 2020 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #10.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-37 by title. Councilman McConnell commented he would like to see the new City Manager make sure the City's processes are not stopping other bids from coming in, this is another sole responsive bid. He commented on the City making bids more competitive. The Mayor commented surrounding cities and the County has seen fewer bids lately.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 20-37. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 7\* RESOLUTION 20-45, CRA WORK ORDER.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-45 by title. There were no comments.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 20-45. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 8 RESOLUTION 20-46, FIRE STATION CHANGE ORDER.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-46 by title. Councilman Solis explained the City allotted \$30,000 for the electrical service for the new Fire Station, months after the project was awarded, Gulf Power provided a quote in the amount of \$59,546 for extending its service. The actual charge resulted in a \$29,546 additional cost and required a change order to cover the cost. Ms. Myers explained that a budget amendment accompanied the change order.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 20-46. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 9\* RESOLUTION 20-47, POWELL ADAMS ROAD ENGINEERING SERVICES.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 20-47 by title. Councilman Solis commented he is excited about this project; this will solve traffic flow issues at the turning lane.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 20-47. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 10 ORDINANCE 1504, CARR ANNEXATION, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1504 by title. Mayor Thomas explained the location of the subject property. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

**Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Ordinance 1504. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 11 ORDINANCE 1505, CARR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1505 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

**Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Ordinance 1505. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 12 ORDINANCE 1506, CARR ZONING, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1506 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1506. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 13 ORDINANCE 1507, PLACEMENT OF INFLATABLE AMUSEMENTS ON THE SANDY GULF BEACH, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1507 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

**Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Ordinance 1507. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 14 ORDINANCE 1508, COMMUNITY MEETINGS, 1ST READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1508 by title. Councilman McConnell commented he is in favor of this Ordinance.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1508. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 15 ORDINANCE 1509, ST. JOE PIER PARK EAST LARGE-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT, 1ST READING, PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1509 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1509. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 16 ORDINANCE 1510, ST. JOE PIER PARK EAST REZONING, 1ST READING, PUBLIC HEARING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1510 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Ordinance 1510. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 17 ORDINANCE 1511, ST. JOE FOUR CORNERS LARGE-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT, 1ST READING, PUBLIC HEARING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1511 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Ordinance 1511. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 18 ORDINANCE 1512, ST. JOE FOUR CORNERS REZONING, 1ST READING, PUBLIC HEARING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1512 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Ordinance 1512. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 19 ORDINANCE 1513, UPDATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE, 1ST READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1513 by title. There were no comments.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Ordinance 1513. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 20 ORDINANCE 1514, R-3 SETBACKS, 1ST READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1514 by title. She explained staff determined the rear setback standards for R-3 are backward and believe it to be a result of a scrivener's error and has initiated this LDC amendment to correct it.

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Ordinance 1514. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

**ITEM 21 ORDINANCE 1515, PODIUM STANDARDS, 1ST READING.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1515 by title. Councilman McConnell asked Mr. Mel Leonard to approach the podium to explain these standards. Mr. Leonard explained the City Council adopted Ordinance 1475 which removed the availability of Height Incentives and set maximum heights in the Front Beach overlay districts. As a result, the podium standards

established for FBO 2 and 3 districts need to be modified to establish new heights at which the podiums should begin.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Ordinance 1515. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 22 DISCUSSION OF ACTING CITY MANAGER STIPEND.** Mayor Thomas explained Ms. White has assisted the City in the Acting City Manager role. While working in this role she has lost one week vacation time for the year. Mayor Thomas suggested the City reimburse Ms. White for the lost vacation time. The Council thanked Ms. White for doing a great job as Acting City Manager.

**Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Acting City Manager Stipend. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

**ITEM 23 DISCUSSION OF FRONT BEACH ROAD CRA SEGMENT 2.** Mayor Thomas called David Campbell to the podium. Mr. Campbell explained the paving of Segment 2 is almost complete. Moving forward the striping will be transitioned from temporary paint to thermoplastic. The decorative crosswalks will start to be installed next week. Some timing difficulties have occurred throughout the project. He received an update from Gulf Power stating that they are preparing the conversions from the Waffle House to Richard Jackson. After work is completed, they will cut the electric poles for the next set of contractors to place the communication lines. He explained some poles are located on the sidewalks, where underground work will need to take place. The right-of-way acquisition is not completed on Highway 79. The next segment of the CRA is 4.1 that goes from Lullwater to Hills Road. He explained that the project is at the 60% mark on those plans and to expect upcoming construction on Front Beach Road.

Councilman McConnell commented he is looking forward to Segment 2 being completed. Councilman Casto commented he is pleased with the red asphalt. The Council thanked Mr. Campbell for continuing to do a great job in the CRA process.

**ITEM 24 DISCUSSION OF BAY PARKWAY.** Mayor Thomas explained City staff has met with the County, the State, and St. Joe Company in regard to Bay Parkway. He acknowledged the City must have another road to alleviate traffic issues. He explained the County is preparing to start from the opposite end to come from the Sports Complex toward the back. Mayor Thomas that the decision is politically difficult. He suggested instructing staff to move forward and continue working on this project and come up with a solution. Councilman McConnell stated he would like a full brief from Ms. Jenkins. Councilman Chester asked how the City will obtain the money for this project. He commented he would like to be kept updated. Councilman Solis noted that the City continued to grow, and that the City could not stop it.

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

1 Bill Caravello, 407 Dolphin Street. Mr. Caravello asked when the Highway 98 widening will start. Councilman Solis commented it will take four to six years minimum. He thanked the Mayor for visiting the Lyndell Center.

2 Larry Messinger, 129 Moonlight Bay Drive. He commented on the Bay Parkway Project that public input has not been put into this project. He explained his property is in the proposed project that will make his property value decrease.

Mayor Thomas explained this project is preliminary and the Council was only discussing possibilities. He assured Mr. Messinger that further public input would be invited.



3 Gary Beck, 17101 Front Beach Road. Mr. Beck spoke of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He spoke of corruption and the BP oil spill.

4 Scott Heilmann, 137 Johnson Bayou Drive. Mr. Heilmann thanked the Council for all they do. He asked what the plans are for Bay Parkway. He expressed concern for future growth and congestion created by planned additional housing units behind Breakfast Point.

Mayor Thomas explained that the area he is speaking on is unincorporated Bay County, not the City.

5 Tom Klomps, 614 Poinsettia Court. Mr. Klomps thanked the Council for getting Short Street paved. He expressed his concern about the color contrast of Alvin's Island. He suggested the Planning Board create an Ordinance that when new businesses come in or renovate, that the exterior colors are in line with surrounding homes and businesses.

With no further comments, Mayor Thomas closed the Delegations period at 7:33 p.m.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Ms. Myers reported following the direction the Council gave staff regarding financing for Community Redevelopment, the Bond Team was assembled. This team has drafted two bond resolutions that will come before the Council in upcoming meetings. Notices have been sent to taxing authority about these meetings. She explained staff is working with the team to put that together.

Ms. Myers reported the deadlines for the Super Tuesday election if a referendum item is wanted to amend the Charter.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Ms. White explained she and Mr. Campbell met with the County to give them an update on the CRA process and the potential of issuing bonds. She commented she wants to keep communication open where no one is caught by surprise. She stated a digital clock would be in place for the next meeting that will display the countdown for public comment and delegations. She stated the "In God We Trust" around the Dias had been ordered.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Casto recommended scheduling an Open House of the new City Hall. The Council agreed to schedule the City Hall Open House and City Manager Reception for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Councilman Chester had no comments.

Councilman Solis proclaimed Happy New Year to everyone.


Councilman McConnell thanked the Police Department and appreciates all their hard work. He commented he would like to add an Assistant City Manager under the Charter, to be under the supervision of the Council. The Mayor commented he thinks the Assistant City Manager should be under the supervision of the City Manager and not the City Council. Councilman Casto agreed with Mayor Thomas.

Mayor Thomas commented Panama City Beach is a wonderful place to live and work.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 13th of February 2020.

**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