

MINUTES of 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 September 24, 2020.

Mayor Sheldon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

- MAYOR MARK SHELDON
- VICE MAYOR GEOFF MCCONNELL
- PAUL CASTO
- PHIL CHESTER
- MICHAEL JARMAN

Others present were City Manager Tony O'Rourke, City Attorneys Amy Myers and Cole Davis, Interim City Clerk Jo Smith, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors and members of the public and press.

Pastor Jason Williams from Woodstock Church gave the invocation and Councilman Phil Chester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the August 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Casto so moved. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

Mayor Sheldon called for additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to remove Regular Item #7 from the agenda and move Consent Item #2 to Regular Item #9. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no discussion, all were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor to presentations.

- A. Britt Smith, the Principal at Arnold High School, introduced Emma Schockley and Emily Helms, student government officers, to present high school updates to those in attendance.
- B. Councilman Paul Casto presented Beach Safety Officer Michael Sehlhorst with a proclamation.
- C. Councilman Paul Casto presented former Planning Board Member Paul Turner with a proclamation and plaque.
- D. Councilman Phil Chester presented Chief Ray Morgan with a proclamation for National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Weekend.
- E. City Council presented Ms. Jo Smith, Interim City Clerk, with a plaque for her service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA BUSINESS (LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES)

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor for non-agenda public comments.

- 1. Sherry Turnbull, 213 South San Sushi Blvd. – Ms. Turnbull expressed her concern that the Thunder Beach event had been canceled. Ms. Turnbull also expressed concern that the sewer system on her street was failing and needed repaired, again.
- 2. Bill Caravello, 407 Dolphin Street – Mr. Caravello announced that on October 9th Bid-O-Wee residents would be having a Blue Lives Matter event and invited everyone to attend and participate. Mr. Caravello expressed concern that the Busy Bee gas station on Back Beach Road was not properly displaying gas prices. Mr. Caravello reported that residents in his neighborhood were fine with the City’s current logo and did not recommend a change. Mr. Caravello asked Council to look into the feasibility and cost to install pickleball lighting at Lyndell and noted he had at least 58 pickleball players in support.
- 3. Burnie Thompson – Expressed concern that people who spoke at council meetings were not receiving answers to their questions. Mr. Thompson expressed concern that the city’s public records request policy was too costly. Mr. Thompson requested a copy of any FBI subpoena received by the City after the initial subpoena received in August.
- 4. Phil Bishop, 8123 South Lagoon Drive – Mr. Bishop expressed concern that the Thunder Beach event was canceled.
- 5. Captain Gary Beck, 2601 Beach Street – Mr. Beck expressed concern that his constitutional rights were being taken away.

AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 20-167, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROLOGIC ITS, LLC AND GETAC VIDEO SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIXTY BODY CAMERAS AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,884.77.

RESOLUTION 20-166, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV FOR 2020-2021 ONLINE APPLICANT TRACKING SERVICES IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$11,630.

Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to read the amended consent agenda. Mayor Sheldon announced the consent agenda was available. Councilman Chester moved to approve the amended consent agenda. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION

ITEM 1. ORDINANCE 1525, ANNUAL UTILITY RATE SEWER & RECLAIMED WATER AMENDMENT FY 2020-2021, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon announced that this was the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance 1525. Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1525 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing and called for comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Director Shortt and Council, hearing and seeing none. Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1525. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 2. ORDINANCE 1540, DOUBLE RED FLAG REVISION, 1ST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1540 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened Item 2 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Councilman Casto asked for a summary on Ordinance 1540. City Manager O'Rourke provided a brief summary on the intent of the Ordinance and penalties. Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1540. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

***ITEM 3. RESOLUTION 20-162, ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 -2020 CRA AGENCY BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2020-2021 CRA AGENCY BUDGET.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 20-162 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened Item 3 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council and the Administration. Hearing and seeing none, Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 20-162. Vice Mayor McConnell seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 4. RESOLUTION 20-163, AMENDING CITY BUDGET FY2019-2020.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 20-163 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened Item 4 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from City Manager O'Rourke. Manager O'Rourke provided a brief summary of the City's budget and noted that a copy of the budget was available to the public on the City's website. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Discussion regarding wastewater projects, capital improvement projects, and CRA funds assigned to projects took place. Mayor Sheldon clarified that \$800,000 was being spent in The Glades and still the improvements may not be the solution to the problems. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that \$1.2 million would be spent on road improvements. Mayor Sheldon called for further comments. Hearing and seeing none, Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Resolution 20-163. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 5. RESOLUTION 20-164, ESTABLISHING CITY BUDGET FY2020-2021.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 20-164 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened Item 5 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from City Manager O'Rourke and Council. Hearing and seeing none, Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Resolution 20-164. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 6. CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT.

Mayor Sheldon opened Item 6 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments. Councilman Casto thanked Mr. James Turner for his service and reported that Mr. Thomas Smith was the only applicant who has applied. Councilman Casto moved to approve Mr. Thomas Smith to the Civil Service Board. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 7. COUNCILMAN MCCONNELL, HALF CENT SALES TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT. This item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 8. GENERAL EMPLOYEES, POLICE OFFICERS, AND FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Sheldon opened Item 8 up for public comment. Capitan Gary Beck inquired if this was regarding fire suppression. Mayor Sheldon stated no. Mayor Sheldon called for further public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve the appointments. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

ITEM 9. RESOLUTION 20-160, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF USER FEES FOR CITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; REPEALING ALL POLICIES OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 20-160 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened Item 9 up for public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Director

Ponek. Director Ponek reported this was basically a housekeeping item and he was available to answer questions. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Vice Mayor McConnell asked Director Ponek to review the new field rates. Director Ponek reviewed the proposed adult tournament rates. Further discussion regarding the \$200 rate per field took place. Manager O'Rourke reported that the City's rates were about mid-point. Vice Mayor McConnell concurred and added that even though rates in outlying cities were lower, the City was reducing rates its rates tournaments, so tournament managers should feel welcomed. Vice Mayor McConnell thanked Director Ponek.

Vice Mayor McConnell discussed swim meet rates and expressed concern with the rates being increased on the swim team folks. Vice Mayor McConnell recommended holding the line on the swim team fees. Manager O'Rourke discussed subsidizing the pools up to \$600,000. Vice Mayor McConnell asked for a strategy for increasing the fees. Vice Mayor McConnell recommended revisiting the aquatics fee structure. Councilman Jarman thanked Director Ponek for including a resident rate. Councilman Jarman recommended pulling this item for today to further review with Director Ponek, and/or pulling the aquatics fee portion. Councilman Casto suggested doing a cost analysis on the entire Park, just not the pool. Manager O'Rourke concurred. Manager O'Rourke recommended pulling the aquatics fee portion, not the rest of the fees, because he recommended the majority be in place by October 1st, especially the Pier fees.

Mayor Sheldon expressed concern with the theater day rate, and recommended giving the City Manager the authority to decide what the theater fees should be based on size, etc. Council members concurred.

Mayor Sheldon recapped that Council would table anything related to the aquatic fees, Items 4 through 6, and change Item 7 to give the City Manager the authority to set the theater fees. Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 20-160, as amended. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. City Attorney Cole Davis asked if Council would give legal some time to review approving theater fees at the City Manager's discretion. Council members concurred. Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 20-160, as duly amended. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, all were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. O'Rourke recognized the employees who responded to the recent Hurricane Sally. Mr. O'Rourke reported the City had a 26% response rate on the citizen survey. Mr. O'Rourke reported on recent COVID numbers.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mrs. Myers reported that the closing on the CRA bonds would take place the first week of October, as authorized by City Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casto thanked the city employees who worked through the night during Hurricane Sally. Councilman Casto discussed funding, with "Restore "money, stormwater outfalls and the necessity of building the outfalls.

Councilman Chester thanked the city employees who worked during Hurricane Sally. Councilman Chester inquired if Director Ponek had drawings for adding the lights to the pickleball courts at Lyndell. Director Ponek reported yes, he had drawings, and funding was included in the 2021 budget. Councilman Chester asked Director Ponek to bring those numbers forward to Council.

Councilman Jarman discussed the city's special events appeals process, with respect to Thunder Beach. Councilman Jarman asked Director White to report on FEMA reimbursements. Director White reported that the City had turned in to FEMA approximately \$1.9 million worth of reimbursements and most had been received by the City and put back into the funds from which they came. Discussion regarding costs turned into FEMA for reimbursement such as items purchased, internal costs, personnel costs, etc. took place. Councilman Casto inquired as to grants the City had applied for such as Bay Parkway, etc. Director White reported \$31.5 million worth of grants still had not been awarded and that was something that would be brought before Council.

Vice Mayor McConnell thanked the city staff for working during Hurricane Sally. Vice Mayor McConnell inquired about the \$900,000 funds for Bay Parkway. Director White reported that the first batch of documentation had been sent off and the City was waiting to hear back. Director White reported that the City was also going after COVID and Hurricane Sally reimbursements.

Mayor Sheldon thanked the city staff for working during Hurricane Sally. Mayor Sheldon reported that Council had just approved the largest budget ever in PCB and Council would be accountable for that. Discussion regarding the two concession stands at the aquatics center, signage and being open until 7PM took place. Mayor Sheldon thanked the Arnold high school government students for attending this evening. Mayor Sheldon reported the questions raised earlier regarding Thunder Beach and San Souci were answered. Mayor Sheldon reported that the City had not received another subpoena from the FBI since the first one received in August.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

*** ACTION ITEMS NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK ARE TAKEN BOTH BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PANAMA CITY BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINTLY AND CONCURRENTLY.**

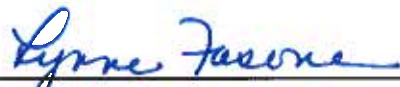
READ AND APPROVED this 14th day of January, 2021.

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



Mark Sheldon, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC
City Clerk