

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 **March 11, 2021.**

Mayor Sheldon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Others present were Interim City Manager Al Shortt, City Attorneys Amy Myers and Cole Davis, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors and members of the public and press.

Vice Mayor McConnell led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Sheldon recommended removing consent item #1, as it needed to go back out to bid and adding a new Item 9 Selection of City Manager, as all members had interviewed the candidates. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to the agenda, as amended. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval of the amended agenda by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

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

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

Cheri Crims – Ms. Crims asked people to get out and vote yes on the School ballot. Ms. Crims discussed transparency and stated she thought there was a conflict of interest for Council to vote in favor of Item #7.

Burnie Thompson – Mr. Thompson commented that he agreed with Ms. Crims on transparency. Mr. Thompson commented on the TDC providing funding to market Gulf Coast Jam.

Mayor Sheldon called for further public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sheldon invited Superintendent Bill Husfelt to the podium. Superintendent Husfelt provided a facilities update for 2019-2020 and 2020-present on the Bay District Schools. Council thanked Superintendent Husfelt.

Vice Mayor McConnell presented three Proclamations honoring Arnold High School athletes.

CONSENT AGENDA

~~RES 21-101— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LAG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC RELATED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION FISCAL YEAR 2021 CONCRETE PROJECT IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$68,979.75-~~*removed*

RES 21-102- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF A TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4500D IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$14,826.65.

RES 21-103— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY SOLUTIONS, INC. RELATED TO MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$27,500.

RES 21-104— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO SELL SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 172 CRANE STREET TO STUART J. TETTEMER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,234, AND CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 174 CRANE STREET TO WILLIAM A. TETTEMER, JR. AND JANET G. TETTEMER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,100.

RES 21-105— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. RELATING TO COLONY CLUB DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,880.

RES 21-106— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GULF COAST UTILITY CONTRACTORS, LLC, FOR THE MAGNOLIA BEACH UTILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.

RES 21-107— A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE RESORTS, INC. FOR THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15726, 15801, 15810 AND 15812 FRONT BEACH ROAD FOR THE RELOCATION OF LIFT STATION 4 AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY’S SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM AND FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 4.1 RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 4.1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,035,275.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION

ITEM 1. KELLY STREET PINES PLAT AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon announced that this was a public hearing on the Kelly Street Pines Plat. Mayor Sheldon provided hearing instructions.

Mayor Sheldon asked Council members to provide Jennings Disclosures. Councilman Jarman, Vice Mayor McConnell, Councilman Chester, Councilman Casto and Mayor Sheldon all reported that they knew of the location and had not spoken with anyone on the topic.

Mrs. Myers, City Attorney, sworn in the parties to provide testimony. Director Jenkins provided details on the request to plat the property. Director Jenkins reported the hearing was properly noticed and the City had received the bond for the remaining work to be done. Director Leonard reported the property was located within the city limits, was consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and complies with all elements of the land development code. Mrs. Myers reported the plat appears to have all the required certificates and meets the requirements of Chapter 177. Mayor Sheldon invited PCB Holdings to the podium.

PCB Holdings – the Representative reported that he had requested everything that the City had requested and he was available for comments.

Mayor Sheldon called for anyone present that opposes the approval of the plat. Hearing and seeing none. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no public comments. Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none. Mayor Sheldon provided instructions on how Council would deny a plat application.

Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve the Plat. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 2. EMERGENCY ORDER 21-01 - CLOSING A PORTION OF THE SANDY BEACH.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Emergency Order 21-01 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 2 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the Chief of Police Drew Whitman. Chief Whitman discussed increased activity of about 500 kids on the Sandy Beach at the accesses located on the map. Chief Whitman spoke in favor of closing the Sandy Beach as detailed in the emergency order.

Councilman Casto asked the Chief if the portable lights would be used in that area. Chief Whitman stated yes. Mayor Sheldon thanked the Chief

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Emergency Order 21-01. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 3. RES 21-108— ABANDONING PORTIONS OF A UTILITY EASEMENT FOR PANAMA FLATS.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-108 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 3 for public comment. Hearing and seeing none. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Director Schaeffer reported on the purpose of abandoning portions of the utility easement. Mrs. Myers reported that the easement had been conveyed to the City. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, Councilman Casto moved to approve Resolution 21-108. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 4. RES 21-110 – PURCHASE OF 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM AND BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-110 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 4 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

Chief Morgan thanked Council and turned the floor over to Admin Chief Terry Parrish. Admin Chief Parrish reported on the purpose and use the of 800 mhz radio system. Admin Chief Terry Parrish reported on the current testing of the system. Admin Chief Terry Parrish reported the City should be first to go live after the Sherriff’s Office.

All Council members noted their support.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Resolution 21-110. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 5. RES 21-111- FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-111 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 5 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

Mayor Sheldon invited Chief Ray Morgan to the podium. Mayor Sheldon welcomed and introduced Panama City Fire Department Chief David Collier and NW Florida Beaches International Airport Fire Chief Jerry Swearingen. Chief Morgan reported this would formalize the mutual aid agreement between entities.

All Council members noted their support. Chief Collier and Chief Swearingen thanked Council and Chief Morgan.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 21-111. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 6. RES 21-112—APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A FLEET VEHICLE MONITORING CONTRACT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-112 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 6 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 21-112. Council Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 7. RES 21-114-UTILITY WORK FOR PCB PARKWAY RESURFACING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-114 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 7 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Director Schaeffer discussed the limits of the project and briefly discussed details of the project. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Councilman Casto moved to approve Resolution 21-114. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 8. RES 21-115-RATIFICATION OF TURN-OUT GEAR EQUIPMENT

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-115 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 8 for public comment. Hearing and seeing no public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Resolution 21-115. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ADDED ITEM 9. SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER.

Mayor Sheldon opened up Item 9 for public comment. Hearing and seeing none. Mayor Sheldon reported that one candidate had withdrawn so two were remaining. Mayor Sheldon asked members to please fill out their ballots and send them to Ms. Fasone. Ms. Fasone calculated the ballots. Mayor Sheldon announced that Drew Whitman had been selected as City Manager. Mayor Sheldon asked Mr. Whitman if he would accept the recommendation of City Council. Mr. Whitman stated yes. Mayor Sheldon asked staff to work on the terms of condition for employment. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that the City would work on the replacement for the Chief of Police.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Shortt congratulated Chief Whitman. Mr. Shortt reported on the necessity to close Griffiths Parkway from April 12-16. Discussion regarding the best times to close the road took place. Mr. Shortt reported that he would come back to City Council with more details on the times. Mr. Shortt reported on upcoming road closures for the Ironman Event. Mr. Shortt reported on upcoming bids for CRA Segment 3, Frank Broad Park backstops, concrete projects and lift station 4.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT


No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jarman reported that there was not conflict with Item 7 the condemnation. Councilman Jarman thanked candidate Jonathan Hayes and welcomed Chief Whitman. Vice Mayor McConnell thanked candidate Jonathan Hayes and welcomed Chief Whitman. Mayor Sheldon thanked candidate Jonathan Hayes and welcomed Chief Whitman. Mayor Sheldon asked staff to look at right turn lanes on Lantana, with Council’s support. Mayor Sheldon asked staff to look at potential no littering signs and creative solutions to solve the littering issue. Council members concurred.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 7:12 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2021.



Mark Sheldon, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC
City Clerk

* ACTION ITEMS NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK ARE TAKEN BOTH BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PANAMA CITY BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINTLY AND CONCURRENTLY. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FOREGOING MINUTES AND A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE MINUTES, THE FOREGOING MINUTES SHALL CONTROL.