



City of
Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the **July 22, 2021** 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.

Mayor Mark Sheldon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR MARK SHELDON

VICE MAYOR GEOFF MCCONNELL

COUNCILMAN PAUL CASTO

COUNCILMAN PHIL CHESTER

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JARMAN

A quorum was present with all five council members. Others present were City Manager Drew Whitman, Assistant City Manager Holly White, City Attorneys Amy Myers and Cole Davis, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors, staff, and members of the public and press.

Pastor Jeff Wade from The Rock Church of PCB led the invocation and Vice Mayor McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon announced two special city council meetings taking place in August: on the 4th and on the 9th. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the April 22, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Casto so moved. Councilman Jarman 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

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Hearing and seeing none, Councilman Jarman moved to approve the 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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sheldon called for presentations. Vice Mayor McConnell and Chief Talamantez presented Lt. Boyer with a plaque recognizing his 15 years of service to the City.

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

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor for consent agenda and/or non-agenda business public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 21-193, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH CHANDLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR APPRAISALS FOR THE FRONT BEACH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY SEGMENT 4.1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,250.

RESOLUTION 21-194, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SECURITY POLICIES.

RESOLUTION 21-195, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK G. LAWSON, P.A. FOR DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND VALIDATION OF A SIMPLIFIED STORMWATER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FOR THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$150,000.

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.

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 Jarman 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. ENCLAVE AT LYNDELL LANE PLAT AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers reported this item pertained to a plat approval regarding the division of a 1.5-acre lot into 6 residential lots. Mrs. Myers added the plat had been reviewed by staff and the public hearing was properly noticed. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Directors Jenkins and Leonard. Both were available to answer questions. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve the plat. Vice Mayor McConnell seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval of the plat 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. ORDINANCE 1560, DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT LOTS WITHOUT STORMWATER MASTER PLAN, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1560 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon invited Director Leonard to the podium. Director Leonard reported the proposed regulations would attempt to help out with stormwater issues in the older neighborhoods like Lullwater, Gulf Highlands, and other similar subdivisions, where there was no overall stormwater master plan. Director Leonard briefly reviewed the recommended Code amendments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Ordinance 1560. Councilman Casto 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 3. ORDINANCE 1561, AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1561 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Assistant City Manager White. Manager White reported this ordinance, along with the two ordinances that follow it, propose to change the definition of "compensation" for purposes of an employee's pension. Manager White added that this recommendation was requested by the employees. Manager White reported that basically the on-offs were carved out so they would not be considered compensation and pensionable. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1561. Vice Mayor McConnell 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 4. ORDINANCE 1562, AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1562 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Ordinance 1562. Councilman Jarman 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 5. ORDINANCE 1563 AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION PLAN, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1563 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1563. Councilman Casto 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 6. ORDINANCE 1564, ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1564 by title only. Mrs. Myers reported that this ordinance would set the process only, it would not set any rates. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Vice Mayor McConnell reported this ordinance would marry up the methodology of existing ordinances, it simplifies the process, and makes things more fair across the board. Vice Mayor McConnell noted his support for the ordinance. **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Ordinance 1564. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Mayor Sheldon concurred with Vice Mayor McConnell. 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 7. ORDINANCE 1565 AMENDING TRESPASS WARNINGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1565 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from City Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported that, after some research, he found that a hearing under this Code Section would go before Council and, since the City already had a hearing officer in place, he recommended the Code be amended to have the hearing go before the hearing officer instead of City Council. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Ordinance 1565. Councilman Casto 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 8. RESOLUTION 21-196, AMENDING PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH R&M ENTERTAINMENT, LLC FOR SAND JAM EVENT.

Mayor Sheldon reported that he was recusing himself from the vote since he was an owner of the Company. Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-196 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from City Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported that this Corporation already had entered into a Park Use Agreement with the City until 2026. Manager Whitman added that Mr. Rendy Lovelady had asked to move the dates of this event, the Sand Jam, and the Gulf Coast Jam, the next Resolution on the agenda. Manager Whitman added that nothing else in the agreement had changed, just modification of the dates. Manager Whitman added that Mr. Lovelady was present and available to answer any questions. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Resolution 21-196. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

ITEM 9. RESOLUTION 21-197, AMENDING PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH PCB ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, AND FUTURE DATES OF GULF COAST JAM.

Mayor Sheldon reported that he was recusing himself from the vote since he was an owner of the Company. Mayor Sheldon reported that he had filed the necessary paperwork, for both of these items, with the City Clerk. Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-197 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from City Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported that modifying these dates would also allow another event to open up, the Jeep Jam. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available. Vice Mayor McConnell concurred with Manager Whitman in that modifying these dates would help deconflict dates for another major event in the community. **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Resolution 21-197. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further discussion, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION ITEM – MEDIANS.

Mayor Sheldon reported this was a discussion item regarding medians. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on medians.

Matt Carter, Shuckums Seafood Pub, 15654 Front Beach Road – Mr. Carter reported that, in reviewing the proposed plan, there was not a turn-in at his location. Mr. Carter discussed the amount of traffic in front of his location and making U-turns in front of his location would block traffic. Mr. Carter asked Council to consider a turn-in at his location and move the median further down the road closer to residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments, hearing and seeing no further comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Vice Mayor McConnell noted that the Council received an email from a Tidewater resident. Mayor Sheldon noted that the email would be included in the official minutes.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Casto recommended Council hear from experts and staff on the matter. Manager Whitman reported that Mr. Phillip Kurth was unavailable for this meeting, however, he would be happy to join us at the August 26th meeting. Manager Whitman added that CRA Manager David Campbell was available as was Morgan from Dewberry.

Mr. Campbell reported he had four slides to review with Council. Manager Whitman asked Council for direction for Mr. Campbell and Dewberry. Mayor Sheldon concurred that it was Council's responsibility to provide direction on this. Mr. Campbell reviewed the **attached** slides regarding landscape islands.

Discussion regarding room needed for U-turns, not having vehicles in the tram lane, high volume areas, the locations along Front Beach where the right-of-way narrows took place. Mayor Sheldon recommended that the expert help Council make an informed decision at Council's August 26th meeting. Councilman Casto concurred and noted that Council should use the access management expert that Council has on contract. **Council members agreed to revisit this item at its August 26th meeting and come to a resolution at that meeting.**

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitman welcomed the City's new Finance Director Karen Ellis. Manager Whitman thanked the Parks & Rec Department for their good work with the Summer Concert Series. Manager Whitman thanked the Mayor for announcing at the state of the meeting the August special city council meeting dates.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mrs. Myers reported that with respect to the stormwater assessment item, staff was preparing public notices that would go to each property owner in the City the first week in August. Mrs. Myers reported that those notices were being prepared with the current rates. Mrs. Myers added that Council Could reduce the rates, however the rates could not be increased from what was being noticed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jarman thanked Director Leonard and staff for the stormwater ordinance that will help residents in older developments. Vice Mayor McConnell offered thanks to the State and County for the lighting schedule study. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that the study showed on average 5,000 vehicles were using the new Griffitts Parkway, which in turn was taking vehicles off Back Beach Road. Mayor Sheldon thanked the finance team for producing the best budget documents thus far. Council members concurred. Mayor Sheldon asked staff to take another look at reopening the car seat program. Mayor Sheldon reported that a few opportunities would be coming to keep traffic moving, and Council members were aware that this was a big concern of the public.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:44 a.m.

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



Mark Sheldon, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC
City Clerk

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