



City of
Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the **August 26, 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 Bill Small with Woodlawn Church led the invocation and Mayor Mark Sheldon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the May 13, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Chester so moved. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

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| 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 Casto moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sheldon called for presentations.

- Superintendent Bill Husfelt provided an update on the Bay District Schools.
- Mayor Sheldon presented employees with years of service awards.
- Director Kelly Jenkins provided an update on the Outfalls project (PowerPoint attached).

- CRA Manager David Campbell and Phillip Kurth, professional engineer with Florida Transportation Engineering presented on medians/raised medians in the CRA on Front Beach Road (PowerPoint attached).

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

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor for consent agenda and/or non-agenda public comments.

Tess Rowland – Ms. Rowland presented Council members with a copy of the **attached** handout entitled “No More Victims, a plan to keep PCB safer for all.” Ms. Rowland asked Council to consider a DUI Task Force, as well as applying for grant money to help fund the task force. Mayor Sheldon thanked Tess and White’s Towing for attending and asked Ms. Ward to work with Tess to get information out. All Council members offered Ms. Rowland their support and wished her well.

Patty Shannon, Water Aerobics Instruction at Frank Brown Park - Thanked Council for supporting the pool and for keeping the pool open during the winter months. Ms. Shannon left handouts for Council to consider. Ms. Shannon asked Council to find money in the budget for staff and lifeguards.

Mr. Sharon – Mr. Sharon concurred with Ms. Shannon and asked Council to keep the pools open year-round.

Pat Smith, resident of Tidewater – Mr. Smith discussed cars in and out of Tidewater. Mr. Smith expressed concerns that the medians/U-turns might cause more accidents. Mr. Smith asked Council to look at traffic analysis/studies to help make decisions regarding medians.

White’s Wrecker Service - The owners noted they were here to support Tess. The owners offered free tows to people who have had too much to drink. The owners reported that they had been doing this program on New Year’s and New Year’s Eve for years and offered to extend the program to year-round. The owners asked people to call 850-215-8695 for a safe ride home.

Burnie Thompson – Mr. Thompson reported that he felt that he was accosted at City Hall and asked to see the City’s security cameras. Mr. Thompson made a verbal public records request for any text or email with his name in it regarding the FBI subpoena. Mr. Thompson stated that he felt that Mr. McConnell’s actions were unacceptable and that he needed to step down or be censured. Mr. Thompson discussed voting and the Sunshine Law requirements.

William Sax – Mr. Sax discussed the health benefits of swimming year-round. Mr. Sax urged Council to keep the pool open year-round with hours accessible to people with challenging schedules. Mr. Sax offered his support and complimented the pool staff.

Robert Turner – Mr. Turner spoke on behalf of McDonald’s on Front Beach Road and expressed his concerns with medians in general and noted that he favored crosswalks for safety and accessibility.

Gentleman (inaudible) – The gentleman spoke in favor of heated, year-round public pools.

Terry Carter from Shuckums Oyster Pub & Restaurant – Ms. Carter spoke about medians and discussed an access management brochure. Ms. Carter commented that PCB residents’ opinions should carry more weight with Council members.

Mr. Carter from Shuckums Oyster Pub & Restaurant – Mr. Carter commented that he felt that putting medians in the road would interfere with people going to the beach. Mr. Carter discussed delivery trucks generally having difficulty making U-turns.

Ms. Adams – Ms. Adams reported that she lived across the street from Shuckums, at Ambassador Apartments. Ms. Adams expressed her concern with the city taking parking from the apartments to build medians. Ms. Adams expressed general concerns with roundabouts and people not knowing how to drive in roundabouts.

Molly Allen from Lullwater – Ms. Allen discussed pedestrian safety at Pier Park and Frank Brown Park. Ms. Allen asked Council to look at a pedestrian safety program for Pier Park and Frank Brown Park.

David (inaudible) – Mr. David discussed widening the roads on Front Beach, east of 79. Mr. David asked Council to not take away his parking.

Ken Nelson – Mr. Nelson asked Council to put the outfall back the way it was originally, instead of installing a pipe. Mr. Nelson discussed the CRA improvements, finishing the CRA, along with the wires in the right of way. Mr. Nelson commented that he did not foresee the pool closing anytime in the near future.

(inaudible) – The gentleman addressed no walk lights at some intersections on 79 and general traffic flow. The gentleman asked for more 9-ft wide sidewalks to be installed, paths that golf carts could use safely. The gentleman discussed the tunnel being installed at Inlet Beach for people and golf carts. The gentleman asked for more parking for residents at beach accesses.

Chris (inaudible), resident of Palmetto Trace – Mr. Chris recommended that the city build a parking garage, for residents only.

Madam – Madam asked about the revenue generated by the City Pier and if it paid for the city pools. Madam asked for better pedestrian crossings at Pier Park and asked Council to please consider building a tunnel at Pier Park.

Hearing and seeing nothing further, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 21-203, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LEPPO RENTS-BOBCAT OF PANAMA CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRACK LOADERS IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$50,728.32.

RESOLUTION 21-205, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH REPLAY SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE 911 RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,927.

RESOLUTION 21-206, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN LICENSE PLATE READING CAMERAS AND SOFTWARE SERVICE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000, ANNUALLY.

RESOLUTION 21-207, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS SERVICES, LLC, RELATED TO DESIGN SERVICES FOR

REPLACEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF A NEW GENERATOR AND SWITCH GEAR CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE INTEGRATION OF THAT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,210.

RESOLUTION 21-209, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH TETRA TECH, INC. FOR ANNUAL BIOLOGICAL MONITORING IN THE CITY'S CONSERVATION PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.

RESOLUTION 21-210, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA TO APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY REBUILD FLORIDA HURRICANE MICHAEL PROGRAM; AND COMMITTING FUNDS FOR LOCAL MATCH.

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 Jarman moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor McConnell seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

At 10:40 a.m. Mayor Sheldon called for a 5-minute recess

At 10:48 a.m. Mayor Sheldon reconvened the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION

ITEM 1. ORDINANCE 1570, NOISE ORDINANCE FINE MITIGATION, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1570 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the public. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1570. 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).**

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

ITEM 2. ORDINANCE 1668, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT, FIRST READING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1668 by title only. Mrs. Myers reported that this was a effort of the Planning Board to revisit the Comprehensive Plan chapter by chapter, comprehensively. Mrs. Myers added that, if adopted by Council the Plan would be sent to the state and state agencies for review. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the public.

Karen Mathson – Mrs. Mathson inquired if the land development code would be changed with this ordinance. Mrs. Myers reported no. Mrs. Mathson inquired if that would be addressed later in the year. Mayor Sheldon explained that if the Planning Board wished to, however, he did not feel there was an appetite for that. Mrs. Mathson discussed “up zoning,” building condos and apartments.

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

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Council members thanked the Planning Board for undertaking such an extensive review. Vice Mayor McConnell noted that most, if not all, developments discussed by Mrs. Mathson were in the County and encouraged her to contact County officials. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1668. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

ITEM 3. ORDINANCE 1560, DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT LOTS WITHOUT STORMWATER MASTER PLAN, SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1560 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing.

Karen Mathson – Mrs. Mathson discussed houses being built too close together.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from the public. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing. Mayor Sheldon invited Director Leonard to the podium. Director Leonard noted he was available to answer questions. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Jarman noted his support Ordinance 1560 and discussed the purpose of the ordinance was to help mitigate runoff in neighbors’ yards. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1560. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

ITEM 4. ORDINANCE 1564, ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS, SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers recommended that Council invite public comments on agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 all at once and introduced and invited Mr. Mark Lawson to the podium. Mayor Sheldon and Council members concurred.

Mr. Lawson provided his background and experience. Mr. Lawson explained the procedural ordinance for the stormwater management assessment and the assessment resolutions for fire, CRA, nuisance abatement and stormwater. Mr. Lawson reported that this meeting was being transcribed virtually by a court reporter and recorded. Mr. Lawson explained due process, noticing the ordinance and resolutions, and information mailed as required by state law. Mr. Lawson reported that the city also had posted information on its website, which was extra and above necessary requirements. Mr. Lawson reported that all comments, at this point, had been placed in a book and reviewed by him and Council to be considered part of the official record. Mr. Lawson explained that the next part of the meeting was for the public to comment. Mr. Lawson reported that he would take notes so he could answer questions later in the meeting. Mr. Lawson added that after public hearing it would be appropriate for the Council to weigh information and figure out what to do next. Mr. Lawson discussed peer review and reports sent to the Council for consideration and asked that the peer view and reports be included in the record.

Mayor Sheldon provided instructions to the public on how to comment, the purpose of the public hearing, and the purposes of the ordinance and resolutions. Mayor Sheldon opened the **public hearings on agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.**

Lee Sullivan, Colony Bay Drive – Mr. Sullivan discussed the stormwater assessment. Mr. Sullivan expressed concern with the methodology. Mr. Sullivan expressed concern that people living on a fixed income, and/or disabled, may have difficulty paying an assessment.

David Bailey – Mr. Bailey recognized that stormwater needed to be addressed. Mr. Bailey showed photos of his flooded property. Mr. Bailey discussed the grading on his lot after contacting experts. Mr. Bailey noted that Mr. McWaters had been helpful, but all of the construction and building around him had not been helpful. Mr. Bailey asked who was responsible to help hold builders accountable.

Ken Nelson – Mr. Nelson expressed concern with the written document mailed to all homeowners. Mr. Nelson noted that it was not easy to decipher.

Kurt Anderson – Mr. Anderson noted that he would accept the stormwater assessment if these were good options, however, these were not good options. Mr. Anderson expressed concern with the proposed stormwater assessment.

Rachel, 207 Oleander Court – Ms. Rachel reported that she was working with the city to resolve a stormwater issue at her house. Ms. Rachel asked for help in resolving her issue. Ms. Rachel reported that she was being bullied by residents on her street and was asking for Council's help.

Bruce, 116 Coving Street, Palmetto Trace - Mr. Bruce reported that when he purchased his lot he was not informed about the CRA. Mr. Bruce asked Council to remove the CRA or do an ad valorem tax on everyone.

Lorraine in Palmetto Trace - Ms. Lorraine reported that she looked at the budget and did not understand why Council was asking for a stormwater increase. Ms. Lorraine expressed concern with the 5.63% increase

based on personal income. Ms. Lorraine discussed the city's unrestricted reserves and asked Council to not pass any of these assessments.

JoAnn Clark, Front Beach Road – Ms. Clark asked if the assessments had all separate accounts. Ms. Clark asked about the old Pizza Hut. Ms. Clark asked about an old hotel and recommended that it be turned into a city parking lot. Ms. Clark discussed short term rentals on Vestavia. Ms. Clark asked for a list of homes that could be leased/short-term rentals on Vestavia. Manager Whitman noted he would provide that to Ms. Clark.

Karen Mathson– Mrs. Mathson discussed Miami Dade City Codes and possibly adopting some of the same. Mrs. Mathson discussed repaving and taring parking lots of the big box stores. Mrs. Mathson discussed over developing, ditches, mosquitoes and rain gardens.

Tom Klumps, Poinsettia Drive – Mr. Klumps expressed concern with the stormwater assessment and people on fixed incomes. Mr. Klumps expressed concern with the fire assessment and asked that the CRA pay for the fire assessment.

Scott resident of Poinsettia Drive– Mr. Scott asked Council to assess all properties based on small, medium and high risks of flooding; assess based on risk.

Josh, 254 Eagle Drive – Mr. Josh inquired as to the plan for water monitoring at the site of the discharge and if the city had a plan for oil and/or hydraulic fuel spills in the Gulf. Mr. Josh noted that he was a professional mariner and discussed daily tides.

Molly Allen, Lullwater – Ms. Allen expressed concern with the assessments, land eroding and Lullwater Lake flooding.

Mary Kay, Bid-a-Wee resident – Ms. Mary expressed concern with all the building and developing causing the water to lay around. Ms. Mary recommended that the Council put a halt on the development and focus on improving infrastructure.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from the public. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearings on Ordinance 1564 and Resolutions 21-211, 21-212, 21-213, and 21-214.

Mr. Lawson reported that he took notes from the speakers. Mr. Lawson reported that some comments/questions were policy and political in nature and he would not address those. Mr. Lawson followed-up with answers to those questions about the proposed the assessments. Mr. Lawson discussed the methodology used. Mr. Lawson recommended that the ordinance was the least controversial and recommended that Council consider it first. Director Jenkins addressed the questions asked about the outfall project. Mr. Lawson reported for the record that 27 people remained in the audience, 15 people addressed the council, he would provide to the Clerk a copy of the notice that ran in the News Herald, and that approximately 20,000 mailers were sent to residents.

Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1564 by title only - **ORDINANCE 1564, ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS, SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.**

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Jarman discussed the city already having an assessment. Councilman Casto reported that he was not in favor of the assessment and wanted

to make sure Council was just voting on the procedure with this ordinance at this time. Mayor Sheldon and Mrs. Myers responded yes, correct.

Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1564. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

At 12:23 p.m. Mayor Sheldon called for a 5-minute recess.

At 12:33 p.m. Mayor Sheldon reconvened the meeting.

ITEM 5. RESOLUTION 21-211, ANNUAL FIRE SERVICE ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-211 by title only. Mayor Sheldon invited Mr. Lawson to the podium. Mr. Lawson reported that Dr. Beitsch's report and the indexing, which followed Council's prior direction, were entered into the record. Mr. Lawson added that the resolution was up for Council's consideration. Mayor Sheldon invited Chief Morgan to speak. Chief Morgan discussed the increase and demand for fire services. Chief Morgan reported that this year would break last year's calls for service by over 1,000. Chief Morgan added that the increase was burdening the Department's infrastructure, buildings and equipment and the assessment was vital to the Department being able to continue to provide service at the level everyone was accustomed to. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Casto inquired if this was an annual renewal, with no increase tied to it. Mrs. Myers reported this was an annual renewal, with an index that would increase the rate by that indexed amount for the first time. Councilman Casto clarified that this was not like the stormwater legislation, that this was basically maintaining the status quo. City Manager Whitman echoed Chief Morgan's comments and reminded everyone that the new fire station was built from the fire assessment which was strategically important. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 21-211. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

ITEM 6. RESOLUTION 21-212, ANNUAL FRONT BEACH ROAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-212 by title only. Mayor Sheldon invited Mr. Lawson to the podium. Mr. Lawson reported that this resolution was put in place some years ago, including the indexing procedure, which followed Council's prior direction and was entered into the record. Mr. Lawson added that the resolution would continue to partially fund the same items and was up for Council's consideration. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Director Campbell. Director Campbell noted he was available to answer questions. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 21-212. Councilman Casto**

seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

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

ITEM 7. RESOLUTION 21-213, FINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-213 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for further comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Resolution 21-213. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

ITEM 8. RESOLUTION 21-214, ANNUAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-214 by title only. Mayor Sheldon asked Mr. Lawson to help facilitate and recommended that Council do straw votes on three elements:

1. Does everyone agree with the new methodology being proposed;
2. What is the revenue stream that the city needs to generate from the assessment; and
3. How do we want to handle exemptions, such as mitigation, disabled homestead and veterans for the next 12 years.

Mr. Lawson recommended that Council start with the methodology. Mr. Lawson briefly discussed the proposed methodology. Mr. Lawson noted that he would take notes and present a motion for Council's consideration and he and Mrs. Myers would clean-up the motion as needed.

Methodology - Mayor Sheldon, Vice Mayor McConnell, Councilman Jarman, Councilman Chester and Councilman Casto were 100% in favor of the new methodology.

Mr. Lawson described how the net amount of the assessment was arrived at and added that he would assist Council with backing into any number they would like with respect to the funding amount.

Mayor Sheldon asked Director Jenkins to the podium. Director Jenkins presented the **attached** stormwater PowerPoint.

Mayor Sheldon noted that he was in favor of funding at \$3 million. Mayor Sheldon discussed funding, grants and matching funds for grants. Councilman Jarman concurred that the city needed the matching funds for the grants. Councilman Chester inquired if \$3million was enough to do some of the projects and still have funds for grants. Director Jenkins stated yes, but they would still need to phase some of the

projects out and they of course would do as many projects as they could with the funds available. Discussion regarding new construction paying their fair share and these funds helping the older neighborhoods. Discussion regarding impact fees took place.

Councilman Casto asked Director Jenkins to review the list of projects that had been completed. Director Jenkins reviewed the list. City Manager Whitman added that Council enacted the assessment in 2006 with an agreement that the city would not raise rates for five years. Manager Whitman reminded everyone that Director Jenkins has only six people on her staff. Manager Whitman added that she would be proactive with these funds.

Councilman Casto reported that, at this time, he was not for raising the stormwater assessment he was for keeping it flat. Councilman Casto added that he was in favor of the methodology, but not increasing the assessment at this time.

Vice Mayor McConnell concurred with Councilman Casto. Vice Mayor McConnell invited members of the public to sit with him and look over the budget, if they had questions. Vice Mayor McConnell noted that he did not think that this was the year to raise the assessment. Vice Mayor McConnell stated that he was not in favor of any increase.

Councilman Jarman noted he was willing to talk about what to fund and what not to fund. Councilman Jarman discussed the majority of the general fund already being spent on public safety. Councilman Jarman agreed that there needed to be funds available to match grants

Councilman Chester inquired as to what amount members would be in favor of, if not \$4 million would it be \$3 million. Mayor Sheldon noted that he would be in favor of \$3 million. Councilman Casto reported that he was still flat. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that he was at flat as well. Councilman Chester noted he was at \$2.8 million because he wanted the funds available for grants. Councilman Jarman stated he was willing to go with \$2.8 million. Mayor Sheldon stated he was willing to come down to \$2.8 million. **Mayor Sheldon reported that there were three Members in favor of \$2.8 million**

Mr. Lawson presented the issues on **exemptions**. Discussion regarding the **veterans' exemption** took place. Mayor Sheldon reported that he would be disheartened if the city went back against the military/veterans. Councilman Casto concurred with the Mayor. Mayor Sheldon noted that the 12 years did not work for him, that it should be kept where it is today. Councilman Casto concurred with the Mayor, that the 12 years did not work. Vice Mayor McConnell agreed with Mayor. Councilman Chester concurred with the Mayor. Council agreed that there should not be a 12-year deadline and that it should be at 100%, for new veterans into PCB receiving the exemption as well. **Mr. Lawson restated that the veterans' exemption would be 100% for residential, homestead property, and the exemption continues. Council members concurred.**

Mr. Lawson asked about the **exemption for the disabled community**. Council members concurred that **the disabled exemption should be the same as veterans' exemption.**

Mr. Lawson asked about setting the **mitigation credit at \$50 for homestead, until the house is sold**. Council members concurred.

Mr. Lawson stated the motion as, "to direct staff to revise the Resolution to \$2.8 million net revenue and give exemptions for all disabled and veterans that qualify." Councilman Casto inquired if this could be done in two separate motions because he was for the exemptions, but he was not for the \$2.8 million.

Councilman Casto stated that he did not want to be on the side of voting against the veterans and disabled. Discussion regarding all straw poles being taken and whether or not one or two motions were proper.

Mayor Sheldon restated the motion as, "to direct staff to revise the resolution to \$2.8 million net revenue and give exemptions to all disabled and veterans, that qualify, \$50 for mitigation credits and the new methodology." Council members concurred.

Mrs. Myers reported the **straw votes:**

New methodology:

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

\$2.8 million net revenue:

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| Vice Mayor McConnell | No |
| Councilman Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | No |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon | Aye |

Exemptions to all disabled and veterans, that qualify:

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

\$50 mitigation credits for homestead, until the house is sold:

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

Mrs. Myers added that this motion would also direct staff to revise the resolution that was on the table so the Mayor could execute it in accordance with this motion, if adopted.

City Manager Whitman noted that Ms. Debbie could put out a press release reflecting the straw votes. Council members concurred.

Councilman Jarman moved to set the stormwater fund at \$2.8 million, having exemptions for homesteaded veterans and disabled, including a \$50.00 credit for mitigation and approving the methodology proposed for the stormwater assessment. Mrs. Myers restated the elements of the motion. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. The motion passed with a 3-2 roll call vote.

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| Vice Mayor McConnell | No |
| Councilman Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | No |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon | Aye |

ITEM 9. RESOLUTION 21-215, EMERGENCY WASTEWATER POWER CABLE REPLACEMENT RATIFICATION.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-215 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, City Manager Whitman reported that this transformer caught on fire after the storm and the fire department did a great job putting it out. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 21-215. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

ITEM 10. MOTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL'S AUGUST 9, 2021 ACTION CONCERNING RENEWAL OF RESIDENTAIL GARBAGE FRANCHISE.

Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Mrs. Myers. Mrs. Myers turned the floor over to Councilman Jarman. Councilman Jarman reported that what he was asking was not common, however, he had an opportunity to speak with municipalities, haulers, and residents since the last vote. Councilman Jarman discussed the last city survey. Councilman Jarman reported that 60% of the residents had asked for these services in the last survey. Councilman Jarman discussed economy of scale.

Councilman Jarman moved to rescind the action that was taken on August 9, 2021 in the Council's Advisability Hearing concerning the solid waste franchise agreement. The Mayor Sheldon passed the gavel to Vice Mayor McConnell and seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor McConnell called for comments from Council. Councilman Casto reported that he was still where he was two weeks ago, that there was not a problem right now and that customers should have a choice. Mayor Sheldon reported that he was still where he was two weeks ago, that 60% of the residents had asked Council for this service. Councilman Chester reported that he voted no and he was going to stay there. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that he had received no new information in the last two weeks that would make him change his mind in a considerable manner. Vice Mayor McConnell recommended members see how the program evolves over the next couple years.

Vice Mayor McConnell called for further comments. Hearing and seeing none, **Vice Mayor McConnell asked the Clerk to call the roll. The motion failed by a 3-2 roll call vote.**

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| Vice Mayor McConnell | No |
| Councilman Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | No |
| Councilman Chester | No |
| Mayor Sheldon | Aye |

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitman reported on steps taken to alleviate traffic accidents at a particular intersection. Manager Whitman complimented staff and first responders for their help with Tropical Fred. Manager Whitman thanked Bubba with Whites Towing for their offer to give rides if/when intoxicated. Manager Whitman reported that certain potholes would be televised this week and repaired by GAC. Manager Whitman added that the Administration scheduled a meeting with AT&T this week regarding the lines and boxes. Manager Whitman reported lastly that the Administration was looking at public parking.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor McConnell discussed pedestrian crossings and how the City cannot directly fund tunnels and/or bridges over state roads. Vice Mayor McConnell invited everyone to attend transportation meetings, TPO meetings, to help influence the way state roads are planned, etc. Vice Mayor McConnell added, regarding the pool comments, Council did not say they were going to close the pools in the winter, Council was merely discussing funding. Vice Mayor McConnell thanked everyone for their comments. Vice Mayor McConnell asked staff to help Mr. Bailey with his stormwater issues. Vice Mayor McConnell invited Director Schaeffer to the podium to discuss the city's water and wastewater capacity. Director Schaeffer so reported. Councilman Casto discussed impact fees. A brief discussion regarding lift stations took place.

Mayor Sheldon reported on the new Parks & Rec girls' softball league and announced that registration was still open. Mayor Sheldon concurred with Vice Mayor McConnell with respect to the pools. Mayor Sheldon asked staff to explore holding swim meets during the summer.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 1:38 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 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.

No more Victims.

A plan to keep Panama City Beach safer for all.

Leea Rowland, August 26, 2021

My Story

- On May 4, 2021 I was on my way to work when a wrong way drunk driver hit me head-on on Panama City Beach Parkway.
- I had 5 surgeries in 9 days. Before this, I had never broken a bone in my life.
- I broke my shoulder, elbow, arm, and knee. I also had internal damage.



2021 Statistics for our area

- FHP has made 65 DUI arrests from January 1 until August 2.
- 48 of the arrests were in Panama City Beach.

How do we compare to the state?

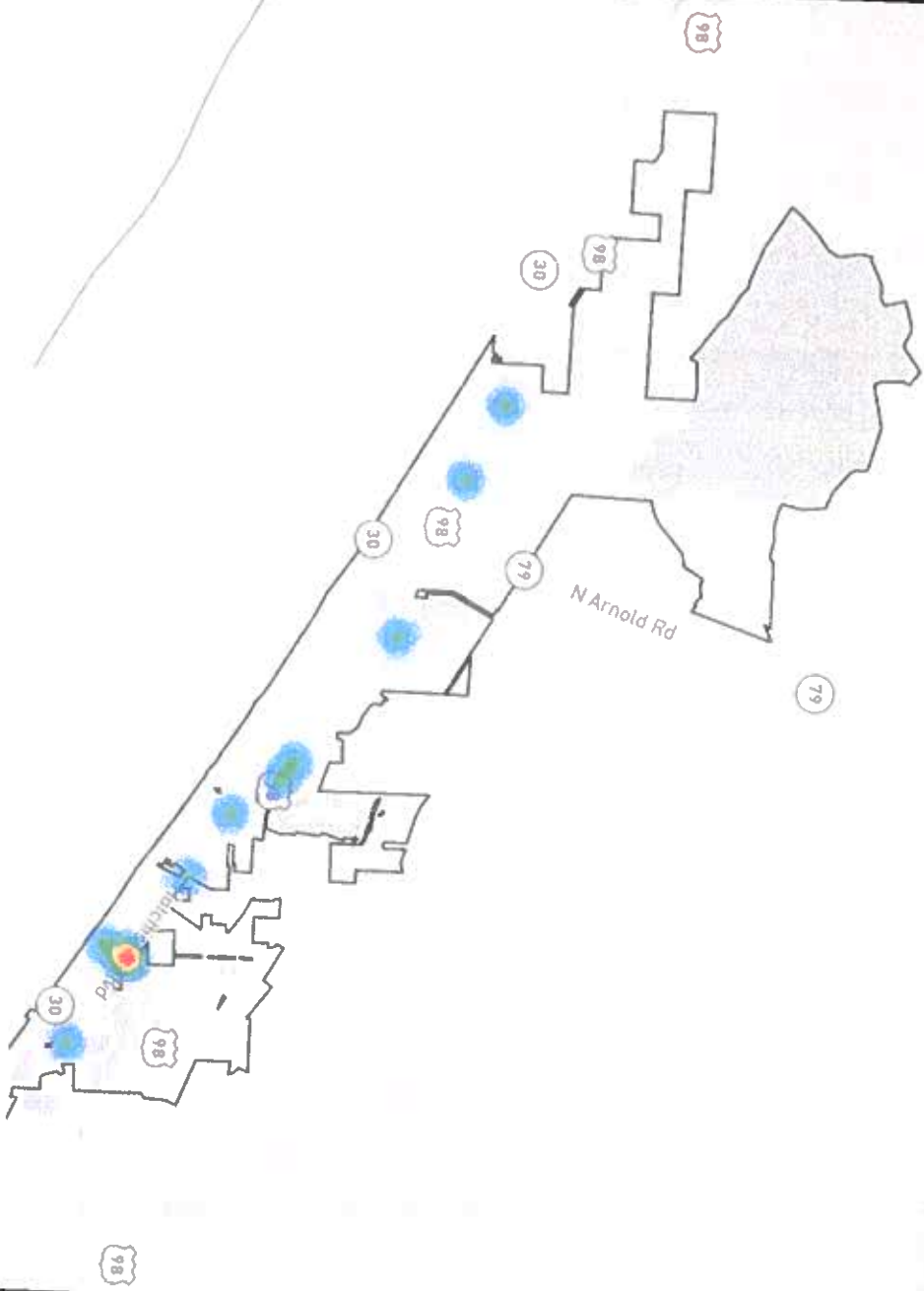
- Currently, Panama City Beach is ranked fourth in the state in the category three of the matrix for impaired driving which resulted in serious injuries and fatalities.
- The category three of the matrix consists of cities totaling in 3,000-15,000 population size around the state.
- 118 cities are within this category.

What can we do?

Nearly 30% of Florida's traffic fatalities in 2004 were alcohol-related and in the last 20 years, alcohol-related fatalities have increased by one-third.

- Educate our youth.
- Partner with White's Wreckers to allow drunk drivers another option when Lyft and Uber is not possible.
- Create a DUI Task Force to keep impaired drivers off the road.

Problem areas to identify



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- Many of these crashes occur on Highway 98.
- Pier Park Dr. and 98
- Summerbreeze Rd. and 98
- Nautilus Rd. and 98 (both east and west sides)
- Front Beach Rd. and Richard Jackson Blvd.
- Hutchinson Blvd. and Front Beach Rd.
- Richard Jackson Blvd. and 98.
- Hutchison Blvd. and Lyndell Lane

Funding

- There is a grant opportunity to award officers with overtime for the extra enforcement hours
- According to Andrew Johnson the Law Enforcement liaison for District 3, this would be a traffic safety grant for more enforcement
- February 2022 is the deadline to submit
- The grant money would go into effect October
- We have participated in this grant opportunity in the past, however, Mr. Johnson has expressed interest in collaborating as there may be more grants available based on our rank in the matrix.

Offering tow services for intoxicated drivers

- White's wreckers has graciously offered their services year round
- They will tow working cars and transport the driver to wherever they need
- Car must be in operating condition
- Chief Talamentez said there was such a service, however, we must implore the bars to promote this.

Thank you for listening

- Let's keep Panama City Beach as the World's Most Beautiful Beaches and NOT the World's Deadliest Beaches.



BENEFICIARIES OF ACCESS MANAGEMENT

- **Motorists**

- Fewer traffic conflict points, less congestion, and less travel time
- More predictable traffic patterns
- Improved safety

- **Pedestrians**

- Fewer conflict points with vehicles
- Improved walking areas and safety islands

- **Cyclists**

- More predictable vehicle behavior
- Fewer decision points
- Increased safety

- **Businesses**

- Receive more service by increased efficiency of the roadway system
- A wider scope of clientele due to the reduced travel time
- More predictable and consistent development environment

- **Transit Riders**

- Decreased delay and reduced overall travel time
- Improved safety for walking areas at stopping points
- Transit stops more convenient and connected

- **Government Agencies**

- Transportation investment protected
- Lower cost of delivering safe and efficient transportation system



ACCESS MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

- **Improves Safety**
 - Less conflict
- **Improves Efficiency**
 - Increased predictability



ACCESS MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

Front Beach Road: Medians

Benefits

1. Improved safety
 - a. Less Conflict Points
 - b. Provides Pedestrian Refuge
2. Improved Roadway Efficiency
3. Aesthetics

Liabilities

1. Limits access to some properties
2. Higher initial maintenance cost

Front Beach Road: TWLTL (No Medians)

Benefits

1. Unlimited Access
 - a. No restrictions
 - b. Reduced complaints of property owners
2. Minimum Maintenance Cost

Liabilities

1. Infinite Conflict Points
 - a. Vehicles
 - b. Pedestrians
2. Increased Congestion

OFFSHORE OUTFALL

The City of Panama City Beach

8-26-2021



Project Location





Lullwater Lake



Existing 60" Lullwater Outfall

US 98

Back Beach Road (Panama City Beach Parkway)

Pier Park

Existing 36" Calypso Outfall

GULF OF MEXICO





SOIL BORINGS MAP

One boring at low tide

3 or 4 offshore out 2,500 maximum

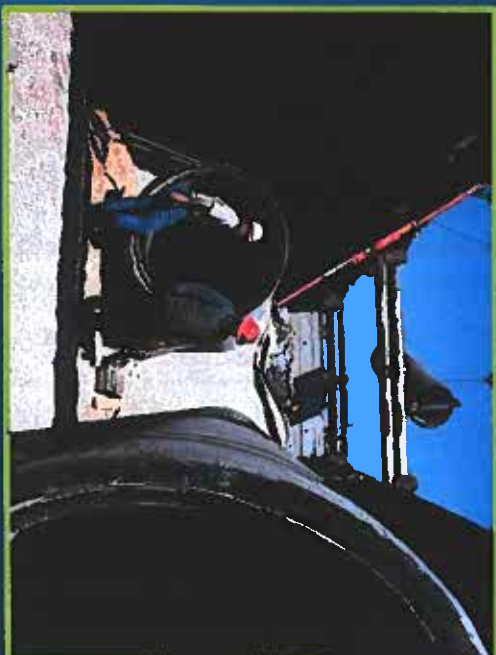
50 feet deep below the Gulf floor

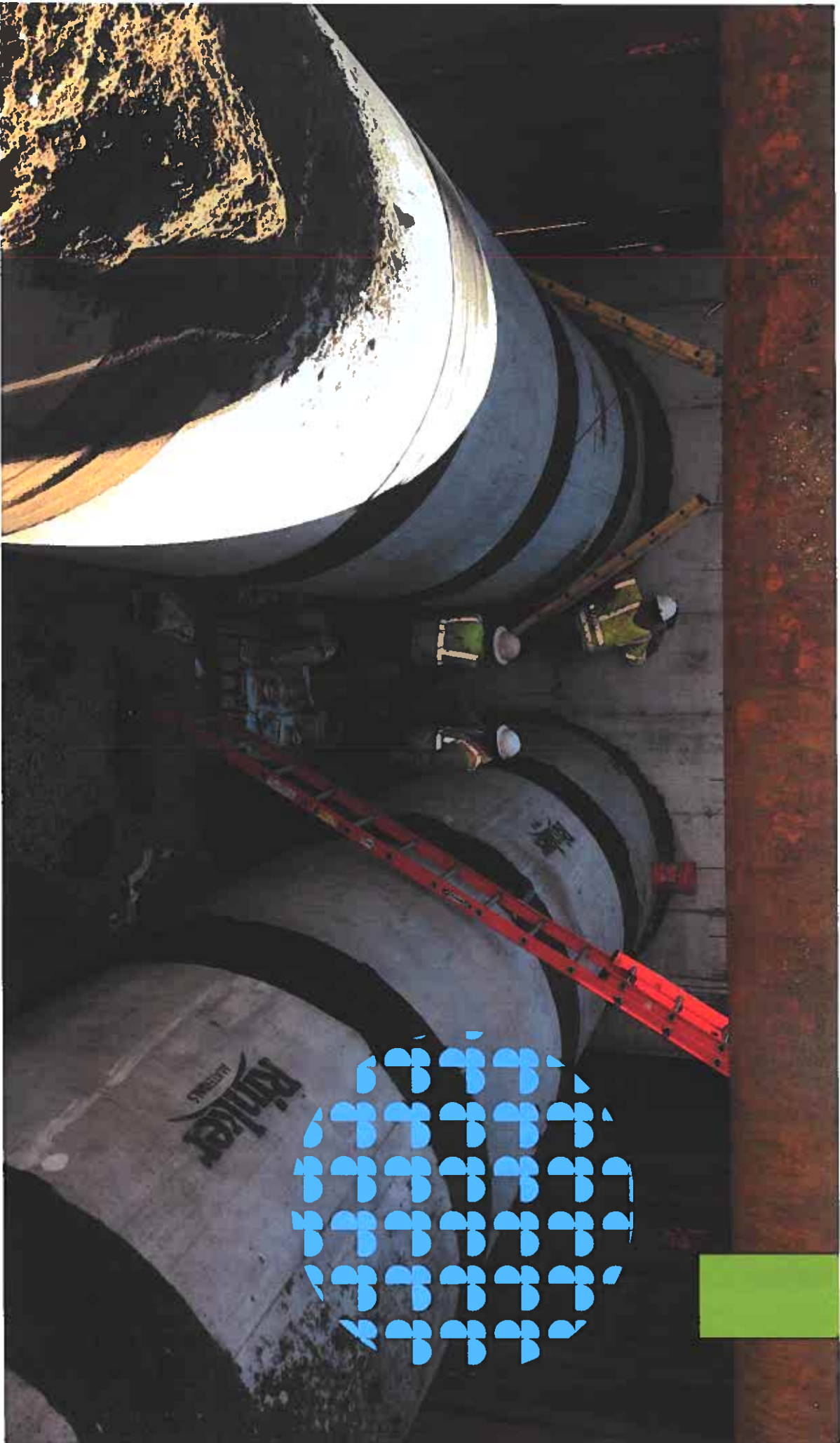


DRILLRIG on "JACK-UP" BARGE

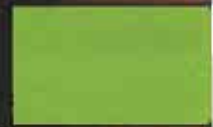


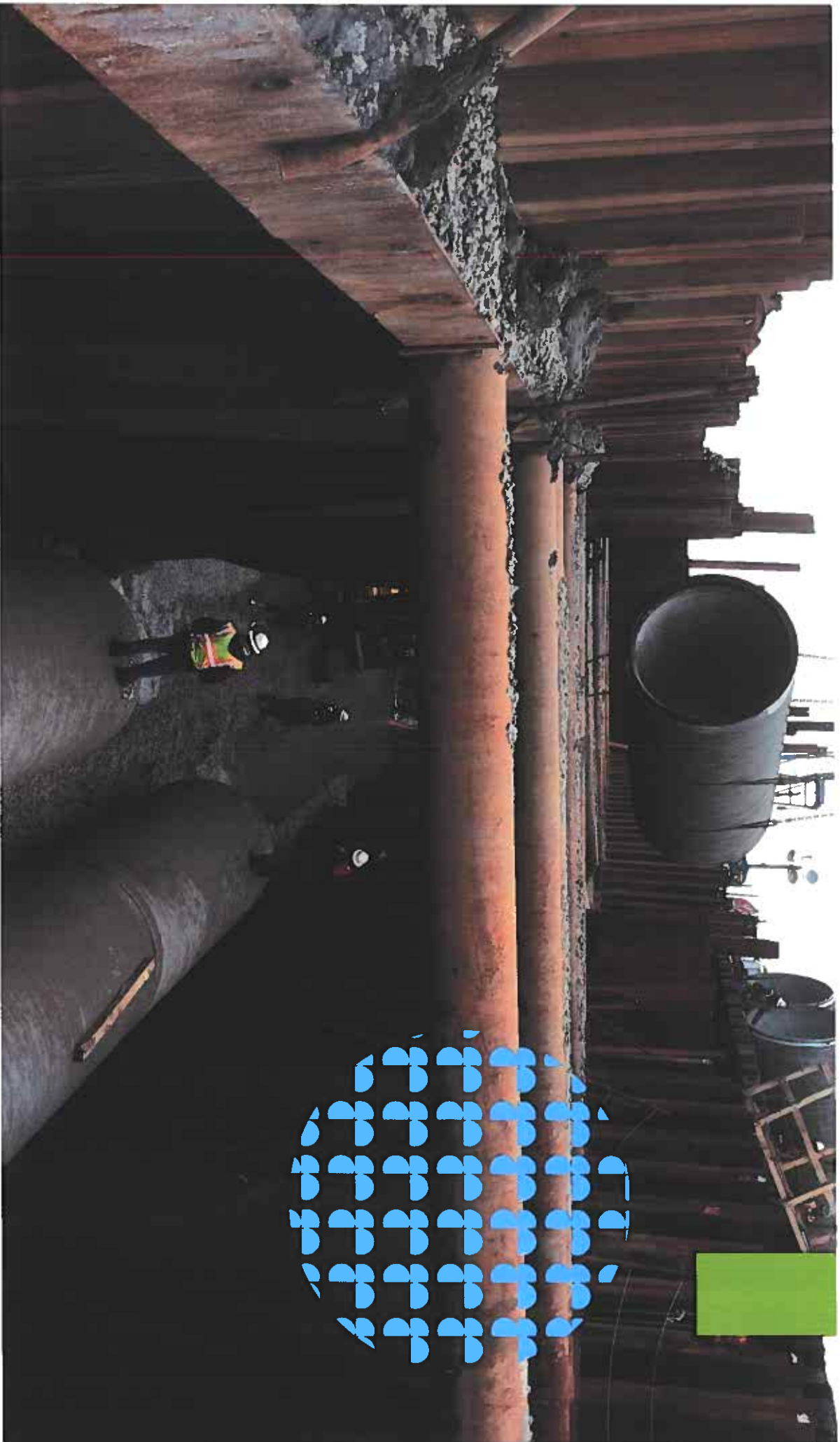
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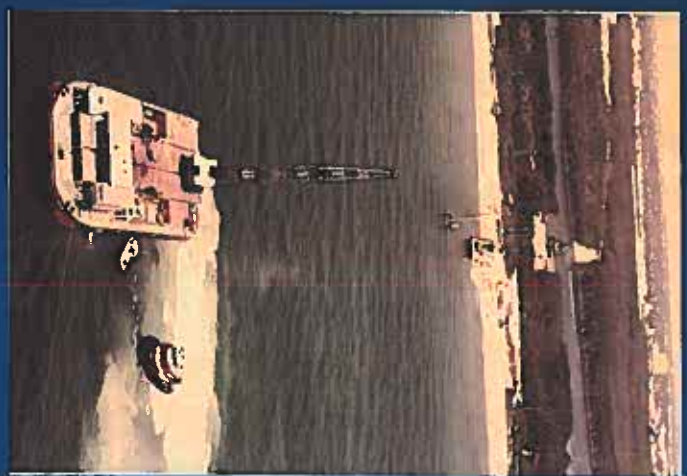
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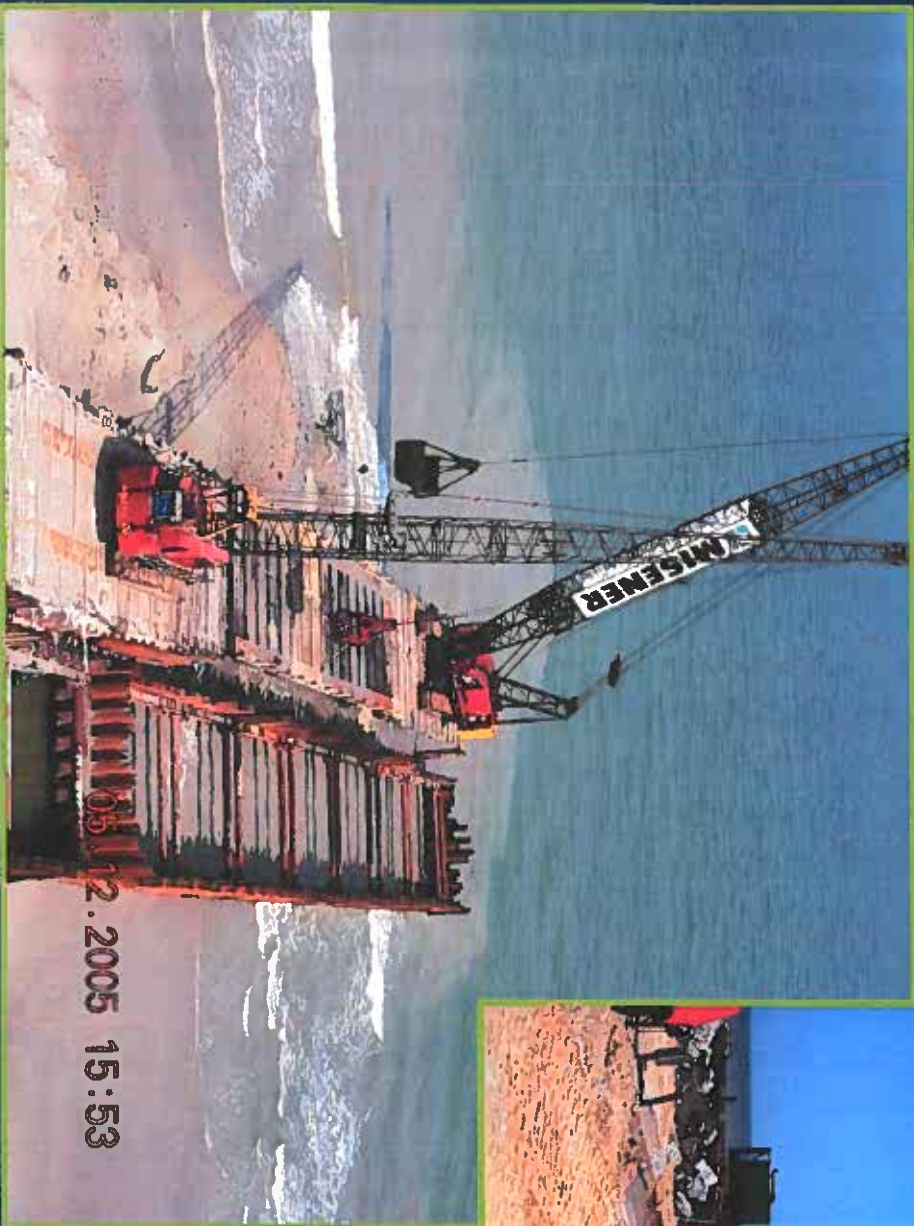


TYPICAL OFFSHORE PIPE LAYING

(Open Cut Trench)



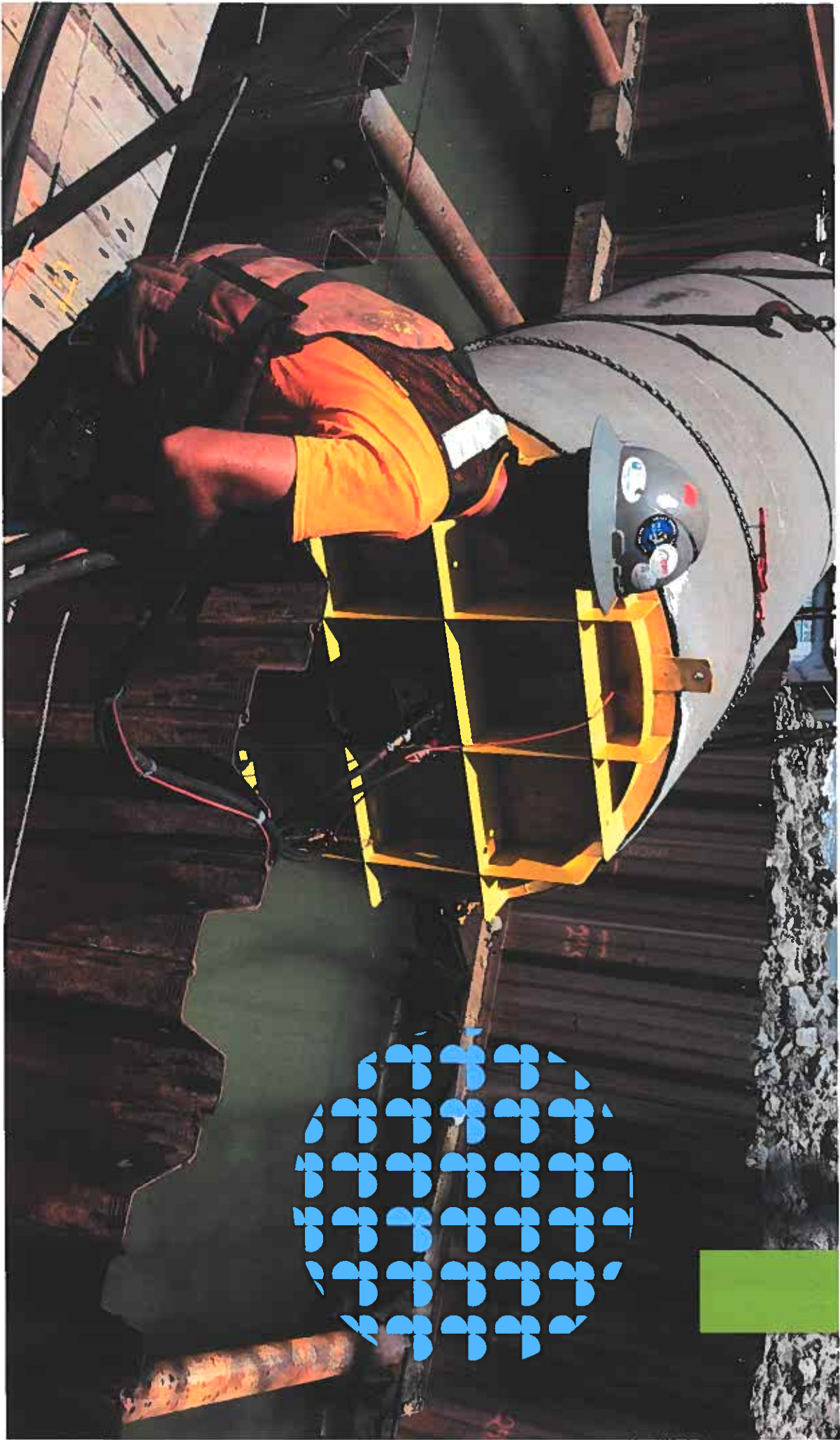
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DIVE INSPECTION / CONSTRUCTION



QUESTIONS ?

