



City of
Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, and when permitted or required by the subj41ct matter, the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Vice Mayor Geoff McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

**VICE MAYOR GEOFF MCCONNELL
COUNCILMAN PAUL CASTO
COUNCILMAN PHIL CHESTER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JARMAN
MAYOR MARK SHELDON (EXCUSED)**

A quorum was present with four 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 with The Rock of PCB Church led the invocation. Councilman Paul Casto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor McConnell provided community announcements. Vice Mayor McConnell called for approval of the July 22, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Chester so moved. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were in favor by a roll call vote (4-0).

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

PRESENTATIONS

Councilman Casto presented a proclamation to Police Chief Talamantez in honor of National Police Week. Chief JR Talamantez thanked Council and the men and women of the PCB Police Department. Chief Talamantez talked about the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington DC and asked for a moment of silence for the fallen officers.

Vice Mayor McConnell 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 by a roll call vote (4-0).

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

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

Vice Mayor McConnell opened the floor for consent agenda and/or non-agenda business public comments.

Joann Weatherford with Keep PCB Beautiful – Ms. Weatherford invited everyone to participate in the Keep PCB Beautiful shredding event on November 13th from 9am – 11am. Ms. Weatherford reported that Keep PCB Beautiful had picked up 20,000 pounds of trash this year. Ms. Weatherford reported that the organization would like to do a project; power wash and paint beach trashcans with fun sayings after the beach renourishment was completed.

Captain Bob Zales, III, President of the PCB Boat Association – Captain Bob reported that the organization had been in existence since the early 1960's. Capitan Bob reported that he, his mother and father were all licensed captains. Captain Bob added that he represented the hard working, for-hire, charter captains and had done so, as president, since the late 60's early 70's. Captain Bob reported that their organization was one of the oldest organizations in the United States. Capitan Bob reported that he also represented the Commercial Grouper Fisherman Associate. Capitan Bob commented that, on behalf of the organizations, the statement that was made in a post on a Facebook page, was offensive, belittling, and slanderous. Captain Bob added that you can tell a man's character by what he does. Captain Bob reported that the organizations support the outfall project. Captain Bob spoke in favor of the artificial habitat that may be created because of the outfall that could increase bait attraction, predator attraction, fishing offshore and fishing off the pier. Captain Bob discussed the sugar-white sands and Myrtle Beach's outfalls. Captain Bob added that the organizations support the outfall project.

Frank Sewell – Mr. Sewell asked Council if they had a chance to speak with the new City Manager and new Police Chief about the proposed 4:00 a.m. bar closing time. Mr. Sewell reported that he supported the 4:00 a.m. bar closing time, instead of 2:00 a.m.

Mark Harris with Discount Towing & Recovery - Mr. Harris asked Council if they had a chance to consider the new towing rates that Panama City passed. Mr. Harris reported that he had a copy of the new rates with him. Vice Mayor McConnell thanked Mr. Harris and asked Manager Whitman to talk with Mr. Harris.

Scott Cook, Vice Chairman of the VFW on the Beach – Mr. Cook announced the Beach's first Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. Mr. Cook invited everyone to attend. Mr. Cook reported that Ms. Debbie Ward had put together some handouts in the rear of the room. Mr. Cook provided further details on the event.

Burnie Thompson – Mr. Thompson commented on the numerous consent agenda items that totaled \$2,000,000. Mr. Thompson inquired as to why the meeting minutes were behind and not on the website. Mr. Thompson played an audio file from a newscast and inquired as to why the outfall was blocked during Hurricane Sally that flooded Lullwater. Mr. Thompson reported that there was a stand-down order given to not clear the outfall and he would like to know who gave that order. Mr. Thompson added that he believed that the city flooded Lullwater to be able to do the outfall project and receive the grant funds. Mr. Thompson spoke about TDC funding awarded to GulfCoast Jam and SandJam events.

Chaze B. – Mr. Chaze spoke against the outfall project and about the Myrtle Beach sand being darker than PCB's sand.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 22-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TEN-8 FIRE & SAFETY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE BUILD-TO-ORDER PIERCE MANUFACTURING FIRE ENGINE FOR THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$564,294.93.

RESOLUTION 22-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY CARS SOUTH, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE RAM 1500 TRUCK AND ONE CHRYSLER 300 SEDAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$60,245.

***RESOLUTION 22-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE RESORTS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF LIFT STATION 4 AND FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 4.1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,114,165.00.**

RESOLUTION 22-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATED TO THE 2021 VISIT PANAMA CITY BEACH IRONMAN FLORIDA EVENT; AUTHORIZING CAREFUL TRAFFIC CONTROL AND EXTRAORDINARY USAGE OF FRONT BEACH ROAD (U.S. 98) AND THOMAS DRIVE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 FOR THE EVENT AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION.

***RESOLUTION 22-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ROGERS VALUATION & ACQUISITION, INC. FOR CONTINUING APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S FRONT BEACH ROAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; APPROVING A TASK ORDER FOR THE REVIEW OF CERTAIN APPRAISALS FOR THE FRONT BEACH ROAD 4.1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,100.**

RESOLUTION 22-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LANIER MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF BRASS FITTINGS, METER BOXES, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS APPURTENANCES FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT ON A PER UNIT BASIS.

RESOLUTION 22-07, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAYMENTUS CORPORATION FOR UTILITY BILLING MERCHANT SERVICES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 22-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC.

RESOLUTION 22-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 20-114, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 22-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE INFRARED THERMOMETER SCANNERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,995.00.

RESOLUTION 22-11, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NINE SMART BOARD SYSTEMS, AND TWO MOBILE CARTS AND BRACKETS, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$41,463.

UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST - PLANNING DIVISION.

Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to read the consent agenda. Vice Mayor McConnell announced that the consent agenda was available. **Councilman Jarman moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION

ITEM 1. ORDINANCE 1572, AMENDING FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND, FIRST READING.

Vice Mayor McConnell introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1572 by title only. Vice Mayor McConnell called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Vice Mayor McConnell closed public comments. Vice Mayor McConnell called for discussion from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1572. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

ITEM 2. ORDINANCE 1573, AMENDING GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND, FIRST READING.

Vice Mayor McConnell introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1573 by title only. Vice Mayor McConnell called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Vice Mayor McConnell closed public comments. Vice Mayor McConnell called for discussion from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1573. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

ITEM 3. ORDINANCE 1574, AMENDING POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION FUND, FIRST READING.

Vice Mayor McConnell introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1574 by title only. Vice Mayor McConnell called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Vice Mayor McConnell closed public comments. Vice Mayor McConnell called for discussion from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1574. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

***ITEM 4. RESOLUTION 22-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS #01 AND #02 TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH GAC CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 3 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,420.03.**

Vice Mayor McConnell introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-12 by title only. Vice Mayor McConnell called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Vice Mayor McConnell closed public comments. Vice Mayor McConnell called for comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 22-12. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Vice Mayor McConnell asked Ms. Fasone to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

***ITEM 5. DISCUSSION ITEM, COUNCILMAN JARMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE CRA.**

Vice Mayor McConnell turned the dais over to Councilman Jarman. Councilman Jarman reported that he had an open seat on the CRA Committee. Councilman Jarman recommended appointing Ms. Cyndi Ainsworth to his open seat. Councilman Casto noted that Ms. Cyndi was a good pick. Vice Mayor McConnell noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to appoint Ms. Ainsworth. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (4-0).**

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Whitman yielded his time to Debbie Ward, Communications Director. Ms. Ward announced that next week was Florida City Government Week; a week-long annual event showcasing and engaging

citizens in the work of municipal government. Ms. Ward reported that she would be highlighting city employees next week and further talked about duties of city employees and departments.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mrs. Myers, no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casto thanked Director Kelly Jenkins and the Stormwater Department for their hard work during the rain event last week. Councilman Casto talked about homes that would have historically flooded because of the rain event, had it not been for the stormwater improvements made by the city.

Councilman Chester concurred with Councilman Casto.

Councilman Jarman thanked Ms. Weatherford from Keep PCB Beautiful and noted that he supported the idea she presented today. Councilman Jarman thanked Frank for staying through the meeting and noted that he would get with the City Manager about his request to keep bars open until 4:00 a.m. Councilman Jarman noted that Mr. Thompson and Chaze did not stay, so he would defer. Councilman Jarman thanked the law enforcement on the Beach and County for putting themselves in harms-way every day and the sacrifices that they make.

Vice Mayor McConnell noted that Mr. Thompson did not stay to hear his response to his questions. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that the Lullwater outfall was cleared prior to the storm, however, because of hightide and the storm surge, the sand packed back into the outfall and at that point it was far too dangerous to have heavy equipment operators back into the area. Vice Mayor McConnell reminded everyone that the storm produced record rainfall in a short period of time. Vice Mayor McConnell added there was no conspiracy, just a confluence of many natural factors. Vice Mayor McConnell reported that the outfall project should help the residents in that area. Vice Mayor McConnell thanked Ms. Debbie for bringing up City Government Week and discussed possibly hosting a city day so residents could tour city facilities, etc.

With nothing further, Vice Mayor McConnell adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:38 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 9th day of December, 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.