



City of
Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the **January 27, 2022** 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 January 27, 2022 regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Sheldon announced that there was no audio and/or video recording of today's meeting at this time, however, the IT Department was working feverishly to correct the problem.

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 Mark Boyett from Destiny Worship Center led the invocation and Councilman Phil Chester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the December 21, 2021 special meeting minutes and the January 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Councilman Casto so moved. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions of the agenda. Hearing and seeing none, **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval 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 called for presentations.

On behalf of City Council, Councilman Chester presented three employees (James "Bones" Jones, Linda Seubert and Joey Middlebrooks) with years of service awards and a Florida Arbor Day Proclamation to City Biologist Jim Moyers.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Sheldon announced that social media and Facebook streaming of this meeting were up and running, however, there still was no city video.

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

Mayor Sheldon announced that with this being campaign season, he wished to remind everyone that this was a campaign-free zone. Mayor Sheldon opened the floor for consent agenda and/or non-agenda business public comments.

Burnie Thompson – Mr. Thompson commented on Vice Mayor McConnell's businesses. Mr. Thompson inquired about texting during the December special meeting. Mr. Thompson commented on a records request he made for emails with the search term "Burnie." Mr. Thompson inquired about the electrical contractor of record for Popeye Park.

Michelle Carter –Ms. Carter reported that she had been watching Burnie Thompson's video and had an issue with the Outfall project. Ms. Carter asked Council to report, at the end of the meeting, about removing rocks from the seabed, as described on Mr. Thompson's video. Ms. Carter stated she was against removing rocks from the seabed. Ms. Carter commented that her other issue was Lullwater Lake, that she felt bad for the residents there, however, they should not have been permitted to build homes there in the first place. Ms. Carter suggested that the city offer the Lullwater homeowners money for their homes.

Mark Meade –Mr. Meade discussed traffic on Thomas Drive at and around Laketown Wharf, where he resides. Mr. Meade recommended that the city do a "don't block the box" campaign and add those markings to the pavement. Mr. Meade also suggested that the city add a "tram, bike, right turn only" lane to help the traffic flow.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-81, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH GULF COAST UTILITY CONTRACTORS, LLC, FOR THE SR 30A (U.S. 98) UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$19,802.40.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-82, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMOUNT OF \$1,832.22 TO BE LIENED ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 109 SEACLUSSION DRIVE FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY TO ABATE NUISANCES LOCATED UPON SUCH PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO RECORD THE LIEN AND NOTIFY INTERESTED PARTIES OF SUCH LIEN; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-83, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMOUNT OF \$1,862.73 TO BE LIENED ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 122 CIRCLE DRIVE FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY TO ABATE NUISANCES LOCATED UPON SUCH PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO RECORD THE LIEN AND NOTIFY INTERESTED PARTIES OF SUCH LIEN; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-84, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BRP US, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE SIDE BY SIDE ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES FOR THE STREET AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,409.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-85, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRACTOR AND BRUSH HOG FROM KINGLINE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$95,323.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-86, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) REMOTE CONTROL MOWER FROM JET VAC EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$57,202.57.

Mayor Sheldon asked Ms. Fasone to read the consent agenda. Mayor Sheldon announced that the consent agenda was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval 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. RESOLUTION NO. 22-88, RICHARD JACKSON BLVD. AND PCB PARKWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-88 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Assistant Public Works Director Kathy Younce. Ms. Younce reported that north Richard Jackson was a two-phased improvements project and this resolution dealt with phase one that included milling, striping, median modifications, etc. Mayor Sheldon thanked Ms. Younce and added that this was really good news for everyone, and the project should help with the stacking issue in that area. Vice Mayor McConnell inquired if the County had agreed to change the light system. Ms. Younce reported yes. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 22-88. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval 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. RESOLUTION NO. 22-89, APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE R-O-W PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HYATT DEVELOPER.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-89 by title only. Mrs. Myers reported that this agreement would change the description of the land being conveyed. 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 Resolution 22-89. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval 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 NO. 22-90, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON CHARTER UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-90 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 reported that the Charter Review Committee did an amazing job getting these questions together. Vice Mayor added that the Committee well represented the community and further thanked the City Manager, staff and attorneys for their input and assistance on the Committee.

Mayor Sheldon concurred and commented that the Charter amendments would move the community into the future, and it was a community effort that took many months.

Councilman Jarman asked residents to review the amendments, read through the questions, and contact the city with any questions.

Councilman Casto thanked all the members of the Charter Review Committee for taking the time to thoroughly go through the Charter and make recommendations to Council.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 22-90. 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).**

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

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, PLANNING BOARD VACANCY.

Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported that there was an opening on the Planning Board because Mr. Mark Caron stepped down due to personal reasons. Manager Whitman thanked Mr. Caron for his service. Manager Whitman recommended Mr. Ethan Register to the vacant seat. Mr. Whitman added that Mr. Register was in the audience and available to answer questions.

Mayor Sheldon, Councilman Casto and Councilman Jarman concurred with Manager Whitman and noted that they thought that Mr. Register was a great fit. All members thanked Mr. Register for stepping up and volunteering for the board.

Mayor Sheldon announced this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve appoint Mr. Ethan Register to the Planning Board. Vice Mayor McConnell seconded the motion. Councilman Jarman inquired from Mrs. Myers if a cousin in-law was a conflict. Mrs. Myers stated no. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval 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

City Manager Whitman welcomed Mr. Ethan Register for stepping up and helping the community. Manager Whitman thanked the Charter Review Committee members for their service and noted that he was available to answer any questions regarding the Charter amendments.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chester reported that he reviewed some of the FDOT plans regarding the widening of Back Beach Road. Councilman Chester reported further that the FDOT was recommending that a 12 to 14 foot concrete wall be added to Back Beach Road. Councilman Chester recommended that trees be planted instead of walls being built.

Councilman Jarman responded to some of the comments made during the public comment period: 1) that discussion of personal business was not city business; 2) that he would look into the Popeye Park electrical contractor comment; 3) that it takes staff time to compile and review records requests and he hoped that the requester of a public record would have a copy of his/her own request. Councilman Jarman added that when a person was more specific with his/her public records request, the request can be filled more easily. Councilman Jarman further reported that when the City Clerk emails invoices for public records, those invoices are estimates. Councilman Jarman further responded to Ms. Carter's comments regarding the outfall project; that rocks were actually being brought in, not taken out. Councilman Jarman reported that he would get with Mr. Mead regarding his "don't block the box" suggestion.

Vice Mayor McConnell reported that a petition was actually going around his neighborhood in favor of the FDOT wall on Back Beach Road. Vice Mayor McConnell agreed with Councilman Jarman that rocks/boulders were being brought in, not taken out, for the outfall project. Vice Mayor McConnell commented that putting more cars in a bike lane was dangerous and he was not in favor of the "don't block the box" suggestion. Vice Mayor McConnell again thanked the Charter Review Committee for their invaluable service.

Mayor Sheldon concurred with Councilman Chester that he had been contacted by residents who do not want the FDOT walls on Back Beach Road. Mayor Sheldon added that residents do not want our community to look like the Atlanta highway. Mayor Sheldon responded that \$281.00 was reasonable for such a board records search. Mayor Sheldon recommended that Ms. Carter not listen and believe everything she hears on the internet. Mayor Sheldon welcomed and thanked Mr. Register for stepping up to serve on the Planning Board. Mayor Sheldon listed future committee seat openings and invited residents to apply for the openings.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:33 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2022.



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.