

# Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the May 26, 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 May 26, 2022 regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
MAYOR MARK SHELDON
VICE MAYOR PAUL CASTO
COUNCILMAN PHIL CHESTER
COUNCILMEMBER MARY COBURN
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.

Commander Bob Hoffman with the American Legion Post 402 led the invocation. Councilmember Mary Coburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the May 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Vice Mayor Casto so moved. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).

| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
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| Councilman Chester   | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Casto     | Aye |
| Councilman Jarman    | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon        | Aye |

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions of the agenda. City Manager Whitman recommended removing Item #6 from the Consent Agenda, Resolution 22-163. Councilman Jarman moved to approve the agenda, with the removal. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
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| Councilman Chester   | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Casto     | Aye |
| Councilman Jarman    | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon        | Aye |

# **PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of City Council, Councilmember Coburn presented Wyatt Rothwell with a years of service award.

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

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

<u>Captain Gary Wayne Beck, 2601 Beach Drive</u> – Mr. Beck congratulated Vice Mayor Casto on his reelection. Mr. Beck asked Council to set-up a special taskforce to look at the people who pray upon children. Mr. Beck continued to talk about his idea for a special taskforce.

<u>Justin Wilson</u> – Mr. Wilson noted that he was here to talk about Item J2, dealing with taxicabs. Mayor Sheldon invited Mr. Wilson to please come back up during the regular portion of the agenda.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-158, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY D/B/A BOBCAT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 MODEL TELEHANDLER FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$106,736.04.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-159, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH AAG ELECTRIC MOTORS & PUMPS, INC. RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS, RAIL ADAPTER COUPLINGS AND UPGRADED COATINGS FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT ON SET UNIT PRICES AND APPROVING WORK ORDER #1 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$129,315.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-160, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FORM OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S STANDARD FORM MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-161, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING TASK ORDERS FOR THE APPRAISAL OF NUMEROUS PROPERTIES ON FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENTS 3 AND 4.1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,850.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-162, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR THE FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 3 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,775.

REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA -RESOLUTION NO. 22-163, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AUTHORIZING TERMINAL LEAVE.

## APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION.

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

| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
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| Councilman Chester   | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Casto     | Aye |
| Councilman Jarman    | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon        | Aye |

#### **REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION**

# ITEM 1. RESOLUTION NO. 22-164, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-164 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item 1. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon invited Fire Chief Ray Morgan to the podium.

Chief Morgan reported that this was a continuation of mutual aid agreements being presented to Council for consideration. Chief Morgan added that he was happy to enter into an agreement with Mexico Beach, with Council's approval. Chief Morgan introduced friend and mentor Fire Chief Sandy Walker from Mexico Beach. Chief Walker thanked Council and the City for their support and added that it was his pleasure to enter into the agreement.

Mayor Sheldon thanked Chief Walker and noted that Council was excited to put the agreement to paper. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 22-164. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were unanimously in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
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| Councilman Chester   | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Casto     | Aye |
| Councilman Jarman    | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon        | Aye |

#### ITEM 2. RESOLUTION NO. 22-165, ADJUSTING TAXICAB RATES.

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 22-165 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item 2.

<u>Justin Walker with Beach Boys Taxicab Service</u> – Mr. Walker reported that the company may need to go up a bit on its rates. Mr. Walker discussed the difference between taxis and rideshare companies. Mr. Walker reported that they had kept their rates at \$2.50 per mile since they began their business in 2014. Mr. Walker discussed gas and insurance rates increasing. Mr. Walker asked Council to support the 20% increase.

Mayor Sheldon called for further public comments. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon invited comments from City Manager Whitman.

Manager Whitman explained that he had known Justin for a very long time. Manager Whitman added that he requested the rate increase as they had not had an increase since the ordinance was put in place in 2014.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Jarman recommended that the City not be in the business of setting taxicab rates. Councilman Jarman added that there were some consumer protections already in the ordinance. Councilman Jarman recommended repealing Resolution 14-29 and putting noting in its place. Mayor Sheldon noted that he was fine with that and discussed market demand.

Mrs. Myers discussed the purpose of Resolution 14-29, repealing the resolution and/or changing the title of the proposed resolution to achieve Council's goal of not setting rates took place.

Vice Mayor Casto and Councilmember Coburn concurred with Councilman Jarman that the City did not need to be in the business of setting taxicab rates. Councilman Chester concurred and discussed why Council implemented the ordinance and resolution in 2014. Discussion regarding rates being displayed/posted took place.

Mayor Sheldon asked Mrs. Myers to read the new/revised title of Resolution 22-165.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 14-29 SETTING THE RATE SCHEDULES TO BE IMPOSED BY TAXICABS, LIMOUSINES AND SHUTTLES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY.

Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 22-165, as amended. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were unanimously in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
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| Councilman Chester   | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Casto     | Aye |
| Councilman Jarman    | Aye |
| Mayor Sheldon        | Aye |

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

No report.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

# **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Sheldon invited Council comments. Councilman Chester thanked the Street Department, Utilities Department, Code Enforcement and Planning Department for the great work they do and did during Hurricane Michael. Councilman Jarman asked the City Manager to have Police Chief Talamantez to report on the City's efforts to fight Human Trafficking. Manager Whitman concurred. Vice Mayor Casto commended Police Chief Talamantez on the Department's Spring Break indictments/arrests and the Department's efforts to fight Human Trafficking. Mayor Sheldon concurred. Mayor Sheldon wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:21 a.m.

**READ AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

Mark Sheldon, Mayor

City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:

Lynne Fasone, MMC

City Clerk

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