



City of
Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the **September 14, 2023**, 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 September 14, 2023, regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.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 members of City Council. Others present were City Manager Drew Whitman, Assistant City Manager Holly White, City Attorney Cole Davis, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors, staff, and members of the public and press.

Pastor Michael Askew with Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church led the invocation. Vice Mayor Paul Casto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the August 22, 2023, Special Meeting / Budget Workshop Minutes and the August 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Councilman Jarman so moved. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Hearing and seeing no additions and/or deletions, **Councilman Jarman moved for approval. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the agenda as presented by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

PRESENTATION

Mayor Sheldon invited Mr. Lamar Hobbs, Transit Programs Administrator, Bay County Board of County Commissioners to the podium. Mr. Hobbs presented the **attached** PowerPoint presentation on the Bayway Transit System.

Mayor Sheldon thanked Mr. Hobbs and invited comments from Council. Mayor Sheldon inquired if Mr. Hobbs had considered adding a route on the north side of Back Beach Road. Mr. Hobbs reported the County was working in partnership with the St. Joe Co. to provide service, beginning in November, to the west end of PCB into 30A / Walton County for \$1.50. Mr. Hobbs added that route would be open to all by utilizing an App or calling Bayway. Mr. Hobbs added that they were always looking for ways to increase the availability of its services. Mr. Hobbs discussed grants awarded the Bayway and that most, if not grants had a match component. Mayor Sheldon noted he would like to explore ways to work with the County to help residents on the north side of Back Beach Road, in the apartment complexes for example, be able to access Bayway. Mr. Hobbs reported that service from the Airport area was probably their number one request and was part of their strategic plan.

Councilmember Coburn inquired as to how a person qualifies for the Demand Response Service. Mr. Hobbs discussed the set of the criteria; no other means of transportation and/or not able to drive and meeting one other element; 60 years or older, disabled, or meet poverty guidelines. Mr. Hobbs noted there was an application online. Mayor Sheldon asked Ms. Ingram to make a post online about the service.

Councilman Chester inquired about the sponsorship ads on the trolleys/buses and how that money was used. Mr. Hobbs reported that those funds go into the pot. Mr. Hobbs reported the \$444,500 shortfall was what was needed after all other grants, sponsorship dollars, etc. were taken into consideration. Mr. Hobbs reported they had worked hard to build a reserve. Councilman Chester inquired about maintenance on the buses. Mr. Hobbs reported maintenance was accounted for in the budgeting, including DOT inspections.

Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman requested a motion from Council approving the \$46,734.49 contribution. **Vice Mayor Casto so moved. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the \$46,734.49 contribution supporting Bayway by a unanimous roll call vote (5-0).**

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

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

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor to non-agenda business public comments, limited to three minutes each.

1. Captain Gary Wayne Beck, 2601 Beach Street – Mr. Beck reported that he had been trespassed from the Bay County Community Buildings. Mr. Beck discussed the Constitution and Bill of Rights and stated his rights being violated.
2. Clair Pease – Ms. Pease noted she was in attendance as a Bay County Commissioner. Commissioner Pease acknowledged the purpose of the CRA project was to revitalize the City by revitalizing the Front Beach Road area. Commissioner Pease commented that the costs of the project had significantly strained the community and it was time for a new agreement between the City and the County, one that would complete the project faster and cheaper. Commissioner Pease commented that she respected each County Commissioner’s right to hold their own opinions. Commissioner Pease acknowledged that the City and County have entered into an agreement with respect to the CRA. Commissioner Pease commented further that she was confident that the Council was good stewards and there was no malfeasance on the projects. Commissioner Pease added that she wholeheartedly

disagreed with the way one of her fellow County Commissioner mischaracterized the work that the CRA was doing. Commissioner Pease asked Council to take the time to look at this again and help work together to arrive at shared goals.

3. Gentleman, did not state name – The gentleman spoke against the CRA. The gentleman commented that he asked at the last meeting to remove the medians up and down Front Beach Road. The gentleman commented that a referendum on the CRA should be put together for the entire County to weigh in on. The gentleman lastly commented that he did not feel the recent survey monkey sent out regarding the CRA spoke for all.
4. Bryan Helfrich, 14200 Bay Ave. – Mr. Helfrich spoke against the designated bus and bike lane. Mr. Helfrich recommended that Council go with a single turn lane instead of a divide medium. Mr. Helfrich commented that no one was really for the CRA and with the bus numbers just presented he did not feel a bus lane was warranted.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment portion of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sheldon asked Ms. Fasone to read the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-218, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POLE BARN ENCLOSURE FROM LAG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$86,686.50 AND AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY FOR UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS UP TO \$8,668.65.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-219, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR WALL PACK REPLACEMENTS FOR LIFT STATIONS #7 AND #40 FROM DAIKIN APPLIED AMERICAS, INC., IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$43,700.00; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OMNIA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-220, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE PROGATOR 2020A UTILITY VEHICLE FROM DEERE & COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,164.88; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-221, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE PAVING EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENTS FROM CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY D/B/A BOBCAT COMPANY, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,356.28; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-222, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-223, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DESIGN PLASTIC SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE TANKS FOR THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$82,956.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-225, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO UPGRADE STREET LIGHTING TO LED FACILITIES IN THE WHISPER DUNES COMMUNITY IN THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF \$2,600.00 TO POWER THE UPGRADED LED STREET LIGHTS.

REVISION OF THE MASTER AUDIT LIST TO REMOVE SURPLUS 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 noted the Consent Agenda was available to Council. Councilman Chester moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. **All were unanimously in favor of approval of the consent agenda by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis explained this was the public hearing portion on the proposed budget. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments from Council, **Councilman Chester moved to approve. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.** Mr. Davis noted a motion was not necessary but did not harm anything.

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

ITEM 2. RESOLUTION NO. 23-209, AMENDING CITY BUDGET FOR FY 2023.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-209 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #2. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Councilmember Coburn moved to approve Resolution 23-209. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion.**

Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-209 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 3. RESOLUTION NO. 23-210, ADOPTING CITY BUDGET FOR FY 2024.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-210 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #3. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution 23-210. Councilman Chester seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-210 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

***ITEM 4. RESOLUTION NO. 23-217, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE PCB CRA FOR FY 2022; AND ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE PCB CRA FOR FY 2023.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-217 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #4.

1. Cassie Mulkerin, 170 Crane Street – Ms. Mulkerin inquired as to where she could get a copy of the CRA budget. Mayor Sheldon and Manager Whitman reported a copy of the budget was on the city website. Ms. Mulkerin commented that she would like to see a copy before Council passes the CRA budget because she was concerned with how the money was being spent, especially with just hearing the comments from the County. Ms. Mulkerin asked Council to put a halt to passing the budget.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Resolution 23-217. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-217 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 5. ORDINANCE NO. 1624, PIER PARK KIOSK CONTROL AREA, SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1624 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing on Item #5. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon invited comment from Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis reported this was the second reading of the ordinance and the map being projected shows where kiosks are permitted to be located; outside the dotted lines which is outside the right-of-way.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Mayor Sheldon thanked Pier Park and Mr. Chris Tilly for working with the City on this project which will help clear out some of the density along Pier Park Drive. Councilmember Coburn concurred. Councilman Chester noted he had a business owner inquire if kiosks were permitted to be located in the road when Pier Park Drive was closed. Mr. Davis stated no. Manager Whitman concurred and added that no commerce was permitted on a city street, even if that street was closed.

Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1624. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion. Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance No. 1624 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 6. ORDINANCE NO. 1629, GOLF CART OPERATION AGE REQUIREMENTS, SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1629 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing on Item #6. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1629. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance No. 1629 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 7. ORDINANCE NO. 1630, WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 23/24, FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1630 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing on Item #7. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon invited Director Mark Shaeffer to the podium. Director Shaeffer reviewed the **attached** PowerPoint slides. Director Shaeffer reported his recommendation was basically a continuation of the rate consultant's 4-year plan. Director Shaeffer reported the proposed increase to residents was \$1.51, for both water and sewer together. Director Shaeffer reported the Beach's combined rates were well below its peers' rates by about 46%. Director Shaeffer thanked Council for taking the rate consultant's recommendations with respect to timely approving incremental rate increases.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Mayor Sheldon explained to those in attendance that the City receives water from Bay County and the County informed the City that it was increasing the City's rate by 3%, however Staff was not recommending that the City's rate be increased by that percentage. Director Shaeffer concurred. Mayor Sheldon praised Director Shaeffer and Manager Whitman and their team for being good stewards and for the City's long-term planning. Director Shaeffer noted that he would bring back to Council for their consideration the impact fees rate.

Vice Mayor Casto commended Director Shaeffer for doing a great job and explained to those in attendance that previous Councils did not vote in favor of any rate increases, they kicked the can down the road for future Councils to consider. Vice Mayor Casto offered his support for this cost-of-living increase. Councilman Jarman concurred. Councilmember Coburn inquired if the \$1.51 increase was per month. Director Shaeffer stated yes, per month. Councilman Chester noted the City was under contract with Bay County for its water. Director Shaeffer concurred and noted that he and the County were constantly in discussions.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no further comments, **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1630. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance 1630 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 8. ORDINANCE NO. 1631, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR MILESTONE INSPECTIONS, FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1631 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing on Item #8. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon clarified that this ordinance does not apply to single family residences and applied to buildings 25 years and older. Mr. Davis concurred just multi-family and three-stories and higher buildings, condos.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilmember Coburn commented that she was happy that the City was getting out in front of this now and inquired if this was going to be a huge labor issue for staff. Councilman Chester reported that staff was already inspecting those types of properties. Manager Whitman concurred and reported Director Leonard was prepared for this ordinance.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1631. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor

Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance No. 1631 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 9. ORDINANCE NO. 1632, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIENT RESIDENTIAL RENTALS, FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1632 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing on Item #9. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon noted this would give the City a 24/7 contact and sticks to the 150 square feet per person. Mr. Davis reported that staff had made one change to the ordinance since the last version in Council's packet dealing with the definition of the vacation rental. Mr. Davis reported the ordinance now includes condos. Mr. Davis reported the ordinance establishes requirements such as 200 square feet per person for condos per state code, an annual certificate, annual inspections by the fire inspector, and making sure the property owner pays taxes.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1632. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance No. 1632 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 10. RESOLUTION NO. 23-224, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEMA FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCBA AIR TANK UNITS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING HOLLY WHITE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-224 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #10. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Mayor Sheldon thanked Chief Morgan for getting another grant. Councilman Jarman concurred and added for those who don't know, these tanks have a shelf life and cannot be used after a certain number of years.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional comments from Council. Hearing and seeing no further comments, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 23-224. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-224 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 11. RESOLUTION NO. 23-226, APPOINTING JULIE ROEDER AS DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-226 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #11. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported Ms. Debbie Ingram was the City’s Deputy Clerk, however, she volunteered to step down to allow Julie Roeder, who was a certified municipal clerk to step up and to signed documents and fill in when Ms. Lynne is at FLC for example.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Hearing and seeing no comments, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 23-226. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-226 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

***ITEM 12. RESOLUTION NO. 23-227, AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION FOR PARCELS NEEDED FOR FRONT BEACH ROAD 4.2 PROJECT.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-227 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #12. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period. Hearing and seeing no comments from Council, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 23-227. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-227 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 13. RESOLUTION NO. 23-228, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENDA FOR THE 2024 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 23-228 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #13. Hearing and seeing no public comment, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Mayor Sheldon offered his support for the list of priorities and noted he was proud of the team for working together to come up with the list.

Councilmember Coburn explained that further cleaning and demucking for Lullwater Lake and septic to sewer conversion were both included in the list. Mayor Sheldon concurred and added funding for transportation was included in the list. Vice Mayor Casto thanked Floridian Partners and Cole Davis for going after the funding. Councilman Jarman thanked the City staff for doing the work after the grant money was received. Councilman Chester thanked the City staff for going a great job with the budget.

Hearing and seeing no further comments from Council, **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 23-228. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 23-228 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT – Manager Whitman thanked Ms. Debbie Ingram for doing an amazing job as Deputy City Clerk and also congratulated Ms. Julie Roeder on her new city clerk certification. Manager Whitman reported that Councilman Jarman had requested a follow-up report at this meeting on the Frank Brown Park connector road. Manager Whitman reported he was pleased to report final comments were back from engineers and the project would be going out to bid next week and should be back in November.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Council.

Mayor Sheldon noted he would comment first this evening. Mayor Sheldon thanked Commissioner Pease for attending tonight's meeting. Mayor Sheldon reported that he and Commissioner Pease had in-depth conversations over the past few weeks, and she was working toward solutions for the district. Mayor Sheldon reported that the County Commission had taken a keen interest in the CRA recently as they face a number of financial difficulties and plan to raise property taxes. Mayor Sheldon reported the Chairman of the Commission, unlike Commissioner Pease, had weaponized the CRA to advance his own agenda, spread false propaganda, and deflect attention away from himself. Mayor Sheldon reported the CRA was started by Council's predecessors to help rebuild the City's failing infrastructure that had gone unfunded for years. Mayor Sheldon reported further that the CRA brought property taxes back to the City to help our residents. Mayor Sheldon stated this Council is committed to moving these projects forward quickly and cost effectively. Mayor Sheldon additionally informed everyone that the City was set to pay back \$800,000 this year alone to the CRA as part of the interlocal agreement between the City and the County. Mayor Sheldon reported this Council would continue to make sound decisions for the City, just like the budget that was passed tonight. Lastly Mayor Sheldon reported that he would always fight for the City to get its fair share as well as for CRA to be finished. Mayor Sheldon added he would not tolerate politicians who try to blame the City's success for their own failures and lack of a plan.

Councilman Chester reported this was coming up on his 8th year and in his third year Council really started harping on the CRA, and this Council really got it rolling. Councilman Chester added this tax money was created in this City and on the beach and it should go to the beach. Councilman Chester explained years ago the City worked with the County on the agreement and the County will be receiving \$800,000 this year.

Councilman Chester added the County should not put the blame on someone else and the citizens of Bay County need to be concerned and look at that.

Vice Mayor Casto noted the Mayor covered most of it for him. Vice Mayor Casto talked a little bit about the history of the CRA. Vice Mayor Casto discussed the Dixie Stampede dinner theater wanting to come to PCB, however the City had an imagine problem according to their report because it had no sidewalks, crosswalks, no lighting, put a sign ordinance in, etc. Vice Mayor Casto further explained that the City had so much blight on Front Beach Road that it qualified for a CRA, and the City partnered with the County at that time. Vice Mayor Casto further explained the money collected in the CRA corridor on the Beach goes to the CRA, it does not go over the bridge. Vice Mayor Casto noted he would like to finish the CRA project as soon possible so the money can go back to the County, however, the money was bonded and there are assessments on properties in the CRA, so the Council is obligated, the Council cannot just stop the project. Vice Mayor Casto thanked Clair for coming in tonight and speaking. Vice Mayor Casto noted the City has done a great job.

Mayor Sheldon wished Vice Mayor Casto a Happy Birthday!

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 7:12 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 2023.



Mark Sheldon, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



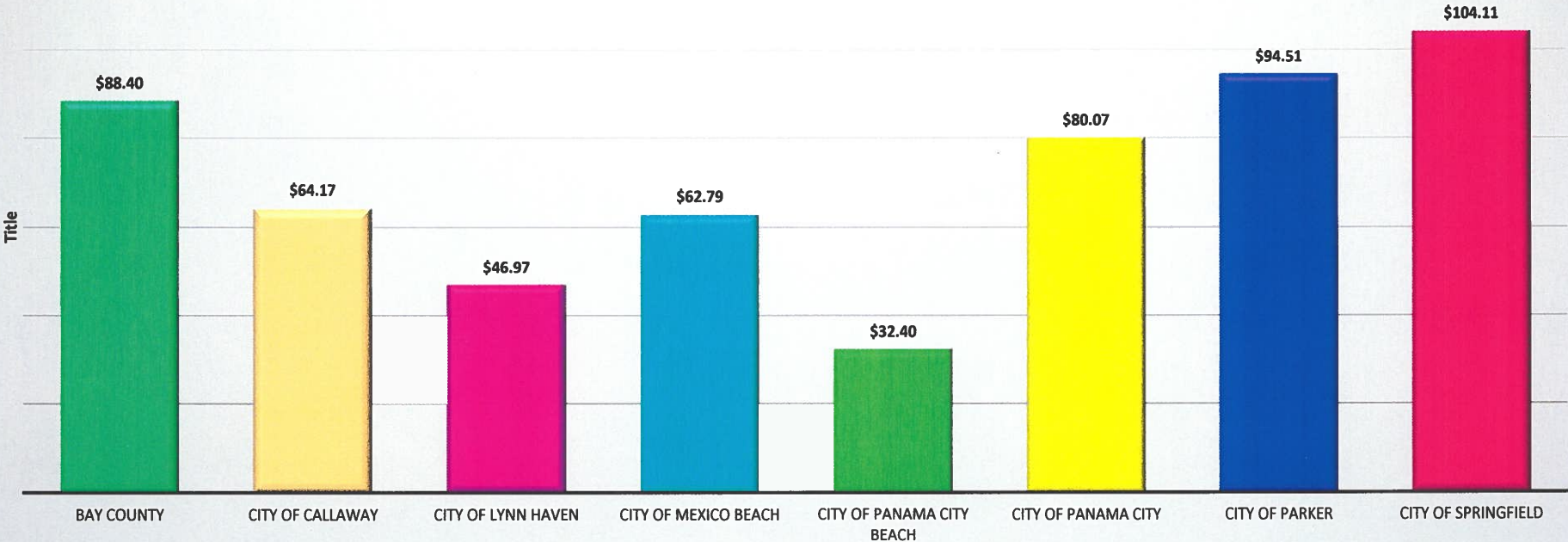
Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE COMPARISON OF BAY COUNTY (FY 24)



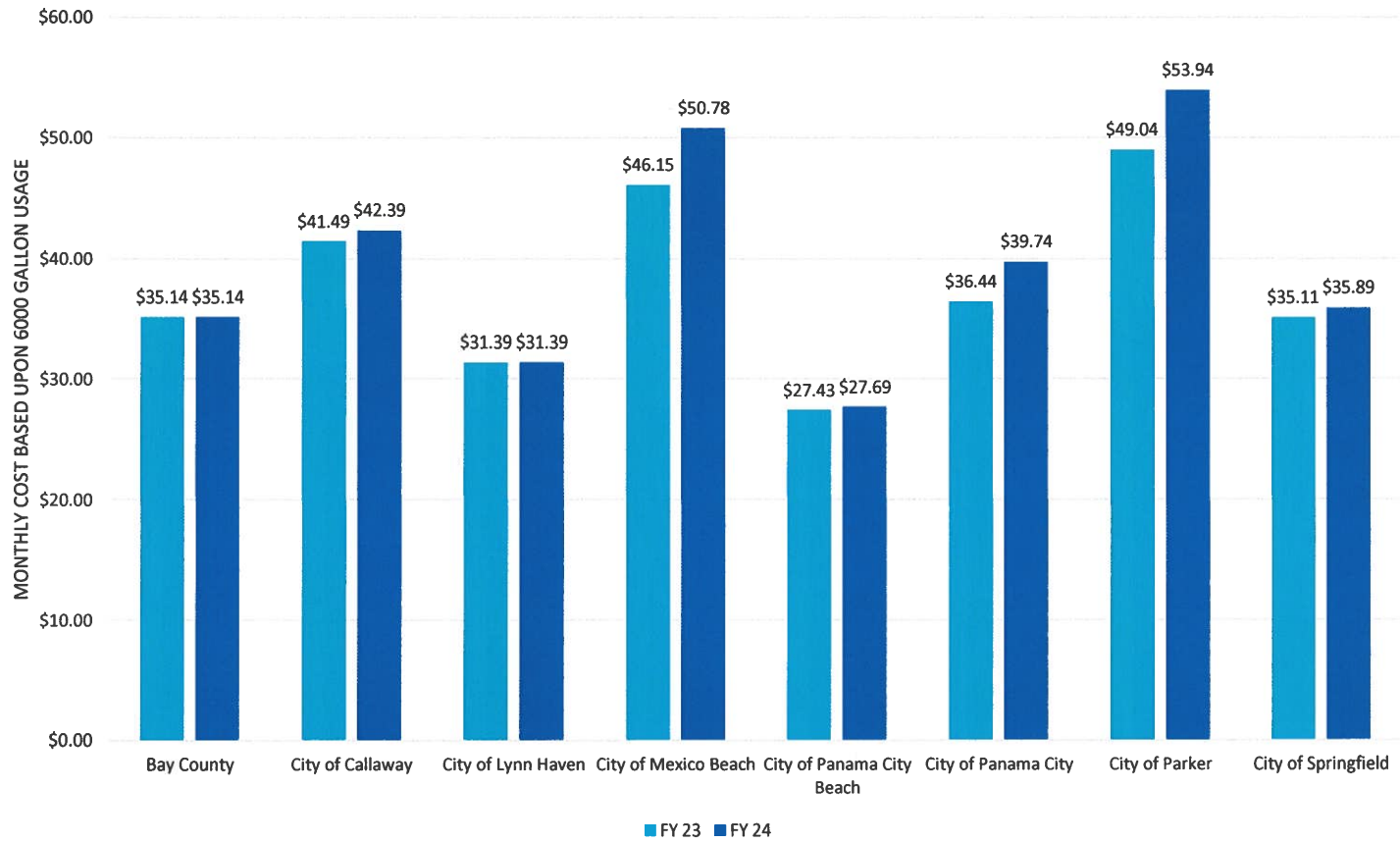
RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE COMPARISON OF BAY COUNTY (FY 24)



COMBINED RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER RATE COMPARISON (FY 24)



RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE COMPARISON (FY 23 & FY 24)



RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE COMPARISON (FY 23 & FY 24)



COMBINED RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER RATE COMPARISON (FY 23 & FY 24)

