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MINUTES of the February 8, 2024 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 February 8, 2024 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 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.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector Justin Boyd of St. Thomas by the Sea and Frace Episcopal Churches led the invocation. Councilmember Mary Coburn led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sheldon presented community announcements and reminded everyone that City Council meetings are campaign free zones.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the January 25, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Jarman so moved. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. The January 25 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a (5-0) roll call vote.

Councilmember Coburn	Aye
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 to the agenda. City Manager Whitman recommended adding a proclamation for the United Way to the agenda. Mayor Sheldon called for further changes. Hearing and seeing none, Councilman Jarman moved to approve the amended agenda. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the agenda as amended by a (5-0) roll call vote.

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

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of City Council, Councilmember Coburn presented a Certificate of Special Recognition to Austin Sundby, the **Boys & Girls Club February 2024 Honoree**. Councilmember Coburn also presented a Proclamation to the **United Way** designating February 11 as 211 Awareness Day.

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. Peter Fischetti, 308 Tarpon Street – Mr. Fischetti spoke against the CRA improvement project and about the CRA mobility survey.
2. Thomas Campbell- Mr. Campbell commented that he was a resident of PCB. Mr. Campbell further commented that he attended the CRA parking mobility study meeting and provided his thoughts on the parking data, crosswalks, and parking within 5 minutes of the beach.
3. Captain Gary Wayne Beck, 2601 Beach Street – Captain Beck spoke about his name being forged on documents, the BP Oil spoil, and the Bill of Rights being violated.
4. Bill Caravello – Mr. Caravello discussed replacing waterlines in the Bid-a-Wee area. Mr. Caravello further commented that he felt that contractors who do not bid on city contracts should be banned from bidding on future contracts. Mr. Caravello discussed attending the CRA mobility meeting and provided his thoughts on the bus/tram/trolley lane, pricing, parking, and scheduling.
5. Molly Allen, Lullwater Lake resident – Ms. Allen discussed promises she made to herself 4 years ago to protect Lullwater Lake, wildlife, to report fraud, and to demand accountability and record best practices for water quality. Ms. Allen inquired if the City had ever considered sink holes and blowouts of coastal dune lakes.

Hearing and seeing no further public comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment portion of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-46, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A T86 COMPACT TRACK LOADER FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FROM CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY d/b/a BOBCAT COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$148,947.16; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-81, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY UTILITY RELOCATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,740.00.

Mayor Sheldon noted 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 of the consent agenda by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1. ORDINANCE NO. 1640, AMENDING SECTION 23-32 OF THE CITY’S CODE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF METERS ALLOWED PER RESIDENTIAL LOT FROM ONE (1) TO TWO (2), FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1640 by title only. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing.

1. Molly Allen, Lullwater Lake resident – Ms. Allen inquired as to whom would benefit from this ordinance.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing. Mayor Sheldon explained that owners of duplexes, for example, often requested more than one meter so they can split water bills. Mayor Sheldon added this was good policy.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1640. Councilman Chester seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Ordinance 1640 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF PLAT FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION “99 PALMS SUBDIVISION” PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING.

Mayor Sheldon announced the public hearing on the “99 Palms Subdivision” Plat. Mayor Sheldon provided hearing instructions.

Mayor Sheldon asked Councilmembers to provide Jennings Disclosures. Councilman Jarman and Vice Mayor Casto reported they had nothing to disclose. Councilmember Coburn noted she had been by the property but had nothing else to disclose. Councilman Chester and Mayor Sheldon reported they had nothing to disclose.

Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Attorney Davis. Mr. Davis reported the Legal Department had reviewed the Plat and it met all of the City’s requirements and Florida statutes.

Mayor Sheldon invited affected parties to speak. Hearing and seeing none. Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing and called for public comments on Item #2. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing and public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon invited comments from the Planning Director Mel Leonard. Director Leonard reported the Plat was properly noticed, met the public hearing requirements, was consistent with Florida Statutes, the Land Development Plan as well as the City’s master plan. Mayor Sheldon thanked Director Leonard.

Mayor Sheldon invited City Engineer Wyatt Rothwell to report. Mr. Rothwell reported the subdivision of single-family homes would be an excellent addition to our community. Mr. Rothwell discussed the location and acreage. Mr. Rothwell reported the Plat had been thoroughly reviewed by Staff, Legal, and the City Surveyor and determined that it met all applicable requirements and was consistent with the City’s Land Development Code.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve the Plat. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, the “99 Palms Subdivision” Plat was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.

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

ITEM 3. RESOLUTION NO. 24-82, ACCEPTING CERTAIN SEWER FACILITIES FROM ROBERT P. RUSSELL, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 24-82 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #3. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon noted this was a standard revenue certificate and was available to Council. Councilmember Coburn inquired about the 5-year term. Attorney Davis generally discussed the City’s revenue certificate program, as provided for in the City’s Code of Ordinance and resolution passed by Council a couple years ago. Mr. Davis explained the current terms of the City’s revenue certificate program provides for construction of this type to receive a certificate with a 5-year term and repayment from 75% of the impact fees paid by customers connecting to the sewer force main extension.

Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Resolution 24-82. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, Resolution No. 24-82 was unanimously adopted by a (5-0) roll call vote.

Councilmember Coburn	Aye
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 comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon thanked everyone who attended this afternoon’s Spring Break press conference at the Police Department. Mayor Sheldon thanked all community partners, including the Beach Police, Bay County Commissioners, the Sherriff and Fire Departments and Fish and Wildlife Officers. Mayor Sheldon added PCB was a family-friendly destination.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:31 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 22 day of February, 2024.



Mark Sheldon, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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