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Panama City Beach

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MINUTES of the **April 11, 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 **April 11, 2024** 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, City Attorney Cole Davis, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors, staff, and members of the public and press.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jay Powell, Senior Pastor at the Church at the Beach, led the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Pack 317 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sheldon presented community announcements.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the March 28, 2024 regular meeting minutes. **Councilman Chester so moved. Vice Mayor Casto seconded the motion. The March 28 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. Manager Whitman reported this evening he signed an agreement with the State, Department of Emergency Management, transferring some emergency management equipment over to the City. Manager Whitman recommended adding a brief presentation to the agenda about the transfer, to be presented by Chief Talamentez. Mayor Sheldon recommended adding the discussion as New Item #3. **Councilman Jarman moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Councilman Chester 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

Mayor Sheldon invited Dr. Jessica Graham, Executive Director of the St. Andrew/St. Joseph Bays Estuary Program, to the podium to provide an update on the program. Dr. Graham reported that the Board approved the Program's management plan last week. Dr. Graham briefly reviewed its mission and the plan. Lastly, Dr. Graham presented Councilman Chester with a fish print as a thank you for his hard work on the Board and for being the first Chairman of the Estuary Board.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Sheldon presented proclamations to: (1) representatives from the Navy Base and Bay County Schools designating April as the "Month of the Military Child and April 15 as Purple Up! Day," (2) Mr. Greg Ritcher, Board member of local Parkinson's groups, for "Parkinson's Awareness Month," and (3) Chief Talamantez and PD Dispatchers for "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week."

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 Beech Street – Mr. Beck commented on his name being forged on documents, someone trying to take his home and his inventions, child abuse, and his civil rights being violated.
2. Molly Allen, Lullwater Lake resident – Ms. Allen provided a handout and noted it was the same document she had emailed to the City Manager, City Clerk and Councilmembers regarding her request for a right of way improvements schedule for the Lullwater Lake area. Ms. Allen thanked Dr. Graham for her informative presentation. Ms. Allen further commented on oysters, food and drink being dump into the Lullwater Lake by Dusty's Oyster Bar.

Mayor Sheldon called for further 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. 24-115, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD SERVICE BODY TRUCK FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FROM ALAN JAY AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT, INC. d/b/a ALAN JAY FLEET SALES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$58,965.00; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE'S AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-116, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A UV-4200 PROCESS ANALYZER FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FROM CHEMSCAN, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$60,990.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-117, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #9 TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH CWR CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 3 PROJECT TO ADD \$30,366.01 AND EIGHT (8) DAYS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-118, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A THERMOFISHER TRUNARC UNLIMITED MODEL WITH TESTING SUPPLIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM FISCHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, L.L.C. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,619.30; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTRACT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-119, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATED TO THE ANNUAL VISIT PANAMA CITY BEACH IRONMAN 70.3 GULF COAST EVENT; CONSENTING TO THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF HUTCHISON BOULEVARD AND PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 FOR THE EVENT AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-120, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 FORD F-150 XL SUPER CREW 4X4 FROM GARBER FORD, INC. FOR THE BEACH SAFETY DIVISION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$52,951.80; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION’S AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

ACTION ITEM, ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CREDITED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Mayor Sheldon noted the Consent Agenda was available to Council. **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Coburn 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. RESOLUTION NO. 24-121, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA TOWER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE TDC.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 24-121 by title only.

Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #1. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period. Mayor Sheldon invited Chief Talamantez to the podium.

Chief Talamantez reported on the capabilities and benefits of purchasing the mobile surveillance camera. Chief Talamantez noted that the camera was being funded by the TDC. Mayor Sheldon thanked the Chief.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 24-121. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Hearing and seeing none, **Resolution No. 24-121 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. RESOLUTION NO. 24-122, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH NEW LINE SKATEPARKS FL, INC. FOR A SKATE PARK AT FRANK BROWN PARK.

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution 24-122 by title only. Manager Whitman noted this was a long time coming, and, if approved, would authorize staff to negotiate a contract for design-build of the skate park. Manager Whitman noted that Director Canning-Gobel and/or Director Joyner could answer any questions.

Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #2. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Resolution 24-122. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon called for further discussion. Mayor Sheldon offered his support. Councilman Jarman offered his support. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Resolution No. 24-122 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

NEW ITEM #3. TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Manager Whitman reported this evening he signed an agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Emergency Management, transferring some assets, barricades, over to the City, about \$569,000 worth of equipment, to be used during large events, hurricanes, at no cost to the City. Manager Whitman reported Chief Talamantez had been working on this and he would come up and present to Council.

Mayor Sheldon called for public comments on Item #3. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

Chief Talamantez reported that Panama City Beach was part of the Northwest Florida Security Task Force to ensure that the City is as prepared as possible during an act of terrorism. Chief Talamantez reported the six barriers, on trailers, will be a great addition to the City’s security. Chief Talamantez reported he was excited to be receiving the new equipment for the Police Department. Councilmembers thanked Chief Talamantez. Mayor Sheldon reported that the city’s budget would be increasing because of this grant by another \$500,000.

Chief Talamantez thanked Councilman Chester for his leadership and having the PD’s back for the past eight years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT –Manager Whitman thanked Councilman Chester for his service, for caring about the community and his support.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Attorney Davis thanked Councilman Chester for his service and turned the floor over to Attorney Doug Sale. Mr. Sale thanked Councilman Chester and Andrea Chester for their service to the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Council.

Councilmember Coburn thanked the Fire Department and Beach Safety team for their help during Spring break. Councilmember Coburn thanked Councilman Chester for his service to the community.

Councilman Jarman noted he would follow up with Ms. Allen regarding her questions asked during the public comment period. Councilman Jarman thanked Councilman Chester for his service to the community.

Vice Mayor Casto thanked Councilman Chester for his service to the community over the past eight years.

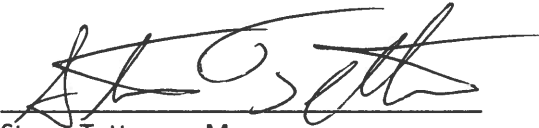
Councilman Chester thanked his family for their support over the past eight years, the Mayor, Councilmembers, Manager Whitman, Clerk Fasone and staff.

City Councilmembers presented a signed Panama City Beach flag to Councilman Chester.

Mayor Sheldon thanked Councilman Chester and talked about Councilman Chester’s selfless work for the community over the past eight years. Mayor Sheldon congratulated Councilman Jarman and Ethan Register on their recent elections. Mayor Sheldon commented that this was his last meeting of his first term. Mayor Sheldon noted it had been an honor serving the city and working with the amazing staff over the past four years.

With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:50 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 25th day of April, 2024.


Stuart Tettemer, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:


Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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