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MINUTES of the **July 11, 2024** Special 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 Stuart Tettemer called the **July 11, 2024** special meeting to order at **5:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER MARY COBURN
COUNCILMAN ETHAN REGISTER
VICE MAYOR MICHAEL JARMAN
COUNCILMAN PAUL CASTO
MAYOR STUART TETTEMER

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 AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Rob Raines with The Ark Church led the invocation. Councilmember Mary Coburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Tettemer presented community announcements.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Tettemer called for approval of the June 27, 2024 regular meeting minutes. **Vice Mayor Jarman so moved. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion. The June 27 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
| Councilman Register | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Mayor Tettemer | Aye |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Tettemer called for approval and/or deletions to the agenda. Hearing and seeing none, **Vice Mayor Jarman moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the agenda as amended by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
| Councilman Register | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Mayor Tettemer | Aye |

PRESENTATION

On behalf of City Council, Councilmember Coburn presented Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Joyner with a proclamation recognizing July as Park & Recreation Month.

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

Mayor Tettemer provided instructions and then opened the floor to non-agenda business public comments, limited to three minutes each.

Mayor Tettemer called for comments pertaining to beach safety.

1. Rex Reid - Mr. Reid thanked the TDC for providing additional beach safety funding. Mr. Reid discussed tourist impacts on the beach and alternative funding, the fire assessment, funding from the TDC, and permitting the City to piggyback on another tax and/or bed tax to help fund these programs.
2. Bob (inaudible) – Bob thanked the City for its efforts and suggested that an area for people to swim in the gulf be roped off area, perhaps attach the rope to buoys, to help people out if they were to get stuck.
3. Alisha Redmon – Ms. Redmon discussed her husband drowning in the gul trying to save another swimmer. Ms. Redmon recommended that there be lifesaving devices on this beach. Ms. Redmon discussed “Stacy’s Law.” Ms. Redmon commented further on lifesaving devices, education being key and the importance of flag system.
4. David Chapman, Panama City – Mr. Chapman noted that he was the City’s sole public partner with respect to the lifeguard program. Mr. Chapman commented that the City had the ability to find the money, if it was important to everyone. Mr. Chapman commented that he was hopeful that other organizations would participate in the lifeguard public/private program. Mr. Chapman thanked Council and First Responders.
5. Chris (inaudible) – Chris comment on the United States Lifeguard Association’s flag system and a Washington Post article that ran last year. Chris suggested that Council reach out to Broward County and Okaloosa County about their spending.
6. Jack Smith – Mr. Smith noted that he published PCB Life and seven other papers. Mr. Smith commented that Director Paul was 110% correct in his presentation. Mr. Smith recommended that Council partner with vendors on the beach and that every penny of funding go to humans, more lifeguards.
7. Captain Gary Wayne Beck, 2601 Beech Street –Mr. Beck commented that in 2012 he invented a surf rescue system that would turn anyone into a lifeguard. Mr. Beck became agitated, spoke about his constitutional right to speak, and threatened declaration of war. Mayor Tettemer called Mr. Beck to order.
8. Frank Sewell – Mr. Sewell commented that a number of people were walking out in the street, not in crosswalks. Mr. Sewell recommended that Council add the flashing lights at crosswalks on Front Beach Road.

Hearing and seeing no further comments on beach safety, Mayor Tettemer closed that public comment period. Mayor Tettemer opened the floor to public comments on non-agenda items.

1. Patricia East Lullwater Lane - Patricia noted that she understood this was outside of the City’s preview, however she wanted to make Council aware of her objection, as well as other neighbors on her street. Ms. Patricia stated she objected to the Oxford House Drug and Rehab Residence now operating in her neighborhood. Ms. Patricia further commented on the reasons why she objected.

Mayor Tettemer asked Ms. Patricia to please submit her comments to Council in writing as he and other Councilmembers would love to read them. Ms. Patricia asked for Council’s assistance.

2. Robert, 16235 East Lullwater – Robert noted that the Oxford house was about two houses down from a Park of which the residents walk and ride their bikes up and down the street.

Mayor Tette mer recommended that the beach safety comments be addressed later in the meeting when Council was addressing that topic. Mayor Tette mer asked Manager Whitman to respond to the other public comments.

Manager Whitman reported, with respect to Mr. Sewell’s comments, the City was in the process of upgrading some crosswalks and others would be upgraded as the CRA was done. Manger Whitman asked Mr. Sewell to please let him know which crosswalks he was referring to. Manager Whitman reported with respect to the Oxford Home, the City had not received any paperwork on the house and further discussed the Federal Fair Housing Act. Manager Whitman noted that he was aware of the Oxford Home, and he had asked Legal to look into it.

Mayor Tette mer thanked everyone for the robust discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Tette mer asked Clerk Fasone to read the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-151, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH JRA ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE POLICE K9 TRAINING FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,568.00, AND DESIGNATING USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-152, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR PARCEL 800.2R WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES RELATED TO S.R. 30A (US 98/PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY) FROM EAST OF R. JACKSON BOULEVARD TO THE HATHAWAY BRIDGE.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-153, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTION SERVICES, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF FILTER UNITS AT THE CITY’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,000,00.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-154, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH POLYDYNE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT RESIDUALS DEWATERING POLYMER FOR THE CITY’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

ACTION ITEM - BY MOTION, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SIX ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME LIFEGUARDS FOR THE BEACH SAFETY DIVISION AND ELIMINATING SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS IN FUTURE BUDGETS.

Mayor Tette mer noted the Consent Agenda was available to Council. **Vice Mayor Jarman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the Consent Agenda by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
| Councilman Register | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Mayor Tette mer | Aye |

REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1. ORDINANCE NO. 1647, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II, OF THE CITY'S CODE RELATED TO SPECIAL EVENTS; SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Tetterer invited Attorney Davis to comment. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1647 by title only. Mr. Davis reported this was the second reading of Ordinance 1647 and, as directed by Council, Staff drafted an amendment to the special events ordinance that would essentially make a second event a conditional use, add provisions for additional cell service, how a hearing would be conducted, due process, the process for appeals.

Mayor Tetterer opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tetterer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tetterer noted this item was available to Council. **Councilmember Coburn moved to approve Ordinance 1647. Vice Mayor Jarman seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of Ordinance No. 1647 by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
| Councilman Register | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Jarman | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Mayor Tetterer | Aye |

ITEM 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1649, AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, RELATED TO ANIMAL CONTROL; FIRST READING, PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Tetterer introduced Attorney Davis. Attorney Davis read Ordinance No. 1649 by title only. Mr. Davis reported this ordinance was discussed at Council's June 27th meeting, and Staff was directed to bring the ordinance back for first reading with additional changes. Mr. Davis explained that Ordinance 1649 would repeal the requirement for licensing cats and dogs, and proposes that, rather than require an annual permit, a permit for fowl or livestock be valid unless written permission of neighboring owners was revoked, prohibits the keeping of roosters, the City Manager's authority to revoke the permit was removed as well as "60 days" was changed to "30 days," as suggested by Council.

Mayor Tetterer opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tetterer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tetterer noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1649. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.**

Councilman Register noted that he was not in favor of this ordinance as the City already had a nuisance ordinance with Code Enforcement. Councilman Register added that he was not in favor of government being involved and he had stated his reasons clearly at the last meeting. Councilman Register asked Attorney Davis to explain the animal nuisance section of the Code. Attorney Davis briefly explained.

Vice Mayor Jarman asked for clarity on the vote, should the motion be repealed or withdrawn. After a brief discussion on process, Councilmembers decided to move forward with a vote on the current motion.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 1649 passed by a roll call vote of (3-2).

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| Councilmember Coburn | Aye |
| Councilman Register | No |
| Vice Mayor Jarman | No |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Mayor Tetteimer | Aye |

CITY MANAGER REPORT –No report today.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Attorney Davis clarified with respect to some of the beach safety comments, there was some discussion about changing the flag warning system and signs, those are set by the Department of Environmental Protection and by statute they have to be uniform throughout the State. Attorney Davis added that if Council desires to make those changes the City could petition the State, however, there would be a bit of work to do.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Mayor Tetteimer called for comments from Council.

Councilman Casto thanked everyone for a good workshop and added that some great ideas came out of the workshop, and he hoped the Council follows through with some of the good ideas.

Councilman Register offered his condolences to the lady in the crowd who lost her husband. Councilman Register noted that he watched some of the past debates from a county race with a lot of comments about the CRA. Councilman Register noted he cared very deeply for the CRA and its purpose to beautify the and improve our CRA corridor. Councilman Register added that it was his understanding negotiations have stalled. Councilman Register recommended that Council direct Staff to reach back out to the County to restart those negotiations. Councilmembers briefly discussed the best way to direct Staff. Council members directed the City Manager and the City Attorney to go back to the table and negotiate with the County and then bring that back to the Council to decide. Attorney Davis clarified that Council was giving the City Manager and City Attorney direction to meet with their counterparts and once they have a cohesive direction to present that to the Council. Councilmember concurred. Lastly, Councilman Register thanked the public safety officials for keeping everyone safe while a lot of people were in town for the 4th of July.

Councilmember Coburn thanked the residents who came out to speak this evening.

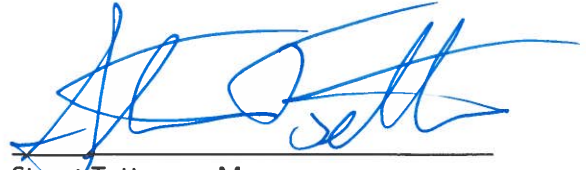
Vice Mayor Jarman concurred with Councilmember Coburn and added that Council would find solutions working with the TDC.

Mayor Tetteimer thanked Vice Mayor Jarman for suggesting the workshop. Mayor Tetteimer thanked Chief Ray and Director Paul for their guidance and the public for their input. **Mayor Tetteimer recommended that Council direct Staff to get some options to them on where to set-up an additional lifeguarded beach yet this year, with the criteria being most dangerous and having a large number of public accesses. Councilmembers concurred.** Discussion regarding when the City may receive the additional public safety money from the TDC requiring the passage of an ordinance by the County Commission took place. Council thanked the TDC for finding additional safety funds.

Mayor Tetteimer thanked the Beach Safety Team, Code Enforcement and the Police Department for their hard work. Mayor Tetteimer asked for God’s guidance and blessings. Mayor Tetteimer noted that Council’s next meeting was scheduled for July 25th at 9:00 am and invited everyone to enjoy tonight’s concert at Aaron Bessant Park.

With nothing further, Mayor Tetterer adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 5:57 p.m.

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



Stuart Tetterer, Mayor
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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