



# City of Panama City Beach

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**2024 Budget Workshop / 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 August 6, 2024 budget workshop / special meeting to order at 8:30 AM.**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**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, Finance Director Debra Gibson, Budget Analyst Joey St. Germain, Directors, staff, and members of the public and press.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Paul McComack from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church led the invocation. Vice Mayor Michael Jarman led the pledge of allegiance.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Tettemer introduced City Manager Drew Whitman. Manager Whitman thanked Director Gibson, Ms. St. Germain and staff for their hard work on the budgets. Manager Whitman explained that he would ask Council for five (5) motions throughout the day so bills can be paid, if approved by Council.

Assistant City Manager White thanked the department heads and the finance department, especially Director Gibson and Ms. St. German for producing this budget, as well as Ms. Sam for producing the PowerPoint.

Manager Whitman turned the floor over to Director Gibson.

Director Gibson noted she was pleased to present to Council a balanced and prudent budget that was responsive to Council's strategic plan. Director Gibson explained that she would walk Council through each budget and certain assumptions were included in all budgets, including a 3% COLA, and 2% merit and pension contribution rates.

## **1. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, GENERAL FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the General Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing. Mayor Tettemer turned the floor over to Director Gibson.

Department: Executive

Director Gibson reviewed the Executive Department within the General Fund, beginning on page 10 of the packet. Director Gibson also discussed the City's contribution to Bay EDA in the amount of \$28,617, reflected in 54-10. A brief discussion regarding the City's Bay EDA contribution, budgeting for the Administrative Assistant to assist city council and the city clerk, and travel funds for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk took place.

Assistant City Manager White recommended that any changes to the budget the Council makes today be brought back to Council in the form of a resolution for adoption. Council concurred.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Mayor Tette mer called for a motion to approve the Bay EDA contribution, travel funds for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk and moving the part-time Administrative Assistant position to a full-time position. Vice Mayor Jarman so moved. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

Director Gibson noted the rest of the numbers in the General Fund were consistent with last year's numbers. Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none.

Department: Administrative

Director Gibson reviewed the Administrative fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 12 of the packet. Director Gibson reported a capital improvement project for the Firenzo parking lot was budgeted for the fiscal year.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none.

Mayor Tette mer recommended hosting a citizen's academy, similar to the one Bay County offers. Manager White reported he reached out to the County and their program runs about \$30,000 to \$40,000. A brief discussion took place regarding the County's program and how a similar program in PCB might operate. **City Council agreed by unanimous consent to cap the expenditure for a citizen's academy type of program at \$40,000.**

Department: Human Resources Division

Director Gibson reviewed the Human Resources fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 17 of the packet.

Mayor Tette mer invited Director Roeder to the podium. Director Roeder discussed the need for a new position, "Safety and Risk Manager."

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none. **Hearing and seeing no objections by Council to the addition of the "Safety and Risk Manager" position.**

Department: Facilities Division

Director Gibson reviewed the Facilities fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 21 of the packet. Director Gibson noted one new position of "Facilities Maintenance Tech" was being requested.

A brief discussion regarding filter replacement, contracts and cancelling contracts, janitorial work at the Gulf Blvd. building and assisting with the lack of maintenance took place.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none. **Hearing and seeing no objections by Council to the addition of the "Facilities Maintenance Tech" position.**

Department: Legal Division

Director Gibson reviewed the Legal fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 24 of the packet. Director Gibson reported there was not much of an increase for this budget. Mr. Davis reviewed billing rates and noted that up to five lawyers do work for the City on any given day.

Mayor Tette mer called for comments from Council. Mayor Tette mer noted this equates to about a 3% increase and added that he had reviewed the bills and this tracks with the expenses. Vice Mayor Jarman noted they were experts in their field.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Tette mer asked Council if they were comfortable with the Legal Department budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Legal Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

Department: Planning Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Planning Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 25 of the packet. Director Gibson reported this budget was as close to a level fund budget that Council would find, no positions, no machinery purchases, no capital outlay.

Mayor Tette mer called for comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Tette mer asked if Council if they were comfortable with the Planning Department budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Planning Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

Department: Police Department – Law Enforcement

Director Gibson reviewed the Police Department - Law Enforcement fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 27 of the packet. Director Gibson reviewed the new positions, capital projects, and vehicles/equipment being requested. Director Gibson reviewed the additional requests including mutual aid rate increase at \$40,000, additional Flock cameras, evidence room equipment and furniture purchase and software purchase requests. Director Gibson noted that some of the capital projects were being partially funded by grants.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Mayor Tette mer invited Chief Talamantez to the podium. Mayor Tette mer recommended, in future budgets, that grants be split out, a line perhaps be added to the budget. Assistant Manager White concurred.

Brief discussions took place returning purchasing pole barns and Police Department overtime. Chief Talamantez noted that the two additional spots would hopefully help decrease the overtime.

Mayor Tette mer inquired if one Dispatcher position would be adequate. Chief Talamantez discussed training and finding qualified people being the challenge. A brief discussion regarding steps to increase retention in that department took place. Chief Talamantez reported that perhaps pay raises for the Dispatchers would be helpful to make the City more marketable, a recognized increase. Manager Whitman reported, if Council approves this budget, he had funding for a pay study included. Vice Mayor Jarman recommended Chief Talamantez come back to Council in February and let Council know where he was with hiring Dispatchers, that he was not opposed to hiring a third Dispatcher. Chief Talamantez concurred.

Mayor Tette mer asked if Council was comfortable with the Police Department budget. Councilman Register asked Council to figure out a way to get Police Officers more money after the pay study comes out. Hearing and seeing no other comments, **Council was in support of the Police Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### Department: Fire Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Fire Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 38 of the packet. Director Gibson reported the department was broken out into two departments Fire/EMS and Beach Rescue. Director Gibson the department requests two (2) new full-time positions and machinery and equipment for this fiscal year. Director Gibson added that the department is seeking grant funding for the Mobile Command Center and LifePacks.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Mayor Tette mer noted he had the same question about over-time and would adding the two new positions reduce overtime. Chief Morgan explained the function of shift work, Officers currently helping out with inspections and taking training classes. Further discussion regarding firefighter overtime hours being built into the budget by nature of the work. Discussion regarding breaking out overtime in future budgets took place.

Mayor Tette mer inquired about the Chief of Training position. Chief Morgan explained the position was an industry standard and would report to our Deputy Chief. Chief Morgan added that the position mirrors what other agencies are doing and would be a pier level agency to agency position. Position and chain of command discussion took place. Discussion regarding overtime for the Fire Rescue Department took place. Further discussion regarding the Chief of Training position, including job duties and qualifications and needed certifications took place.

Councilmember Coburn and Councilman Register thanked Chief Morgan and his department for doing a great job.

Mayor Tette mer asked if Council if they were comfortable with the Fire Department budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Fire Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### Division of Fire Department Beach Safety Division

Director Gibson reviewed the Beach Rescue fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 53 of the packet. Director Gibson reported five (5) fulltime lifeguards were being proposed. Director Gibson reviewed the machinery and equipment included in this budget.

Mayor Tette mer called for questions from Council. Discussion regarding hiring new lifeguards and overtime took place. Chief Morgan reported that his team had put in an exorbitant amount of time and hopefully the

new positions would help reduce the amount of overtime. Councilman Casto expressed his support and added that the City was making progress.

Mayor Tetteimer asked if Council was comfortable with the Beach Rescue. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Beach Rescue Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

Department: Building Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Building Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 57 of the packet. Director Gibson reported the Department requests one (1) new full-time position and one replacement vehicle/ATV. Mayor Tetteimer invited Director Leonard to the podium.

Mayor Tetteimer called for questions from Council. Director Leonard explained the position would help his department retain a rating. Further discussion regarding the job duties of the Flood Permit Coordinator took place. Discussion regarding new FEMA Flood maps took place.

Mayor Tetteimer asked if Council if they were comfortable with the Building Department budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Building Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

Department: Street Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Street Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 61 of the packet. Director Gibson reported the department was requesting two new positions, a utility truck and fleet shop lift, program enhancements, and four capital improvement projects were included in this budget. Director Gibson reported Clarence Street improvements would be funded by ½ sales funds.

Mayor Tetteimer called for questions from Council. Mayor Tetteimer asked Council to consider funding parking around beach accesses. Assistant Manager White reported that certain funds could only be used for parking around beach access and capital only. Mayor Tetteimer proposed adding funding to the budget to do a study.

Mayor Tetteimer invited Mr. Passmore to the podium. Mr. Passmore discussed general engineering costs and the City not having a CRA parking study. Mayor Tetteimer asked Council to consider adding \$100,000 to the Street Department budget to fund a parking study at beach accesses. Further discussion regarding finishing the CRA before the study, ongoing negotiations with Bay County took place.

Vice Mayor Jarman inquired if the City completes a section on the CRA, how difficult would it be to overlay parking. Mr. Passmore discussed putting the retaining walls as far back as possible. Councilman Casto noted that he was not in favor of stopping the CRA to reengineer anything.

Councilmember Coburn recommended not kicking parking down the road, that it was a quality-of-life issue, and recommended funding a study. Vice Mayor Jarman noted he was for public parking. Councilman Register noted he was happy to do the study only if it does not slow the CRA progress.

Discussion regarding where funding might come from took place. Vice Mayor Jarman asked Mr. Passmore to get some ideas on the costs to do a parking study on Segment 4.3 only.

**All Councilmembers were in agreement by unanimous consent to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to CRA unrestricted for a parking study.**

Mayor Tette mer inquired with respect to the bulk waste program, should Council consider using an amnesty waste program just a couple times a year. City Manager Whitman noted that staff needed direction on the as the program was a pilot program, does Council want him to continue, modify, or do away with the program.

Mayor Tette mer called for comments from Council. Discussion regarding how the bulk waste program exactly works took place. Discussion regarding the agreements with the haulers took place. **All Councilmembers were in agreement: 1) keep the amenity but move it to 4 times per year pickup schedule, at staff’s discretion on how to do the scheduling, 2) continue with a pilot program for a year, and 3) Legal to review the franchise agreements for a future discussion.**

Manager Whitman asked Council for a motion to approve the TPO contribution in the amount of \$46,700.00. **Councilman Register moved to approve the funding of the TPO contribution, in the amount of \$46,700.00. Vice Mayor Jarman seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

Mayor Tette mer invited Ms. Lori Deaton to the podium. Ms. Deaton presented, and Ms. Fasone distributed, her presentation to Council. Ms. Deaton requested funding from the City for spay/neuter services for cats. Mayor Tette mer called for comments from Council. Further discussion regarding how the program might work took place. **Mayor Tette mer summarized: allocate \$40,000 for feral cats to be spay/neutered on the beach, with the details to be worked out by staff at another time. All Councilmembers were in favor by unanimous consent with adding \$40,000 to the Building Department’s budget for the program.**

Mayor Tette mer asked Council if they had anything else for the Street Department. Hearing and seeing no further comments.

Department: Library Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Library Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 73 of the packet. Director Gibson reported the Library was requesting \$100,000 for foundation repairs and within the Operating Expenditures Bay County was requesting an allocation of \$219,603.

Mayor Tette mer invited Director Joyner to the podium. Director Joyner reported that Mr. Jagers has confirmed that the foundation needs repaired. Director Joyner added that as the building is aging the bathrooms, HVAC and a new roof will be needed.

Mayor Tette mer asked Council if they were comfortable with the Library budget. Hearing and seeing no further comments, **Councilman Casto moved to approve the funding to the Library. Vice Mayor Jarman seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

Department: Recreation Department

Director Gibson reviewed the Recreation Department fund within the General Fund, beginning on page 77 of the packet. Director Gibson reported the Department was requesting one (1) new position for a Building and Grounds Service Worker and reviewed the CIP projects on page 81.

Mayor Tette mer called for comments on the Senior Center budget. Hearing and seeing none, **Vice Mayor Jarman moved to approve the Senior Center budget as presented. Councilman Register seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

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

Mayor Tette mer called for a motion to approve the contribution to the Boys & Girls Club. **Vice Mayor Jarman so moved. Councilman Casto seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the contribution to the Boys & Girls Club by a roll call vote (5-0).**

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

Mayor Tette mer asked for an update on the LED lights. Councilman Casto recommended that the TDC contribute to the funding of this project. Vice Mayor Jarman noted that he was in talks with the TDC right now. Councilman Register concurred. **Councilmembers agreed to leave the funding in the budget as is and then augment with any TDC funding if received.**

Discussion regarding the Park Shop and cosmetic updates to the Lyndell Center took place. Director Joyner discussed some of the projects probably rolling over to next year took place. Council members thanked Ms. Joyner and praised her staff. Director Joyner discussed the revenue received from the Lyndell Center.

Mayor Tette mer recommended reviewing the Parks fee schedule next year. Councilmembers concurred.

Mayor Tette mer opened comments on the Lyndell pickleball lighting upgrade. Councilmembers discussed the pros and cons of adding additional lights, complaints received by the neighborhood, and pushing the lighting upgrade to next year since new pickleball courts are being built at Frank Brown Park took place.

**Mayor Tette mer asked Council if they were in agreement with pushing the lighting upgrade out one year, voice vote (4-1) in favor.**

Vice Mayor Jarman	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	No
Councilman Register	Aye
Mayor Tette mer	Aye

Further discussion regarding Community Center and playground equipment upgrades took place.

Mayor Tettemer asked Council if they were comfortable with the Parks/Recreation Department budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Parks/Recreation Department Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

*At 10:50 a.m. Mayor Tettemer called for a 10-minute recess. Mayor Tettemer reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

Assistant City Manager White summarized the changes as: 1) moving the part-time Admin. Assistant to full-time; 2) adding \$40,000 for a citizens' academy; 3) transfer \$100,000 from the Street Department for a CRA parking study; 4) re-cost the bulk waste program to a 4-times per year pick-up; 5) adding \$40,000 for a spay/neuter program; and 6) moving the pickleball lighting upgrade project to next year, fiscal year 2026. Councilmembers concurred.

Director Gibson briefly reviewed revenues and noted that tracking was down about 1%. Hearing and seeing no further comments.

*Mayor Tettemer called for a brief lunch recess at 11:03 a.m. Mayor Tettemer reconvened the special meeting at 11:33 a.m.*

### **\*3. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, CRA FUND FY 2024 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the CRA FY 2024/2025 budget, beginning on page 109.

Mayor Tettemer noted this item was available to Council. Mayor Tettemer invited Mr. Passmore and Kathy to the podium. Further discussion regarding crosswalks, flashing lights, safety zones, islands/refuge areas took place. Discussion regarding Segments 4.1 and 4.2 and Powell Adams construction running concurrently, plans needing updated with respect to utility in Segment 4.3. Hills Road, Nautilus design process and right of way acquisition took place. Mayor Tettemer called for Council comments. Hearing and seeing none at this point.

Mayor Tettemer inquired if the maintenance worker would be cost shared. Director Younce stated she was open to cost sharing the employee as well as the machinery. Further discussion regarding the landscape contract increase detailed on page 119 took place. Mayor Tettemer asked for details on "CIP in Other." Manager Whitman explained that he would have Joey break that out better next year, we ran out of coding numbers this year. Mayor Tettemer asked the Managers to speak to the cash carry forward restricted TIF. Assistant Manager White reported that it was mostly an issue of timing, and the budgets were only estimates, and if the CIP costs were down then cash carry would be up. A brief discussion regarding the pipeline in Segment 5 took place.

Assistant Manager White reported when staff comes back to Council it will have a separate resolution for approval for the CRA agency.

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the CRA Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing.



Mayor Tettemer asked if Council if they were feeling good about the CRA budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the CRA Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### **4. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, STORMWATER FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the Stormwater FY 2024/2025 budget beginning on page 124 and noted that the machinery/equipment purchases, CIP projects and no personnel requested.

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the Stormwater Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tettemer called for additional questions from Council.

Mayor Tettemer inquired at what point do we consider the Outfall project non-viable. Manager Whitman explained the goal was to get the final permit from the Florida Dept. of Commerce, after that he would put the project out to bid, and then if there is a shortfall he would go back to DC to request additional funding. Mayor Tettemer inquired if the grant funding received could be reprogramed. Manager Whitman stated no that it would need to go back to the State. Councilman Casto noted until we go out to bid, we don't know if there is a shortfall. Manager Whitman concurred.

Mayor Tettemer asked if Council if they were feeling good about the Stormwater budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Stormwater Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### **5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, UTILITY FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the Utility Fund Budget as well as the Water Budget beginning on page 139 of the packet. Director Gibson reviewed some of the larger capital projects and noted the request for 11 new positions.

Manager Whitman reminded the public that Mark's department controls the entire island, bridge to bridge, not just city limits.

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the Utility Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tettemer called for questions from Council and invited Director Shaeffer to the podium.

Director Shaeffer discussed the wholesale purchase of water and electricity costs. Director Shaeffer discussed various water and wastewater capital projects, including McElvey ground storage tanks, watermain relocations, new utilities and admin support building, automated water meter reading program, discussion regarding the function/responsibility of a landscaper getting access to meters and maintaining 180 lift station sites.

Mayor Tettemer asked the Director to talk Council through the West Laird transmission mains and St. Joe's contribution. Mayor Tettemer asked the Director to talk Council through the Bid-A-Wee subdivision watermain replacements bid and the submission being modified to hopefully get responses.

Mayor Tettemer called for any other questions on the CIP projects. Hearing and seeing none.

Further discussion regarding new positions being requested, including the Impact Fee Coordinator, Lift Station Attendant and Procurement Specialist. Attorney Davis spoke in favor of hiring a Utilities Procurement Specialist as Mark's department was the largest purchaser of goods.

Councilmember Coburn inquired about amending the ordinance for cable notifications. Attorney Davis noted that he was working on the right of way ordinance, that he decided to split the ordinances into two; we carved out the notification piece to bring that to Council quicker.

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the Utility Fund Budget beginning on page 141 and noted that personnel and facilities were allocated over the two funds discussed.

Director Shaeffer reviewed the larger capital projects including, Waste Water Treatment facility improvements, 12 Lift Station upgrades, Laguna Beach Septic to Sewer project, West Laird Fore Main, sewer main relocations, and a new utilities admin and support building.

Mayor Tetteimer asked Director Shaeffer to talk through the Conservation Park improvements. Director Shaeffer detailed the proposed improvements. Vice Mayor Jarman inquired as to the status of the additional 700 acres. Manager Whitman reported we were at the finish line; the State was working hard for us, so I want to thank them. Vice Mayor Jarman inquired about the need to increase capacity. Director Shaeffer reported he would come to the Council for a decision on whether to expand current facilities or add a new facility.

Mayor Tetteimer asked if Council if they were feeling good about this budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Utility Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### **6. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, PIER FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the Pier FY 2024 /2025 budget and projected revenues beginning on page 167 of the packet.

Mayor Tetteimer opened the public hearing on the Pier Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tetteimer closed the public hearing.

Mayor Tetteimer called for questions from Council. Discussion regarding salaries took place. Discussion regarding the purchase of a mini track loader and how it would be used took place.

Mayor Tetteimer inquired as to why there was such a high cash carry forward. Ms. St. Germain explained that was our reserve balance. Assistant City Manager concurred and noted that that reserve fund was steadily declining over the last number of years.

Mayor Tetteimer inquired admissions revenues was mostly from visitors. Director Joyner reported on spectators and fisherman and noted that she did not have a way to know if those attending were visitors or residents. Mayor Tetteimer asked staff to look at a way to have a few free days on the Pier for residents. Manager Whitman noted that he would do that when he brings back the fee schedule/rates for Council to consider. Councilmembers concurred.

Mayor Tettemer called for additional questions from Council. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Tettemer asked Council if they were feeling good about this budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the Pier Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

#### **7. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, AQUATIC CENTER FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson briefly reviewed the Aquatics FY 2024 /2025 budget and projected revenues beginning on page 178.

Mayor Tettemer called for questions from Council. Discussion regarding replacing heaters, overhead lighting and shower stall upgrades and the cash carry forward balance took place.

A brief discussion regarding the proposed rock wall took place. Mayor Tettemer noted that he was not in favor of the rock wall at this time. Councilman Register concurred. Councilman Casto noted he did not know that the City would get its money back on the investment. Councilman Register recommended that staff bring back more options for the deep end. Councilmember Coburn concurred and recommended the funds go toward the lighting and locker room upgrades.

Discussion regarding the cost of personnel took place. Discussion regarding perhaps renting out the pool took place. Attorney Davis reported that his office had looked at this in the past and some people run into some tension with respect to coving insurance because they don't have the resources. Councilman Casto asked staff to look at ways to cover the personnel costs of the ballfields as well. Mayor Tettemer concurred and asked staff to look at ways to cover personnel costs for the pool and the ballfields. Councilmembers concurred and noted they would prefer to push out the rock wall purchase.

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the Aquatics Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing.

#### **8. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM, IT INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FY 2024/2025 BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Gibson noted that last year staff set up an internal service fund for IT since other departments pay into that fund. Director Gibson reviewed the budget beginning on page 191 and noted that this budget cannot show a profit since it is an internal service fund. Director Gibson reviewed the project and machinery requests beginning on page 194.

Mayor Tettemer asked Director Warren to speak to the ERP project. Director Warren reviewed the benefits of an ERP system. Mayor Tettemer noted that he was excited about this project. Discussion regarding why the city has wired phones and upgrades to the fuel pumps took place.

Mayor Tettemer called for comments from Council. Vice Mayor Jarman noted he was excited about the fiber project. Director Warren described some of the benefits that will come with the fiber project.

Mayor Tettemer opened the public hearing on the IT Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Tettemer closed the public hearing.

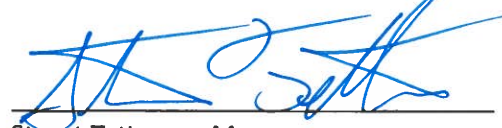
Mayor Tettemer called for additional questions from Council. Mayor Tettemer asked Council if they were feeling good about this budget. Hearing and seeing no comments, **all were in support of the IT Fund FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented, by unanimous consent.**

Manager Whitman thanked the departments heads for their help with the budget. Mayor Tettemer concurred and thanked the Finance Department for their hard work on the budget.

With nothing further, Mayor Tettemer adjourned the budget workshop / special meeting by unanimous consent at 1:06 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA



Stuart Tettemer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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