

# City of **Panama City Beach**

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**MINUTES** of the **September 26, 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.

State of Florida Executive Order 24-111 and City Emergency Order No. 24-01 in place due to Hurricane Helene.

Mayor Stuart Tettemer called the September 26, 2024 regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

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

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, Chief of Police Eusebio Talamantez, staff members and members of the public.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Ramon Duvall with Beachside Fellowship Church led the invocation. Councilman Ethan Register led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Tettemer noted, in the interest of time, community announcements were posted online, and printed copies were in the back of the room.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Tettemer called for approval of the September 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Hearing and seeing no comments, Vice Mayor Jarman moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Register seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes by a (5-0) roll call vote.

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

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Tettemer called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. City Manager Whitman recommended moving **Employee Presentations** scheduled for today to the second meeting in October (10/24/2024).

Mayor Tettemer called for additional changes. 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 amended agenda by a (5-0) roll call vote.

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

#### **UPDATE ON HURRICAN HELENE**

Mayor Tettemer asked City Manager Whitman for an update on the storm. Manager Whitman thanked the City's department heads and staff for their assistance with getting the city ready. Manager Whitman explained he and staff had been preparing for the storm for over a week. Manager Whitman further reported on the City's readiness, including the Police Department, Fire Department, and Utilities Department, lowering Lullwater Lake, and clearing out the outfalls. Manager Whitman noted the storm appeared to be tracking to the east and would hit somewhere in the big bend area. Manager Whitman offered thoughts and prayers to our neighbors to the east and added that the City could send resources to help out when it was safe to do so. Manager Whitman reported on the expected wind gusts. Manager Whitman noted he was very proud of department heads and staff and the teams were ready.

Mayor Tettemer thanked Manager Whitman and invited Council comments. Councilman Register thanked Manager Whitman for being a great leader.

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

Mayor Tettemer invited public comment. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Tettemer closed that public comment period.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Tettemer asked Clerk Fasone to read the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-180, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM NORTH AMERICAN FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY AS AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR FOR LION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,258.00; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OREGON LEAGUE OF CITIES CONTRACT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-181, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LEASE OF THIRTEEN MULTIFUNCTIONAL COPIER MACHINES FROM RJ YOUNG COMPANY INCLUDING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE IN THE BASIC ANNUAL AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS PLUS ADDITIONAL CHARGES AS PROVIDED IN THE BODY OF THE AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-182, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE FIRE STATION 31 REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-183, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, RENEWING ALL PERILS PROPERTY, GENERAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND CYBER LIABILITY, WORKERS COMPENSATION, AND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FROM FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. FOR A COMBINED ANNUAL PREMIUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,694,939.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-184, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR AN INITIAL ANNUAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$102,000.00.

ACTION BY MOTION, CONTINUATION OF MANDATORY SICK LEAVE PAYOUT PROGRAM.

Mayor Tettemer noted the Consent Agenda was available to Council. Councilman 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.

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

<u>CITY MANAGER REPORT</u> – Manager Whitman thanked the men and women who would be working in the storm tonight and noted he had assigned Assistant City Manager White representatives from the Police and Fire Departments to the EOC under they stand down. Manager Whitman thanked Legal for helping draft the Emergency Order.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – No report.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Mayor Tettemer called for comments from Council.

Councilman Casto thanked all of the city employees for preparing the City for the storm and thanked the employees who would be out in the storm keeping us safe this evening.

Councilman Register noted the City was blessed to have such a great team, and he was thankful for the leadership of Council and the City Manager.

Councilmember Coburn noted, in the essence of saving a little time this morning, she echoed all of the sentiments and was extremely grateful for all the work going into preparing for the storm.

Vice Mayor Jarman noted there were a lot of unsung heroes during these times and he appreciated and recognized their work and expertise to keep the City safe. Vice Mayor Jarman thanked Holly and the Police and Fire representatives at the EOC. Vice Mayor Jarman asked residents to stay safe and prepare accordingly.

Mayor Tettemer echoed those comments and recommended residents hunker down, do not go sightseeing, stay tuned to local news and sign-up at <u>AlertBay.org</u> to receive emergency updates.

With nothing further, Mayor Tettemer adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:11 a.m.

**READ AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2024.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

Stuart Tettemer, Mayor

Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

<sup>\*</sup> ACTION ITEMS NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK ARE TAKEN BOTH BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PANAMA CITY BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINTLY AND CONCURRENTLY. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FOREGOING MINUTES AND A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE MINUTES, THE FOREGOING MINUTES SHALL CONTROL.