

The 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, held on May 10, 2018.

ROLL

MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:

PAUL CASTO

PHIL CHESTER

GEOFF MCCONNELL

HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:

MARIO GISBERT

ACTING CITY CLERK:

MARY JAN BOSSERT

CITY ATTORNEY:

AMY MYERS

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 6 P.M. with Council Members, City Manager, Acting City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Police Chaplain John Woodrow of the Gulfview United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Councilman Chester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2018 were read. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Minutes as prepared. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Councilman Casto asked to add a discussion about the updated pay plan study. There were no objections. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

PRESENTATIONS

1 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. Councilman Chester introduced Mr. Lane Epperson and presented him with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Beach Boys and Girls Club. He then congratulated Mr. Epperson. The audience responded with applause.

2 "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" & "PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY" PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION TO CHIEF WHITMAN. Councilman Chester presented Chief Whitman with the proclamation that proclaims May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and May 12-18, 2018 as "National Police Week". The audience responded with applause. Chief Whitman thanked the Council and asked them not to forget Sergeant Kevin Kight who lost his life protecting the City on March 27, 2005.

3 "GIRLS INCORPORATED WEEK" PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION, AND GIRL OF THE YEAR. Councilman Chester presented the proclamation to Ms. Rebecca Nelson that proclaims May 7-11, 2018 as "Girls Incorporated Week" in Panama City Beach. Ms. Nelson recognized Raeanna Yates as the Beach Center Girl of the Year. The audience responded with applause.

4 "ST ANDREW BAY QUILTERS GUILD 40TH ANNIVERSARY" PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION. Councilman Chester presented the proclamation to Ms. Nancy Davis to proclaim May 10, 2018 as the 40th Anniversary of the Saint Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild". Ms. Davis stated the Quilt Guild has grown to 177 members and thanked the Council. The audience responded with applause.

5 "NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK" PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION. Councilman Chester presented the proclamation to Chief Couch to declare May 6-12, 2018 as "National Arson Awareness Week 2018 – Reducing Arson at Vacant and Abandoned Buildings". Chief Couch shared statistics with the audience. He asked everyone to report suspected arson. The audience responded with applause.

6 CHECK PRESENTATION BY IRONMAN FLORIDA TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR COPS N' KIDS. Ben Rausa, Florida Ironman race director, thanked the Council for allowing them to continue the event in this community. The event is 36 years old and is close to 1,750 athletes this year. He presented a check to Chief Whitman in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Cops N' Kids. Chief Whitman thanked Mr. Rausa. The audience responded with applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (REGULAR NON-PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSENT ITEMS)
Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 6:22 P.M. and invited comments.

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Items by title.

1 RESOLUTION 18-86, THE GRAND SLAM BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT OPENING CEREMONY PARADES. *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing temporary closures of portions of Pier Park Drive, L.C.Hilton Jr Drive, Sea Monkey Way, and Longboard Way on the afternoons of June 17, June 24, July 2, and July 22, 2018, for the "The Grand Slam Baseball World Series Tournament Opening Ceremony Parades."*

2 RESOLUTION 18-88, RATIFY FDOT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF GAYLE'S TRAILS AND EXECUTION OF MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT. *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, ratifying the FDOT Grant Agreement related to the construction of a portion of Gayle's Trails east of Colony Club; and expressly authorizing the City Manager to execute a Maintenance Memorandum Agreement related to that project."*

3 RESOLUTION 18-90, MSA TASK ORDER 7, TETRA TECH INC., QUARTERLY HYDROLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING OF THE CONSERVATION PARK. *"A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida authorizing approval of an Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for hydrologic and environmental monitoring of the Conservation Park, in the amount of \$110,420; and providing an immediately effective date."*

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 RESOLUTION 18-84, INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, LLC MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT MAJOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES AND TASK ORDER #1. Ms. Myers read Resolution 18-84 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 18-84. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 18-89, FLORIDA FIXED INCOME TRUST PARTICIPATION. Ms. Myers read Resolution 18-89 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 18-89. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 3 ORDINANCE 1452, UPDATING CHAPTER 25 RELATING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1452 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Ordinance 1452. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 4 ORDINANCE 1453, PAINTING OF BOARDS, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1453 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilman Chester asked how much money we are going to spend on matching. Ms. Myers explained the City is not spending any of its own money. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Ordinance 1453. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 5 ORDINANCE 1454, AMENDING LDC RELATING TO WINDOW SIGNS, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1454 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1454. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 6 ORDINANCE 1459, PROHIBITING SEMITRAILERS AND TRUCK TRACTOR PARKING ON UNPAVED ROW, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1459 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Ordinance 1459. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 7 ORDINANCE 1460, UPDATING CHAPTER 12 RELATING TO GARBAGE AND TRASH, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1460 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1460. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 8 RESOLUTION 18-91, BAY PARKWAY SEGMENT 2 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GORTEMOLLER ENGINEERING, TASK ORDER 2018-01, DIRECTION TO USE HALF-CENT SALES TAX REVENUE, AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #24. Ms. Myers read Resolution 18-91 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments; there were none. **Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 18-91. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Councilman Casto	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 9 PAY PLAN DISCUSSION. Councilman Casto stated at the last meeting, the City Manager mentioned doing a pay study for the City employees. He stated historically we have done a pay study every four years, and it's that time again. Councilman Casto stated The City's biggest expense is our personnel and they should all be reviewed. Mr. Gisbert explained the study included every department within the City. Councilman Casto said he was surprised it was a partial pay study. Mr. Gisbert explained it was recommended by Evergreen to do a sampling study. Discussion ensued. **Councilman Casto made a motion to do a pay study that includes all employees. Second was made by Councilman Chester. After discussion of the motion, Councilman Casto withdrew his motion to give the Council time to review the Pay Plan.**

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

1 Mr. Burnie Thompson, 301 Lullwater Drive. Mr. Thompson asked if the Council had to go through the metal detectors. The Council should have to follow the same rules. He submitted a letter from the Florida Elections Commission. He questioned Councilman Solis' properties being up to code.

2 Jim Phillips – 212 Wiregrass. Mr. Phillips stated there were several dirty acts during the Council election. He thinks Councilman Casto is a powerful addition to the City Council and his 40 years with the City will bring a lot of insight.

3 Ms. Genese Hatcher – 203 S Wells Street. Ms. Hatcher commented about the situation at her rental homes being labeled an imminent danger. She stated Councilman Solis is in violation of the same thing on his property. Council Members should be held to the same standards.

4 Cynthia Bricker – City Resident. Ms. Bricker stated the Council should have to follow rules, just as the citizens.

5 Tim Sowell – 611 Poinsettia Drive. Mr. Sowell stated the people feel like they are being ruled. He asked the Council to follow the same rules of law. He stated a good leader leads by example, not by setting rules and making everyone else follow them.

6 Matthew Bush – 170 Crane Street. Mr. Bush stated the citizens should not be scanned coming into a Council meeting. He hopes the Council is worried more about our children's safety at the schools instead of grown adults in the Council meeting.

The Delegations portion of the meeting was closed at 6:57 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman McConnell stated he did not do the things accused of during the campaign process. He elaborated.

Councilman Solis stated he passed his inspections and had letters stating compliance; it is all public record. He also read a letter from a wounded warrior. He mentioned how the warrior praised how well he was treated on the Warrior Beach Retreat and thanked everyone in Panama City Beach.

Councilman Chester stated he will get with Mr. Steve Moss on the Mutual Aid Agreement regarding school security.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 24th of May, 2018.

IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FOREGOING MINUTES AND A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE MINUTES, THE FOREGOING MINUTES SHALL CONTROL.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk