

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, conducted on June 26, 2014.

ROLL

MAYOR GAYLE F. OBERST

COUNCILORS:
JOHN REICHARD
RICK RUSSELL
JOSIE STRANGE
KEITH CURRY

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
CITY CLERK:
HOLLY J. WHITE
CITY ATTORNEY:
DOUG SALE

Mayor Oberst called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M., with all the Council, the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Deacon Phil Chester of the Gulf Beach Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Oberst led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Hearing none, **the Agenda was accepted as prepared.**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2014 were read and approved per the **motion by Councilman Russell. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for comments; there were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

1 RESOLUTION 14-81, BIDS- STREET RESURFACING FY2014. *Staff solicited bids for the resurfacing of Youpon St., Lyndell Lane between Front Beach Road and Middle Beach Road and portions of Azalea St., Wisteria St., Dogwood St., Alf Coleman Road, Lullwater Drive and Fernwood St. for fiscal year 2014. Three (3) bidders responded. Roberts and Roberts, Inc. submitted the lowest total base bid in the amount of \$202,850.00. Attached a copy of the bid tabulation for review.*

STAFF RECOMMENDS *Council award the resurfacing lump sum base bid to Roberts and Roberts, Inc. in the amount of \$202,850.00. This project is budgeted and will be funded primarily by Street Department funds. A total of \$12,730.50 will come out of the Wastewater Utility funds for 50% of the cost to resurface Azalea St. due to sewer line failures causing some sink holes on this road. "BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate Officers of the City are authorized but not required to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain Agreement between the City and Roberts and Roberts, Inc., relating to the resurfacing of portions of various City streets, in the basic amount of \$202,850.00, in substantially the form attached and presented to the Council today, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager, whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval."*

Ms. White presented the Consent Agenda by title. **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilwoman Strange.** The Mayor called for comments and there were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Reichard	Aye
Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

1. ITEM NO. 1 “PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH” PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION. Mayor Oberst invited Mr. Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Director, to the podium as she read portions of the Proclamation declaring the July as “Parks and Recreation Month”. Mr. Ponek thanked the Council for the Proclamation and said now the beaches, the Pier and the Aquatic Center were all under the one department, Parks and Recreation. He detailed the numerous softball teams currently playing at Frank Brown Park as well as the teams coming next week. He advised that the Park was hosting soccer and basketball camps, beach volleyball, as well as doubling the number of swim lessons at the Pool. He reminded everyone about the Summer Concert Series at Aaron Bessant Park Amphitheater and said a concert would be held tonight. He said now a kid’s area had been added as well as food vendors.

Councilman Russell asked about the Pier. Mr. Ponek said he did not have the numbers yet but the revenue was up. The fishing had been incredible.

Mr. Ponek said the Park was currently hosting 116 softball teams, with 154 coming in next week and 300+ teams in July. He said with these tournaments for the next six weeks, the Park was running almost twenty-four hours per day as the teams played from 7 A.M. to midnight. Mr. Gisbert said the Park had more part-time employees but less overtime from the full-time employees. He commended Mr. Ponek for his Staff. The audience responded with applause.

2. ITEM NO. 2 TRASH RECEPTACLES ON FRONT BEACH ROAD. Mayor Oberst asked the Council to consider looking at the trash situation on Front Beach Road again as she agreed with the people who complained that it was embarrassing to see the trash cans out at the road. She said a few residents still lived on Front Beach Road but for the rental houses, merely one trash can would not hold the trash from numerous people for a week. She said trash cans were turned over with the lids open after pickup. She said the City had the Ordinance prohibiting trash cans left at the street over twenty-four hours but with four or five companies picking up trash on the beach, Code Enforcement would not know when the trash was placed at the street. She asked if the Ordinance could be tweaked to require a fence, such as a little picket fence, enclosing the trash cans at the residential areas on Front Beach Road. Some of the companies already went to the door for the cans, emptied them, and returned them to their original location. She said it might cost the owner a dollar or two more per month but it would make Front Beach Road look better. Councilwoman Strange agreed.

Councilman Curry asked why this could not apply City-wide. He said he thought it was a great idea and the Mayor suggested starting on Front Beach Road first and see how it worked. She also thanked Mr. Joe Kennedy, Mr. Trash, who had met with her and shared his thoughts and suggestions. The Mayor suggested contacting with the other trash companies and talking with them as well. There were no objections.

3. ITEM NO 3 CITY MANAGER UPDATE. Mr. Gisbert said one issue Staff had been exploring was changing the traffic pattern at the Frank Brown Park entrance long-term. When a Special Event was occurring, everyone leaving the main parking lot was required to turn right which would preclude anyone trying to go eastbound. He distributed a handout which illustrated Mandy Lane being strictly a westbound exit, and if someone wanted to go eastbound, they would be forced to take one of the internal roads to Pier Park Drive to reach the traffic light at the Parkway. He said if this was something the Council liked, the road would need to re-striped and it would take some driver training. He said this had been done for Special Events but not long-term. If this project moved forward, a larger sign would be installed with barriers to prevent eastbound turns. Mr. Alaghemand had prepared the drawing which had already been reviewed by Mr. Ponek and Chief Whitman. Councilwoman Strange said it was a good idea. Councilman Reichard agreed and voiced concern about u-turns on the Parkway. He said he thought a holding area would be needed for those drivers and Mr. Gisbert reminded that FDOT had just redone the turn lanes west of Mandy Lane.

For the August 14th Council meeting date, this coincided with the Florida League of Cities annual Conference and currently two Council members and possibly a third planned to be at the Conference. Mayor Oberst, Councilman Russell and Councilman Curry were going to be out of town. Mr. Gisbert said he wanted to advise the public that a meeting would be held but there would not be a quorum. The Mayor said if the City Manager determined that a meeting was needed, a Special Meeting could be called.

Mr. Gisbert said he, the Police Chief and numerous people had been meeting concerning the Spring Break issues and one was the additional K-9 units. He said the City had received sufficient support from the business community with the goal for three dogs; two specialized in drugs and the other explosives. He said the City had reached the goal of Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars for this year, Ten Thousand Dollars for next year and Five Thousand Dollars for the following year. He said other people in the community had also committed to fund raiser events. He said if the Council approved the idea of getting the three K-9s, then he would plan to bring a Budget Amendment to the next meeting in order to move forward. There were no objections to the K-9 purchases.

Regarding the stormwater issues for the Glades and the Highlands, Staff had received some monies through grants. He said it looked like the money would be available to benefit the Highland Commons area that would add two new pipes under Front Beach Road. This would encompass cutting the roadway and sidewalks and patching them. The grant would fully fund that project and he would bring back a scheduling plan. Councilman Reichard asked if the City had received the grant and Ms. Jenkins said the grant had been approved by the State and forwarded to FEMA for their review.

Mr. Gisbert said another item for the July 24th meeting involved a telecommunications tower application from Telecomm Tower. The rules were now that the Council had to make a decision within 90 days of the approved submittal. He said the submittal had been received but it had not yet been approved due to the company stalling the process. He said he did not want the City caught in a technicality so he would like this on the regular meeting. Mr. Gisbert continued that it had to go to the Planning Board but as this type of Conditional Use, it must come to the Council. He said if the Council did not take action within the 90 days, it was an automatic approval.

Mr. Gisbert closed by saying that the Barnacle Bay land sale closing was scheduled for Monday.

FLOOR ITEM

ITEM 1 SPRING BREAK. Ms. Lynda Killingsworth, resident of 8815 Thomas Drive, said she had watched the live streaming for the past few months concerning Spring Break, and stated that she was moving into the County. She distributed photos taken on the beach and said the behaviors on the sand were violating the law yet the State Attorney would not take any action.

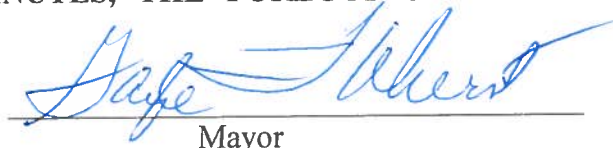
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM 1 ACTIVITIES. Mayor Oberst said the Summer Concert Series was happening tonight. City Hall offices would be closed July 4th for the holiday. The Veterans were having a July 4th ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Aaron Bessant Park on July 4th at 9 A.M. She said music would be at the Amphitheater at 7 P.M, followed by fireworks.


With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M. She said the public was invited to stay for the continuance of the Special Rehearing.

READ AND APPROVED this 10th of July, 2014.

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

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