

The Emergency Meeting of the City Council of the
City of Panama City Beach, Florida, conducted on
March 28, 2015.

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MAYOR GAYLE F. OBERST

COUNCILORS:
JOHN REICHARD
RICK RUSSELL
JOSIE STRANGE
KEITH CURRY

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY:
AMY MYERS

Mayor Oberst called the Emergency meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., with all the Council, the City Manager and Assistant City Attorney present. She said the Council had talked about Spring Break at the regular Council meeting Thursday and that was not the purpose of today's called meeting. This meeting was not to repeat comments from Thursday's meeting but rather to talk about the event which occurred this morning and if any actions were necessary. The Mayor said there had been some question about the legality of this meeting and Ms. Myers confirmed that the Mayor or three Council members had the authority to call an emergency meeting and reasonable notice had been given.

Mayor Oberst gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Reichard asked Councilman Curry for his reasons to request this emergency meeting. Councilman Curry said on Thursday, he had asked the business community and the TDC to help with additional resources for law enforcement. He said after riding the beach for the last two nights, he felt our City was being overrun and questioned what it would take for serious action to be taken by the Council to get the situation under control. He suggested a short-term solution by instituting a midnight curfew on all bars, no drinking on the beach, asking the TDC for some money and allotting funds from the City to give the Chief the resources he needed to patrol this bad element. Councilman Reichard said the City's plan had been to implement the seventeen changes which were done. He said many hours had been spent developing that plan and it would be reviewed after Spring Break, to see what worked and what did not work. Mayor Oberst asked Chief Whitman to give some details about the shooting which had occurred outside of the City limits.

Chief Whitman said a tragic event had occurred at a house party and seven people were shot. He said he could not go into a lot of details as it was still under investigation. Most of the kids were college-age kids but he did not know if they were attending college or not. Supposedly they caught the shooting suspect and that was something the Sheriff and his team were working.

Councilman Reichard asked the Chief if he knew the suspect's age or if it could be determined before the meeting was over. Chief Whitman said he would find out that information if it could be released since it was an open investigation. He said he thought all of the kids were from Alabama. He could not give more details and had not visited the scene but had sent some of his officers for assistance. He said it was chaos because there were over 100 people in the house. Chief Whitman said his worst fears had been for the neighborhoods and he blamed the people who rented those houses because they knew a house party would be held there. He said they had closed another house party about three weeks ago with eighty people inside a residential area.

Mr. Gisbert asked Chief Whitman how law enforcement dealt with house parties. Chief Whitman said the best way to deal with house parties was to ask the community when they saw a large gathering in the neighborhood to please call the police so they could react to the situation.

Councilman Russell asked if there was a charge to attend a house party like that. Chief Whitman said he had seen where there was a fee charged and then sometimes the party was free. However, a majority of time, there was a cover fee. The house party three weeks ago began by inviting a few girls but then social media took over and eighty cars came to the party. Chief Whitman said that party was dispersed because they patrolled the neighborhoods, his #1 priority.

Councilman Curry asked the Chief how many more officers were needed. Chief Whitman said he did not know what number to give because his men and women were doing the best they could with what they had. The Chief said he had 58 sworn officers and had brought in Mutual Aid officers from Washington County who were doing a wonderful job, 10 men sent from a force

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of 16. Sheriff McKeithen gave the City all the officers he could and had brought officers in from Leon County, Walton County, and Holmes County. The Chief said he had received only a few officers from Panama City because they were dealing with their own issues. The City also brought in FHP but could not ask for help from too far away because there was no place for housing when the officers were here. Councilman Curry said he would reach out to the business owners and TDC to get the Chief the resources he needed to get this City under control.

Chief Whitman said an additional twenty officers would be great year-round, not merely for Spring Break, which would allow for six additional officers per shift and another two investigators. He said he used most of his resources at night but still needed a presence during the day.

Councilman Curry asked about the number of guns confiscated by the City and County. Chief Whitman said his officers were taking every illegal gun as possible and took guns last night. He said FHP turned confiscated guns over to the County which could explain their larger inventory. He said guns had been seized last night because a different element was in town now.

Councilman Reichard asked if there were any other serious incidences last night. Chief Whitman replied there were crowds and some beer bottles thrown at the Waffle House but there were enough officers nearby which could respond. Councilman Reichard said the crowds were not as large as last year because businesses had been visited by the Chief and City Manager and had initiated towing programs. The Chief agreed and said a lot of businesses had assisted but there were still some who had failed to help. Ms. Clair Pease had cleaned up Laketown Wharf and the Bennetts, the Hundleys and the Hiltons did great jobs on their properties. He continued that he wanted to shut down Club Fahrenheit as they did not have adequate parking and would have 500 kids in line to enter the Club. The kids circled to find somewhere to park and almost 10 officers were stationed there to deal with traffic. The owner had Freaknik being advertised out of Atlanta and although he had said he would stop the advertisements, the Chief received another one for next weekend. Regarding the other club, Shuckums had parking but other parking areas were being invaded which was being addressed.

Councilman Reichard said some of these properties had been grandfathered which would permit so few parking spaces. Chief Whitman said this was the reason he recommended doing away with grandfathering and institute a sunset law. Councilman Russell suggested doing away with grandfathering altogether. Chief Whitman continued that there was another place across from Club Fahrenheit that in his opinion should not be there and would be a problem. He said he was using sorely needed resources for only one establishment. Mr. Gisbert said it was awkward to count the number of patrons to determine if it was above capacity and be able to close the club.

Councilman Curry said the City's plan was not working. Councilwoman Strange said there was a problem when the law enforcement presence was so heavy on the road. She said she rode with the Beach Police and she saw the problems which were horrible and dangerous. She agreed with Councilman Curry in that what was being done now was not working. She said she had warned the Council this would happen. Councilman Curry said the changes made last year had tried to correct problems but the situations had not improved. Councilman Reichard disagreed and said he thought most of the seventeen changes were working, such as the dogs and the ID's on the beach. Chief Whitman said some of the tools were working. There were a lot of business owners who had sacrificed to contribute toward these changes. Councilman Reichard said he was not saying that Councilman Curry was wrong but that this seemed to be another kneejerk reaction which he had adamantly opposed on other issues. Changing the rules today would not be fair to those people coming today to the beach.

Councilwoman Strange asked if this was the last weekend of Spring Break. Chief Whitman said law enforcement was gearing up for another big weekend next weekend due to the intel from the flyers at Club Fahrenheit. He said most of the college Spring Break was over, with one big event, the College Spring Weekend, to be held at the Hilton properties.

Mayor Oberst reminded that the Ordinance making the changes designated Spring Break as March 1 through March 31st. Councilwoman Strange said for next weekend, all of the changes ceased. Mr. Gisbert said not all of the changes, just the alcohol sales stopping at 2 A.M. would sunset.

Councilman Strange asked the Chief if the City adopted some emergency Ordinances, which solution would be best from the original McKeithen five recommendations. Councilman Russell asked Ms. Myers if a second reading would be required for an Emergency Ordinance. She replied that a second reading would not be required but a record must be built which established what was being done, why it was an emergency and how it would address the problems. Councilman Russell said the seventeen changes already made would be a foundation for any changes for next year's Spring Break. He suggested the Council and Staff meet with the County Commission and their Staff. Councilman Curry said that was a great idea.

Councilman Reichard stated that it had been said some of the Council members were “pro big Clubs” and “pro Spring Break” because other members were vocally against such issues. He said this did not necessarily mean the others were for the issues and would place them in a bad predicament. He said the Council members were trying to take actions as right as possible for as many people as possible.

Mayor Oberst said she did not know what could be done today that would make an immediate difference. She questioned how the incoming 50,000 to 100,000 visitors would be informed if alcohol was banned on the sandy beach and how the police would enforce its prohibition. She said prohibiting private house parties would more address the circumstances for this morning’s shooting. She said she thought this was today’s society and reminded that Panama City had more shootings in two weeks, which did not make it right but that the City did not want that type of activity out here. She said she thought the Council needed to think more and not make rash decisions. She added that the TDC was bound by legislation on how their funds were spent so the Council could not say that the City wanted more money. Mayor Oberst reported that the largest revenue months were July, June, May, August and then March. She said she was worried about the City’s economy as well as Bay County’s because it was a tourist business.

Councilman Curry asked about the TDC having already given money for law enforcement this year. The Mayor explained it was given in a different manner than merely law enforcement as legal advice years ago had been that the citizens could not be charged for police power because that was one of the obligations of the City. The TDC funds were given for safety for special events. Councilman Curry suggested the TDC could continue in that same vein for more funds for the Police and Sheriff. He said crime was up this year and both the Chief and Sheriff had brought in more people to handle the crimes. He said he thought the Council could take some measures today to protect the citizens and visitors.

Councilman Curry made the motion for no alcohol on the sandy beach, midnight closing for all bars, and all measures extended to April 18, 2015. Furthermore, he would request more safety funds from the TDC. Ms. Myers said this would take an Emergency Ordinance to accomplish those changes. She asked for further discussion to address how these actions would be the solution to protect the crowds that were being preyed upon and to address why Spring Break was being expanded. That discussion would build the record for the Emergency Ordinance. Councilman Curry said closing the bars at midnight would allow Law Enforcement more time to spread out the battle plan for the day. He said this might not be popular with the business owners but he felt it was necessary for more control. Regarding the no alcohol on the beach, this would give notice that the Council was attempting to change the image of the beach. Chief Whitman had said he needed more law enforcement year-round. He said he was concerned because of the Freaknik here this weekend with another to occur next weekend and this would allow more control.

Councilwoman Strange said she did not agree with the midnight closing. She stood behind allowing the people to drink in the clubs but not on the sandy beach until April 18th. She was not saying year round for no alcohol on the sandy beach. **Councilwoman Strange seconded the motion.**

Councilman Curry amended his motion to close the bars at 2 A.M. and no alcohol on the sandy beach until April 18, 2015. Councilwoman Strange amended her second. Councilman Russell asked how law enforcement would be able to enforce the prohibition of alcohol for the visitors who were just coming to the beach. Councilwoman Strange said social media could spread the word. Councilman Reichard commented about the Leave No Trace being advertised over a two year period in order to spread the word. Councilman Russell said he might see an Ordinance to that effect for next year but not right now. He said it would be very hard to enforce.

Councilwoman Strange asked Chief Whitman for his opinion. The Chief said he could not close the bars at midnight. He did not have the resources for that. The 2 A.M. was working great and the kids inside the clubs were not a problem. He said the kids in the parking lots were the problem. The alcohol on the sandy beach could be enforced, it would be difficult but would give the tool to approach big crowds and tell them to take the coolers off the beach. Councilman Russell asked Councilman Curry if he would amend his motion to ban coolers from the sandy beach instead of banning alcohol on the sandy beach. Councilman Curry said no.

Mayor Oberst said personally she did not think the Council had established the grounds for Ms. Myers for the Emergency Ordinance. Ms. Myers said this would be in two steps: the first step would be for the Council to determine if they wished to pursue those changes, and if so, then build that record. She said at this point, she did not know if the Council could build that record and if she could recommend that the Council could adopt the Emergency Ordinance. The Mayor called for audience comments and reminded about the Three Minute Speaking Rule and that forms were on the table for those who wished to address the Council.

Mr. Wes Pittman, resident of 314 Beachside Drive, said his intention was to get the Council members to listen that bad things were happening. He said it was time for our community to be cleaned. He mentioned long wait times at the ER, ambulances being used for Spring Breakers as opposed to residents, and the serious blight on the community. He said the Council was instrumental in allowing the problems to continue and that the residents insisted upon change, not willing to wait any longer. Mr. Pittman said they would continue to be as vocal as necessary. Councilman Reichard said the Council's duty was to do the best job they could for the most people possible. Mr. Pittman said he saw where the Council promoted a handful of people as opposed to the interests of the 12,000 residents. He said the Council was not protecting the people.

Mr. Jim Musicaro, resident of 88 Windridge Lane, said he had appreciated the Ordinances because they had helped his business immensely. He suggested law enforcement be placed on 231 to stop the troublemakers. He said the clubs were doing a good job in protecting the kids.

Mr. Darrell Sellers, resident of 10713 Front Beach Road, addressed the misinformation attributed to some of his comments. He said facts were being swept under the rug and hidden from the public. He said the City had issues with drugs, violence, guns and crowd control. He said by cracking down on the issues now, it would send a message.

Mr. Arthur Cullen, resident of 161 Rusty Gans Drive, said the Sheriff publicly called out the 100 Mile Club and had questioned how they would be handled. He said the super clubs were doing their jobs. Mr. Cullen suggested making March a Drug-Free Zone, pushing the element coming into our community out of here. He suggested billboards stressing no drugs and that he did not think prohibiting alcohol on the sandy beach would solve the problem. He said doing something today would be a kneejerk reaction without a lot of thought. Councilman Curry said this was not a kneejerk reaction to last night's tragedy; this was from his own observations while on the road. His question now was how bad it had to get to make more changes. Mr. Cullen said this had not happened overnight and it would not change overnight either. He said some of the changes were working and some probably not. However, he recommended staying the course rather than making changes today.

Councilwoman Strange asked Ms. Myers if it would violate the beachgoers civil rights to stop the alcohol on the sandy beach. Ms. Myers said it was within the City's police powers if it could be justified, that a person did not have the fundamental right to drink on the sandy beach. There was just a longstanding tradition on this beach.

Mr. Russell Kinslow, 12818 Front Beach Road, said this was one of the tamer Spring Breaks that he had experienced since 1993, excluding last night's incident. He said he had been a vocal opponent of the Ordinances adopted last year but now had changed his mind because he thought they were working. He said he had experienced it on his properties and at the 2 A.M. closings, they held parties on their properties for the kids which worked. He urged the Council to stay the course as he thought it was the appropriate action. He added that the popup club Club Fahrenheit was also a nuisance because those patrons tried to gain access to his properties being a nuisance to his guests. Mr. Kinslow said there were no major problems at their parties, only minor isolated incidences quickly resolved. He questioned if social media would be the proper avenue for informing the public if changes were made today.

Mr. Neel Bennett, 15238 Front Beach Road, said it had been a tragic event and that the police presence had never been bigger. He said College Spring Break was over and the element in town now was not a college crowd. He said he thought the heavy police presence was what was needed to rid the community of this element. He agreed with Councilman Curry in that the businesses could do more. He said they leased property for parking to one of the mentioned clubs and he thought they would have to reconsider allowing that club to use their property. He said stopping alcohol on the sandy beach and closing the bars at midnight would not have prevented this type of tragedy.

Mr. Stan Anderson, resident of 101 Kensington Circle, said he supported zero tolerance for hedonistic behavior. He asked if law enforcement had the ability to monitor social media in a way for them to know about events or parties in advance. He said if law enforcement did not have the authority to monitor and intervene, it would put the neighborhoods at risk.

Mr. Buddy King, 125 3rd Street, said his concern was property values. He reported the sale price for Gulf-front homes and comments made by potential buyers that did not want to buy on the east end of the island. He said the actions somewhat affected property values.

Ms. Ana Edwards, resident of 2313 Grand Oaks Lane, said 99% of her beach photography business were tourists. She said the image of Panama City Beach for families was being ruined by what they were seeing nationally. She said the City's growth was from families not Spring Break. She agreed that changes could be made today and social media could spread the word.

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Mr. Jack Bishop, resident of 7009 North Lagoon Drive, said the beach was a destination and tourist attraction with multiple seasons with different clientele. He said the College Spring Break was mostly over with the families and high school kids now here for Spring Break. He said the kids here now could not drink on the beach and prohibiting alcohol on the sandy beach would solve nothing. He said the problems were from binge drinking on the sandy beach which could be addressed by existing Ordinances. However, law enforcement had difficulties enforcing those regulations during the day because manpower was limited in scope due to the nighttime pressure. Mr. Bishop said we must find a way to deal with the uninvited guests, the thugs, that come to Panama City Beach. He said the County's tax base was based on tourism, the 60% that this island paid towards the County budget. The City lived on tourism and 40% of the School Board budget was paid by visitors. He said the City should continue to work the plan and closing the bars at 2 A.M. accomplished nothing towards that plan. No drinking on the sandy beach will not solve the thuggery problem. He urged the Council to listen to the people who knew the tourism business.

Mr. Hector Solis, resident of 13220 Front Beach Road, said what used to be a college Spring Break activity had now turned into people coming to Sodom and Gomorrah and being wild. He said by allowing alcohol on the sandy beach, it would allow the other element to come to take advantage of the situation. He just moved into a new condo on the west side and was dealing with thugs at his new property so it was not merely on the east end of the island. Mr. Solis said per social media, less and less college kids were coming to Spring Break. He urged the Council to realize that clientele was being lost.

Mr. Sparky Sparkman, resident of 5718 North Lagoon Drive, said he felt we were walking into a vigilante situation. He said what happened last night could have easily happened at 5 P.M. yesterday afternoon and repeated that it was not Spring Break. He said the community had a problem and something must be done now. He said this was not an "I told you so" moment but was an inevitable consequence of what had been happening for some time. He agreed that the plan must be tweaked and said this was an attempt at a hostile takeover. He said grandstanding to the nation and the locals would not solve these problems.

At this time, Chief Whitman updated the Council with information from the Sheriff's Office and responded to various earlier comments.

Mr. Ken McVay, resident of 103 Kensington Circle, said yesterday he had stood with most of the Police Officers here and a few of the Council members along with his wife on the occasion of her first husband Sgt. Kevin Kight's memorial service. He said it was overwhelming at times, and difficult to explain to people who had never been on a ride-a-long with the Beach Police Officers. He said he thought the changes made were good ones and suggested that those changes be given time to play out and see what was accomplished. However, he felt law enforcement should be able to do what they felt best would protect the residents and visitors and give them the resources necessary to do their jobs.

Mr. Carnel Huggins, resident of 8700 Front Beach Road, said the City was at war and suggested giving law enforcement the tools to enforce traffic stops. He said he was from Newark and it was also under siege just like here. He said these thugs were not here to have fun. He said he rode down South Thomas Drive and was scared even though he was originally from a tough town. He said think visual and maybe set up a DUI task force at the bottom of the bridge.

Ms. Julie Hilton, resident of 234 La Valencia Circle, said everyone here was concerned about the incident this morning and hoped this would be the opportunity to recognize the real problem and address it with true cause and effect. To take action in order to just do something would not solve the problem. She encouraged everyone to remember that this was not a Spring Break problem but rather an incident at a house party with no security. She suggested contacting other communities who had addressed similar problems. Ms. Hilton said she supported having as much police presence in the problem areas as possible.

Mr. Mike Thomas said he rode out every night, saw the problems, and said the community was dealing with the worst of the worst. Unfortunately, this was happening in every city across the nation. However, some of the problems here could be fixed. Some of the City's Ordinances were bad as well as some from the County. Mr. Thomas said the grandfathering was a horrible problem both inside and outside of the City. This island was the face of Bay County and whatever actions taken by the City affected the County more than his actions on the County Commission. He said Club Fahrenheit should not be operating and Shuckums should not be running that club next door to their property. He said he did not believe Ms. Myers would say that a case had been made for an Emergency Ordinance. He said he personally believed the Council should have adopted Sheriff McKeithen's five recommendations. He suggested a Workshop between the City Council and County Commissioners.

Mayor Oberst said she echoed some of Commissioner Thomas's statements and the focus should not only be March and April because the thugs were here in July after the easy prey on our beaches. She said she personally did not believe anything should be done today because it was

reacting and difficult to be put into place especially since Spring Break was practically over. She said the Council was willing to meet with the Commission to discuss a number of things, not just for March and April but for the entire year.

Councilman Reichard said one thing he heard which he thought everyone would agree upon was task force. Councilman Russell said there was a new culture coming up in America now and it was time to face it here in Panama City Beach. He said the Council could not legislate morality. He said he agreed that today would be a kneejerk reaction as he did not feel the threshold had been met for an Emergency Ordinance. He said maybe a task force would work but did not know its legality.

Councilman Curry said the plan was not working and had heard many times that this was not a Spring Break problem. He said he agreed with Ms. Hilton in the cause and effect and the City was at war and either addressed the problem or waited while it continued. He said Ft. Lauderdale was successful in doing away with Spring Break but he thought they did the wrong thing. He said he would remain with his decision of no alcohol on the sandy beach and request additional funding from both the City and TDC for additional law enforcement manpower to get this situation under control. He said he thought he had given enough credible evidence for the record.

Councilman Reichard asked Councilman Curry to separate his motion as prohibiting drinking on the beach was an entirely different issue than requesting the additional funding. **Councilman Curry amended his motion to prohibit alcohol on the sandy beach until April 18, 2015. Councilwoman Strange amended her second.**

Ms. Myers said there were two different motions with two different standards. One was to adopt an Emergency Ordinance to ban alcohol on the sandy beach until April 18, 2015, and she did not feel that record had been established. She had heard that College Spring Break was over and that drinking was not happening on the beach but rather at house parties, and she did not feel she could establish a defensible nexus based on what she had heard so far. However, on the requesting of more funds as a tool for law enforcement, the legal threshold was whether it would serve a public purpose to give more funds for this reason so clearly what had been heard today established that purpose.

Councilman Curry said he was not targeting families with the no alcohol on the beach. He said he did not agree with her opinion of the no alcohol and what he had heard from the Chief about the thugs and Freaknik coming to the beach, this would give him another tool to operate. He said this was a short-term measure and he felt this was the nexus with his concern and intelligence that incidents would be happening over the next few weeks. He said his motion may be legally indefensible but what was legal and what was right was sometimes two different things. He said it was right to give the Chief this tool to prevent similar incidents.

Ms. Myers said if the Council went forward with the motion, she would need to ask more questions to build that record. Councilman Russell said it would be a moot point to vote if it did not meet legal criteria. Ms. Myers said April 18th was a finite date so the Council would need to establish the reason why it should be extended from April 1 to April 18, based on the crowds coming and the element that would follow those crowds. She said the Council had already done so for College Spring Break through April 1st and now it would be for the prospective crowds coming in the next eighteen days. Ms. Myers said the first motion was to prohibit alcohol on the sandy beach until April 18, 2015. Mayor Oberst said she did not know how this could be enforced. Councilman Curry said looking at the schedule, this would give law enforcement another tool to address the element coming to the beach this weekend. Councilman Reichard said many of the speakers had established that the problem was more on the asphalt, not the sandy beach, and that measures were already in place to deal with underage drinking. Councilman Curry said he disagreed with Counsel and stayed with his motions. Mayor Oberst closed the discussion and called for the vote on banning alcohol on the sandy beach until April 18, 2015. **The motion failed by the majority roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

Councilman Curry made the motion to request money from the TDC and the City to give Chief Whitman the additional resources and manpower to get this time period under control. Second was by Councilman Reichard. The Mayor called for discussion. Ms. Myers said the Council had the authority to give funds from the City. The motion was asking for funds

from two different pots and she wanted to clarify that. She said it would have to come back to Council as a Budget Amendment for the City funds. Mayor Oberst said if Councilman Curry would amend the motion to look for increased funding for additional Police Officers, then Staff could look at the City's Budget and the TDC. Ms. Myers said there were two different standards. From the City side, it would have to be used for a valid public purpose and she felt the Council was only limited by what the Budget would allow. On the TDC side, their money could only be used for the promotion of tourism. Councilman Curry said for safety concerns and they had already given the City money earlier this year. Ms. Myers said that had been used for beach patrol and the promotion of tourism and the TDC was constrained by what was permissible and what they could give.

Councilman Curry asked Chief Whitman what amount of funds would help to get the situation under control. He asked if \$200,000 would help. Chief Whitman asked if this was short term or were the funds to hire fulltime officers for year-round. Councilman Curry said for the immediate time in order to bring in extra law enforcement. The Chief said that amount would help because it would allow him to reach out to other agencies.

Councilman Curry amended his motion to increase the Police Department's funding immediately for \$200,000 and request the TDC to give funds if possible. Councilwoman Strange asked if this could be done in one motion or should the issues be separated. Ms. Myers recommended that it would be cleaner with two but it could be done. **Councilman Curry amended his motion to increase the Police Department's funds up to \$200,000 immediately for Spring Break.** Councilwoman Strange asked if the Budget had the \$200,000. Councilman Russell said the Council would need to hear from Ms. White. The Mayor said the motion should be to give additional funds and then the City Manager and Ms. White tell Council how much money would be available. Councilman Russell said it could be more than \$200,000.

Councilman Reichard said this issue was for another twenty days and by the time this was done and the Chief hired additional officers, the twenty days would be finished. He asked instead if this issue could be part of the process of reviewing what was right and wrong for this Spring Break and with a strong emphasis on corrective measures for next year. He said to implement this change in the time remaining when the families and high school Spring Breakers were here seemed unrealistic. Councilman Curry said he was concerned about the element here now and the potential crowds coming in the next two to three weeks, and he wanted to give the Chief the resources he needed to get the situation under control. He said he knew the City had the \$200,000 in the budget. He asked Chief Whitman if he could get additional officers immediately and the Chief responded he would try. He said the nearby County agencies were already strapped and he would reach out to nearby smaller agencies. He added that it would be hard to cross State lines for additional officers. Mayor Oberst said she would support the motion if it said giving the Chief additional funds up to \$200,000. **Councilman Curry amended his motion again to increase the funds up to \$200,000. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for further discussion; there was none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

Councilman Curry made the motion to request additional safety funds from the TDC. Second was by Councilwoman Strange. Mayor Oberst said a dollar figure could be stated but the TDC would need to see a plan on how the money would be spent. Councilman Reichard suggested this was something in which Commissioner Thomas could help. With no further comments, **the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 23rd of April, 2015.

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


Mayor

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk