

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 February 11, 2016.

ROLL

MAYOR GAYLE F. OBERST

COUNCILORS:  
JOHN REICHARD  
RICK RUSSELL  
JOSIE STRANGE  
KEITH CURRY

CITY MANAGER:  
MARIO GISBERT  
CITY CLERK:  
DIANE FOWLER  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY:  
AMY MYERS

Mayor Oberst called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all of the Council, the City Manager, City Clerk and Assistant City Attorney present.

Pastor John Woodrow of the Gulfview United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Oberst led the pledge of allegiance.

The Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting, January 5 Special Meeting and January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting were read and approved as written per **motion by Councilwoman Strange. Second was by Councilman Russell.** 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

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mr. Gisbert asked to remove Regular Item #4, "*Scottish Festival Event-Discussion*". There were no objections. **With nothing further, the Agenda was accepted as amended.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**1 RESOLUTION 16-55, PCB FIRE/RESCUE THERMAL CAMERAS PURCHASE.** *The Fire Department requested in the 2015-2016 approved budget, the purchase of two (2) thermal imaging cameras. One of these will be replacing a unit that was stolen off of a fire engine last year (PD case # 1440187). The other will be placed on one of our rescue units for a rapid intervention team. These teams are set up at fire and rescue incidents to remove and/or rescue downed firefighters. The cameras were bid with one bid received from Municipal Equipment Company in total amount of \$14,000.00. STAFF RECOMMENDS approval to purchase these thermal cameras. "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO THERMAL CAMERAS IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$14,000."*

**2 RESOLUTION 16-56, BIDS- OCEAN REEF OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS.** *Staff and Preble-Rish Inc. (PRI) have been working to obtain permits for the proposed Ocean Reef Outfall Improvements. The proposed improvements consist of extending the existing outfall an additional 80 feet towards the Gulf and adding a Bay Saver upstream near Front Beach Road. These improvements will reduce erosion and the Bay Saver technology will separate debris and trap pollutants upstream before they make it to the beach. PRI is the City's engineering consultant for the project and completed all design and permitting necessary to bid the construction work.*

*The project was publically advertised and six (6) bidders responded with sealed bids by the required date and time. Bids were publically opened on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 P.M. After reviewing the bid documents, Preble-Rish Inc. recommends that the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, I-C Contractors, Inc., for the base contract amount of \$136,592.87. The consultant's recommendation and bid tabulation are attached for review. STAFF CONCURS with the award recommendation and further RECOMMENDS approval by Council. Stormwater Utility has sufficient funds available to enter into a contract for the work, and the project is included in the current fiscal year budget. All work is anticipated to be*

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*complete prior to May 1, 2016. "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH I-C CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE OCEAN REEF OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$136,592.87."*

Ms. Fowler read the Consent Agenda. Mayor Oberst invited public comment: there was none. **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilwoman Strange and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### REGULAR AGENDA

**1. ITEM NO. 1 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Mayor Oberst introduced Mr. Zack Joyner and presented him with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Beach Boys and Girls Club. The Mayor then congratulated him. She added that he was the son of Ms. Cheryl Joyner, one of our valued Parks & Recreation employees, and invited her to the podium to join Zack. Ms. Stacey Shubert, Unit Director, presented him with a gift card donated by a local business.

**2. ITEM NO. 2 "A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE "EMERALD COAST VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10555 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY."** Mayor Oberst read portions of the Proclamation declaring February 20<sup>th</sup> as the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emerald Coast VFW Post 10555, and invited Adjunct Anna Minor and Quartermaster Jimmy Phelps to the podium. Ms. Minor accepted the Proclamation and invited everyone to the Open House at the VFW Post on February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

**3. ITEM NO. 3 "A PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE "PUT IT DOWN, PARK THE PHONE BEFORE YOU DRIVE" CAMPAIGN".** Mayor Oberst read portions of this Proclamation supporting the February 23, 2016 campaign which will be held at Arnold High School, encouraging young drivers not to text and to put the phones down before driving. The Mayor invited members of the Beach Optimist Club to the podium to accept the Proclamation and Mr. Bernie Schmertmann talked about the event to be held at Arnold. The Mayor said t-shirts had been given to the Council members and some members of the City were doing videos for the campaign.

**ITEM NO. 4 SCOTTISH FESTIVAL EVENT- DISCUSSION.** Removed from the Agenda.

**4. ITEM NO. 5 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, PORTION OF SURF DRIVE.** Mr. Gisbert explained the road closure involved a condominium planning to install a cell tower on the top of their building which would require portions of Surf Drive to be closed for two days at the end of the month while the tower was installed. He said the Police Chief had reviewed and approved the plan with the needed detours. Ms. Myers said that FDOT approval was not required on this road so a motion would suffice. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. **Councilman Russell made the motion to approve the road closure on Surf Drive. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The Mayor reminded that if anyone wanted to address the Council, forms were on the table and there would be a three minute speaking rule.

**5. ITEM NO. 6 CITY MANAGER UPDATE.** Mr. Gisbert said he had received the job description for a Fire Department Reserve Firefighter, and he asked Council's approval to move forward hiring the Reserve Firefighters who would be similar to the Beach Police Auxiliary officers. He said he would bring the actual job description to the next meeting for approval. Mayor Oberst said she thought this was a good move. In response to the question from Councilman Curry about their being part-time, Mr. Gisbert replied that the Reserve Firefighters would be on call, during events such as the ball drop or July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Oberst asked if there were any objections to allowing hiring to move forward due to the closeness of Spring Break. There were no objections. **Councilman Russell made the motion to let the City Manager move forward with the hiring and bring the job description back to the next meeting for approval. Second was by Councilman Curry.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Russell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Curry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Oberst</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mr. Gisbert continued that the new Police Department building had been officially topped off and the General Contractor had a small lunch with the Council members and Staff invited. He said the buildings were on schedule with the grand opening for the Police Station in April.

He said February 25<sup>th</sup> was proposed for the opening of the North Complex renovations at Frank Brown Park and the South Complex later. Mr. Gisbert said the improvements were impressive and that it had been a wonderful partnership with the TDC.

Mr. Gisbert reported on a recent meeting regarding an inshore reef program. He explained the ideas about an inshore snorkeling program developed from Pensacola to Franklin County, and the ability of a general permit available to anyone within the area. He gave the details about the snorkeling and kayaking possibilities, a great thing for visitors. He also spoke with Bob Majka, County Manager, and Walton County representatives. Mayor Oberst said she thought this would be an exciting attraction and a good idea. Councilman Russell agreed.

**ADD-ON**

**ITEM 1 TORTOISE REHAB & MULCH.** Councilman Russell said over the next three weeks, the Conservation Park would have three acres cleared for a tortoise rehab center. The removed trees will be mulched and available for the public free of charge on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 2 HORSE SHOW.** Mr. Clant Seay presented a petition to ask the Council to cancel the upcoming horseshow and prohibit it in future. He spoke of equine abuse, animal cruelty, and reported data. Councilwoman Strange asked to see the data and Mr. Seay replied he would supply the information.

Ms. Dee Cantrell said this was the 18<sup>th</sup> annual event, April 21 through April 23 at Frank Brown Park. She spoke of USDA inspections during the show and the Horse Protection Act. She said the horses were well cared for and prized possessions. She welcomed the public to see the horses at the next show.

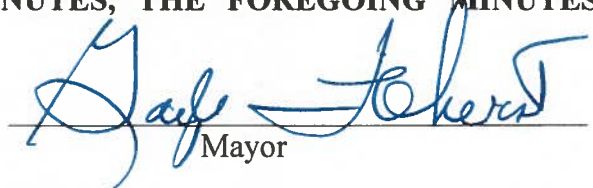
With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 24th of March, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

  
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 City Clerk

  
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 Mayor