

The Special 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 August 11, 2016.

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MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:
JOHN REICHARD
PHIL CHESTER
JOSIE STRANGE
HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:
JO SMITH
CITY ATTORNEY:
AMY E. MYERS

Mayor Thomas called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all of the Council, the City Manager, Deputy City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Shaddai Past Potentate Ron Baas gave the Invocation and Councilwoman Strange led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the Budget Workshop of July 7th and the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2016 were read and approved as written per motion by Councilwoman Strange. Second was by Councilman Chester. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Aye |
| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Hearing none, Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve the Agenda. Second was by Councilman Chester. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Aye |
| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

PRESENTATIONS

1 SHADDAI SHRINE TEMPLE PRESENTATIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS & RECREATION. Mayor Thomas invited Shaddai Past Potentates Ron Baas and Mike Odom to the podium. Mr. Baas began with a brief explanation of how helpful Parks & Recreation had been over the years to the Dixie Shrine Association and Mr. Odom presented Mr. Ponek, Parks Director, with a plaque of appreciation from the Shriners. Mr. Ponek thanked the gentlemen on behalf of his Staff. Mr. Baas and Mr. Odom then invited Chief Whitman to the podium to accept a plaque of appreciation for the Department's help over to the years to the Dixie Shrine Association. The audience responded with applause.

2 PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION TO MR. TILL BRUETT, FORMER AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER. Councilman Reichard invited Mr. Bruett to the podium to accept a Proclamation declaring today as "Til Bruett Day" and thanking him for his years of service on the Airport Authority Board. The audience responded with applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1 REVISION OF THE CITY MASTER AUDIT LIST TO REMOVE OBSOLETE ITEMS. All Departments have been asked to update their audit lists for surplus/obsolete equipment/vehicles/etc. These items are to be removed from the City Master Audit List. STAFF RECOMMENDS approval to remove these items. By approval of this matter in the Consent Agenda, the City Council makes a finding of surplus for these items and approves their removal from the Master Audit List.

2 RESOLUTION 16-101, CRI ENGAGEMENT LETTER FY 2016 AUDIT. "A Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an Agreement with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, for the annual audit and evaluation of the City's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending 9/30/16 in the amount of \$108,400."

3* RESOLUTION 16-104, CRA 2017 NEAR TERM WORK PLAN. "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, and Ex Officio as the governing body of the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, relating to the Community Redevelopment within the Front Beach Road Redevelopment Area; providing for Findings; authorizing and directing the execution of a Near Term Work Plan; and providing for an effective date."

4 RESOLUTION 16-106, BID AWARD- PURCHASE OF 31 RADIO TELEMETRY UNIT (RTU) PANELS. "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 Champion Controls, Inc., relating to the purchase of 31 lift station radio telemetry unit panels, in the basic amount of \$179,800, in substantially the form attached and presented to the Council today, draft dated August 1, 2016, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager and whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval."

5 RESOLUTION 16-107, BID AWARD- PURCHASE OF COMPACT TRACK LOADER. "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 Rental LLC/Bobcat of Panama City, relating to the purchase of one compact track loader with forestry attachments, in the basic amount of \$87,722, in substantially the form attached and presented to the Council today, draft dated August 1, 2016, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager and whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval."

6 RESOLUTION 16-108, SEEDLINGS FOR THE CONSERVATION PARK. "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 FL. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest Service, Andrews Nursery, relating to the purchase of 96,000 containerized longleaf pine seedlings and 110,000 containerized wiregrass seedlings for the next phase of site restoration at the Conservation Park, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,050, 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 and whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval."

7 RESOLUTION 16-109, BID AWARD- STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FY16. "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 GAC Contracting, relating to the street resurfacing of **Cobb Road, Clara Avenue, portions of Fairway Boulevard, and the intersection of Woodtrail Drive and Sandalwood Lane**, in the basic amount of \$427,665, 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."

8 RESOLUTION 16-110, BID AWARD- CALADIUM CIRCLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. *“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 Sikes Construction, Inc., relating to the execution of the Caladium Circle Drainage Improvements Project, in the basic amount of \$154,950, 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 and whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.”*

Ms. Smith read each item on the Consent Agenda by title. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Aye |
| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

REGULAR AGENDA

1 PRMG WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STUDY UPDATE PRESENTATION.

Prior to the presentation, Mr. Gisbert praised Mr. Shortt for his foresight to keep the City's system up to date with the capacity to double its input. He also was able to keep the City's rate the lowest in the County. Mr. Gisbert then introduced Mr. Shortt who introduced Mr. Henry Thomas and Mr. Murray Hamilton of Public Resources Management Group (PRMG). He said this group had prepared for the City rate analyses and evaluations for about the last twenty years typically about every five years, depending upon the dynamics of the system. He added some funds had now been set aside for the utility sides of Segment 2 and the SR79 portion and the Loop Road to Nautilus and that a lot of money was set aside for sewer service in areas that were environmentally-sensitive such as Grand Lagoon and Laguna Beach. He said to do those projects, Staff looked to securing grants and about \$30 Million Dollars were set aside for those big projects. He said they would not happen if the grants were not awarded. He then invited Mr. Henry Thomas of PRMG to the podium.

Mr. Thomas said that the City had the lowest water/sewer rates in the County systems, a strong financial position with unrestricted reserves of approximately \$50 Million Dollars and adequate cash flow. He said they would discuss a modest rate increase of potentially 1% for water and 8% for sewer phased in over six years. He said they also proposed two alternatives, one the base to fund the \$83 Million Dollar Capital Plan and the other the base plus an additional \$4 Million Dollar Transfer to the General Fund. He explained for the Capital Plan, there were significant outlays for equipment, vehicles, etc., as well as the ongoing renewal and replacement of the aging assets. He also stated there were one-time major projects in the Plan and a portion of the \$50 Million Dollar reserves would fund the one-time Capital projects. Mr. Thomas said at the end of the study period, the cash balances would be left in a strong position, 270 days of operation expense and the systems sustainable by no longer using reserves to fund the system.

Regarding the alternative of the \$4 Million Dollar transfer to the General Fund, Mr. Thomas said it was doable with minor adjustments to the rate proposal. He explained in the base case, the 1% water increase was in the latter phase of the study period. If the Council wanted to make the one-time transfer, the rate increase would be implemented earlier to obtain the additional revenue over each year subsequent to the increase. Regarding sewer rates, he said there were modest annual increases over time, about 1.6% per year. To fund the additional \$4 Million Dollars, he proposed moving the rate increase from 1.6% to 2% and eliminating the last year. Mr. Thomas said by advancing the rates slightly over the time period, this would fund the \$4 Million Dollars and be the same cumulative increase that would have resulted without the transfer. He then introduced Mr. Murray Hamilton of PRMG.

Mr. Hamilton said there were three key areas leading to the City's strong financial position; 1) the system continued to have customer growth, more than 1% per year, 2) the system's operating expenses were under budget, and 3) a large number of the Capital Plans scheduled in today's plan had been scheduled in prior years so there was some "catch-up" work to be done over the next few years. He said they addressed the annual funding for the study period, focusing on capital which should be funded annually

from rates, system renewal and replacement and to meet the overall debt service. He said by the last period of the study, there would be some deficiency and they would offer recommendations to the Council. Mr. Hamilton said in the short-term, the system was operating in surplus in terms of recurring capital needs, \$87 Million Dollars in capital over the next six years with \$25 Million Dollars funded with reserves and \$28 Million Dollars funded from monthly user rates over the time period.

He outlined the major capital projects, with the recurring requirement of \$750,000 per year for the annual capital outlay such as vehicles and equipment needs. There was an additional \$1.5 Million Dollars programmed for reinvestment in the infrastructure over the 6-year period. He said because the City did not operate its own Water Treatment Plant, the need on the wastewater system was greater than the water system, about \$1 Million Dollars per year. Mr. Hamilton presented a view of the funding sources, based on implementing their proposed rates, with 60% of the funding for the Capital Plan coming from rates and reserves. He said they would also use Impact Fees for future growth, approximately \$16 Million Dollars. This plan would use almost all of the reserves noted today and the growth-related revenues over the next few years to fund the expansion-related portion of the Capital Plan. He added that no new debt was assumed for the forecast period.

Mr. Hamilton said the City continued to add new connections to the system, averaging 300 accounts per year. However, the water sales did not grow because people were using less water. Reclaimed Water revenue had grown over time from \$300,000 annually to almost \$450,000 annually which probably contributed to the decline in water sales by having another water resource.

For operating expenses, 50% were related to the Bay County Water Service Agreement and for FY17, Bay County did not plan a rate increase. He mentioned discussions with Staff about having a recovery mechanism, a "true-up" to Bay County's wholesale rate, to ensure that the City remained whole each year. At some point in the future, Staff may come back to Council with recommendations for some pass-thru adjustments if the County has a significant bulk water rate increase in a given year. He said they planned for inflationary pressures on the system, including additional staff, ten new positions phased in over time.

For the water system, in the near-term to meet the recurring capital needs, the rates were in surplus. If he added in the one-time capital projects funded from reserves, both the water and sewer system would appear out of balance. By the last year of the study, the water system was 1% deficient, about \$180,000. By the last year, the deficiency for sewer was 8%, \$1.1 Million Dollars. Given the current cash position, the City could delay any rate increase until the last year and do a 1% water increase and 8% sewer increase. The issue would be forfeiting the cash reserve balance and would most likely fall below the minimum. Mr. Hamilton said they proposed to start with the \$50 Million unrestricted reserve fund balance, using \$25 Million Dollars of operating reserves over the 6-year period while also funding another \$28 Million Dollars with monthly user rates. He said they did not want the cash position to fall below the 270-day target, about 75% of a year's expenses for the utility system. With these proposed rate increases, the City would reach that minimum.

Mr. Hamilton discussed two scenarios, one with the base case including the utility-related costs for the CRA projects and alternately an additional one-time transfer of \$4 Million Dollars to the General Fund. To fund the \$4 Million Dollars, he said they tried to not create any additional rate increase over the 6-year forecast, with their goal being to achieve the same revenue by the last year of the study.

He displayed the different Fiscal Years, and said they planned no rate increase for FY17. For FY18, they proposed a 1.6% sewer rate increase annually over the next five years. Both systems would be at the breakeven position by the last year and the unrestricted cash reserve balance would be about 300 days of operating expenses. Looking at the alternative option, the only change was in FY17, the one-time transfer of \$4 Million Dollars which immediately dropped the cash reserve balance well below the 270 days. To recoup that cash reserve fund balance, they focused on the timing of the increases and advanced the 1% water rate increase to FY18 and 2% sewer rate increase over four years. This would return the City to the 270-day minimum.

For the rate comparison, Mr. Hamilton said 43% of the customers were water only so under this scenario, they would only see a 1% rate increase. With the alternative proposal for FY18, there would be a 1% water increase of 26 cents per month increase and sewer 78 cents, still well below the other customers in Bay County. He outlined the following Fiscal Years with the rates.

Mr. Hamilton closed by summarizing that they recommended no rate increase for FY17. If the City elected to do something next year, it would help the cash reserve balances by the end of the study period. Principally, it would be the new personnel costs and the inflationary costs on the O&M which would drive the 1% water rate increase and the 2% sewer rate increase.

Councilman Solis said in neighboring communities, their rates were on average 85% higher than the City's. He said he was happy to see the movement into the CRA and the extensions for the sewer system. He spoke of the septic system runoff into the Gulf and algae blooms. He said he would like the City to investigate grants to help the citizens hook up to the new systems as some fixed income people could not afford it. He mentioned the City offering payment plans.

Councilman Reichard asked about the Panama City rate increase. Mr. Hamilton mentioned they had recommended a 3% rate increase in their January study but he did not know if it had been adopted. Councilman Reichard said it had been at a meeting earlier this week.

Councilman Reichard asked Mr. Shortt if there were readily available grants for sewer projects such as the Grand Lagoon area. Mr. Shortt replied that he had been competing with Ms. Jenkins for some BP funds, and her stormwater outfalls project was ranked higher than sewer projects. He explained the City did cost sharing, 50/50, if someone else came up with the other half. Councilman Reichard asked the availability of sewer grants now compared to past years. Mr. Shortt responded that the number fluctuated every year, and right now the Water Management District might have funds available for different projects. He added what made these projects slow outside of the City limits were that the roads must be rebuilt as part of the project and that was a huge portion of the cost. The County would benefit with the new road outside of City limits which was sometimes 30% to 35% of the project costs. In the Bayside Utilities project, Bay County contributed \$500,000 towards the new roads. This might be another option to ask the County to contribute as well which would make all of the projects more feasible for everyone.

Mr. Gisbert explained when a new system was installed, the City did provide financing options but it was incentivized to hook up early. Mr. Shortt explained when the projects originally started, the grants at that time required all customers in the area to hook up to the new system within twelve months. At the time, the Council considered that no one would want the project if they were required to hook up that quickly. He said the customers were notified they could remain on the septic system as long as their system functioned correctly. However, if it failed, they would have to hook into the new sewer system as the Health Department would not issue a permit to fix the septic system. The prior Council already directed Staff to begin acquiring properties in some of the Grand Lagoon and Laguna Beach areas for future lift stations, to be prepared for grant funding or funding from Bay County.

Councilman Reichard asked about the last system installed in the Grand Lagoon area. Mr. Shortt replied that it served about 100 homes but they were not required to hook up to the new system. The last time he checked, only about 30% of the homes had been connected to the new system. However, all new homes were required to hook up to the system. In response to the questions from Councilman Chester on the sewer in City limits, Mr. Shortt said the 43% of homes with water only were outside of the City limits and on septic tanks, and most within the City limits were now on the sewer except for a small pocket on Wells and Sans Souci.

The Mayor said one reason the City and County received very few grants was because the hookup was not required which was a prerequisite for most grants. He said he thought 50% in his own neighborhood were still on septic so the City was not realizing the possible revenue nor the benefit of why the sewer was installed. He continued that the City had the best water and sewer system anywhere in the County. He spoke of other areas in the County with horrible rates. Mr. Shortt added as part of the incentive program, that once the sewer was available, if the home was not hooked up within the 90-day period, an availability fee was charged, about \$12 per month.

Mayor Thomas asked about the reuse program and if the amount of water was truly less. Mr. Shortt said there were many inefficient buildings replaced along Front Beach Road during the redevelopment so that helped drive the overall loss. He said Staff also actively worked on leak control, addressing the 300+ miles of water pipes. Historically about 20% of water usage went towards irrigation so the new subdivisions such as Breakfast Point now used reclaimed water and decreased the water use growth rate.

Mayor Thomas asked why the City did not have built-in escalators, automatic increases, for when the County raised the wholesale rates. Mr. Henry Thomas replied that in the projections, the CPI increase was factored into the figures. They anticipated the Bay County increase from 2018 to 2022 so those increases were captured in the City's rate plan. The question would be whether the City wanted a mechanism to exactly track the increases. He continued with the City's system in surplus now, if the County raised the rates more than 2.4%, the City would be short for that year. The Mayor said he understood it was within the plan but he questioned ensuring that the City's system stayed in surplus and viable. He said it made sense to automatically raise the City's rates when the County did in order to keep the numbers the same. Mr. Thomas said they planned to work with Staff for a proposal relative to that issue. He added that Panama City adopted a similar clause within their new rate structure.

Councilman Solis asked if the Council would consider reopening a finance period for those citizens on fixed income who did not originally hook up to new systems. He said possibly target certain neighborhoods with the least participation. The Mayor said it was an ongoing problem and the main issue was money and people resisting being told what to do. He said there was money in the Utility Fund to have short-term financing plans and he felt none of the Council would object to that plan.

Mr. Gisbert asked Ms. White to explain the financing plans. Ms. White said previously the City had a 60-month plan. At the time, the rate was 5% which was a favorable rate. Staff found with the last neighborhood that 5% was no longer favorable because rates in the market had decreased considerably. She said the other issue was that the City placed a lien on the home with that note, and some homeowners did not want a lien on their house. Mr. Gisbert said if the City opened up to an entire neighborhood such as Lullwater, it could be done with an open period. He said he would come back to Council with more information.

Mayor Thomas said the Council had asked for the study to include the transfer, based on several things. He reminded that the City did not have an ad valorem tax and since Administration worked with Utilities, it was acceptable for transfer from Utilities to the General Fund at times. He reminded that CRA Segment 3 was coming, and while this area had been under construction for the last 18 months looking horrible, this transfer would give the City the opportunity to fix the corner, continue the construction and finish it by the time Segment 3 started.

Councilman Solis asked if the CRA Segment 3 was within the base case. Mr. Thomas said the utility portion of the CRA was within the base. Mayor Thomas said not only that but also the Loop Road addition. Mr. Thomas said they were included both in the base and the alternative. The alternative included the \$4 Million Dollar transfer for non-utility. Councilman Solis said he liked the alternative.

Councilman Reichard made the motion to accept the alternative proposal as outlined. Second was by Councilman Solis. There were no further comments. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Aye |
| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

2 PENSION BOARDS AND CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENTS. Mr. Gisbert said one person on the Civil Service Board and three on the City Pension Boards were Council appointments. Councilwoman Strange said the positions should be advertised and Councilman Solis asked for an application. In response to Councilman Reichard's question about Firefighters and Police Officers, Mr. Gisbert said Staff would advertise inhouse so the employees would know the seats were available. He also gave kudos to the current Pension Board Trustees because the City's Pension Plan was by far better than most in the State of Florida.

3 ORDINANCE 1390, GULF POWER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, 1ST READING. Mayor Thomas requested that this item be pulled. He said yesterday at the Code Enforcement Workshop, discussion occurred concerning the utility poles. He said he thought it would be irresponsible to sign an Agreement that might be involved with this issue. He said he wanted to meet with the cable companies and Gulf Power and see what could be done to clean up the poles. He wanted to wait until there was some success. Councilwoman Strange said that was a good idea as she did not want a rate increase. Mr. Gisbert said this was not a rate increase. Brief discussion ensued concerning undergrounding the utilities. The Mayor reported that Gulf Power said they

were hamstrung by what could be done with the other utilities using their poles. Ms. Myers said the City had a right-of-way regulation Ordinance which would serve as a stopgap while the City worked through this issue. She said Gulf Power was still operating as if the franchise was in effect and Gulf Power had already offered to renegotiate but use this Agreement as a placeholder while the renegotiations occurred. Mayor Thomas said a number of poles with hanging wires looked bad. Councilman Solis agreed.

4 ORDINANCE 1393, CHANGING MEETING TIMES, 1ST READING. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1393 by title. She said City Staff had already implemented Council's direction to go to 9 A.M. meetings, and City Code had the provision which codified when meeting dates and times occurred. To make intent consistent with City Code, this Ordinance was necessary. Councilman Reichard asked if this would affect the holidays in November and December. Ms. Myers said no.

Councilman Solis said he opposed this change as he felt one meeting in the evening would allow more people to attend. He said he felt the residents were being penalized as having to miss pay as all employers did not let people off to attend a day meeting.

Mayor Thomas passed the gavel and made the motion to approve Ordinance 1393. Second was by Councilman Reichard. Vice-Mayor Strange passed the gavel back and the Mayor withdrew his motion.

Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Ordinance 1393. Second was by Councilman Chester. There were no further comments. **The motion passed by majority roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Nay |
| Councilman Solis | Nay |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

5 TECO GAS FRANCHISE FEE 3% TO 6%, DISCUSSION. Mr. Gisbert said all of the other municipalities in the County in their franchise were 6%. The TECO representative brought this to his attention to bring our fee up to match the other cities in the County. He said this was not a large dollar figure, but even a small amount would make a difference. It would be about another \$30,000 to \$40,000. Councilman Solis reminded that the City did not have an Ad Valorem tax and that he did not oppose the additional increase. **Councilman Solis made the motion to increase the Franchise Fee to 6%. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** There were no further comments. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

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| Councilman Reichard | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilwoman Strange | Aye |
| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Mayor Thomas | Aye |

6 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

BURNIE THOMPSON, 8317 Front Beach Road. He thanked Councilman Solis for asking that at least one meeting occur in the evening. He asked the Mayor again about his businesses being grandfathered. He mentioned appearances being "janky", making the City look bad. He also mentioned product placement.

JACOB LASSITER, Bay County resident. Mr. Lassiter reported other city meeting times and said the cities with the most money appeared not to want the citizens to attend the meetings. He referenced the turnout for today's meeting and that he felt it was a bad decision.

With no further comments, the Mayor responded that, regarding Code Enforcement, enforcement was against new businesses and things which were done recently. He also said he would continue to drink out of a cup that he bought with his own money not the City's.

7 CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE. Ms. Myers said she had no report.

8 **CITY MANAGER UPDATE.** Mr. Gisbert said there were a number of items out for bid on the website and gave details. He detailed the jobs advertised on the website. He commended Staff for their work on the Budget and said it would be seen at this afternoon's Budget Workshop.

9 **COUNCIL UPDATES.** Councilman Reichard asked Mr. Gisbert if the microphones would be included in the livestreaming upgrade. Mr. Gisbert said that was part of the plan, a high definition system.

Councilman Chester asked Chief Whitman if the new radios would be on the same frequency as Bay County. Chief Whitman said yes. Councilman Chester thanked all of the Street Department and Utilities for all of their work during the recent rain storm, with their being proactive cleaning drains. Mr. Gisbert explained the proactive measures taken before the storm.

Councilwoman Strange said for the record she also opposed having both meetings at 9 A.M. She agreed with Councilman Solis.

Councilman Solis thanked Mayor Thomas for the improvements to the Council Chambers as he had overheard a conversation in that the Mayor had paid for the plants and carpentry work himself. He said the room looked brighter.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 8th of September, 2016.

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