

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 25, 2016.

ROLL

MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:  
JOHN REICHARD  
PHIL CHESTER  
JOSIE STRANGE  
HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:  
MARIO GISBERT  
CITY CLERK:  
DIANE FOWLER  
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, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Pastor Ramon Duvall of the Beachside Fellowship Church gave the Invocation and Councilman Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Minutes were available for adoption.

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Councilman Solis asked to add a discussion about the Bay Town Trolley and options for another transfer site rather than Joan Avenue. Mayor Thomas said that would be placed as Item #1. With no further changes, **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve the amended Agenda. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**1 "BEACH CARE SERVICES MONTH" PROCLAMATION.** Councilman Solis welcomed the Vice-President of Beach Care Services, Pastor Ramon Duvall, to the podium as he read the Proclamation declaring September as "Beach Care Services Month". Councilman Solis mentioned the fundraiser "Pay It Forward" at Pineapple Willy's on behalf of BCS and asked Pastor Duvall to say a few words. Pastor Duvall spoke of the efforts by BCS in helping locals help locals with rent, utilities and food, and the upcoming Duck Race on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The audience responded with applause.

**2 "LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH" PROCLAMATION.** Councilman Solis welcomed PCB Library Branch Manager Lisa Ferrara to the podium as he read portions of the Proclamation declaring September as "Library Card Sign-Up Month". Ms. Ferrara thanked the Council, explained some of the library programs and invited everyone to get a library card. The audience responded with applause.

**3 IRONMAN FLORIDA TRIATHLON PRESENTATION.** Councilman Solis invited Mr. Ben Rausa, Race Director, to the podium to update the Council on the upcoming Ironman Florida Triathlon scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rausa gave a brief presentation on the funds donated to local organizations and information about the upcoming Triathlon on November 5<sup>th</sup>. He also spoke of the Kid's race set for the afternoon of November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**4 BAY COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL PRESENTATION.** Bay County Veterans Council President Jim Doescher and AmVets President Harry Brax spoke of their plans to move the Veteran's Memorial at Pier Park closer to West Pier Park Drive to make it more convenient for our older veterans and families. They discussed the agreement between the four major Veterans clubs in that this would be a good move. Mr. Gisbert said he would bring ideas back to Council for consideration.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**1 TOM KLOMPS.** Mr. Klomps made comments about the poor sound level of the livestreaming.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**1 RESOLUTION 16-111, STATE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE & COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with FDOT; designating and authorizing a City representative to update and execute amendments to Exhibit A of the Agreement; authorizing execution and providing an immediately effective date."

**2 RESOLUTION 16-112, BID AWARD, RE-ROOFING FIRE STATION #32.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an Agreement with Andrews Roofing and Construction for the replacement of the Fire Station #32 roof in the amount of \$14,570; authorizing execution and providing an immediately effective date."

**3\* RESOLUTION 16-114, FRONT BEACH ROAD CRA SEGMENT 3 BUCHANAN & HARPER MSA TASK ORDER 1.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving a Task Order with Buchanan & Harper for surveying services for the FBR Segment 3/ Highway 79 project in the amount of \$16,900; authorizing execution and providing an effective date."

**4\* RESOLUTION 16-115, FRONT BEACH ROAD CRA SEGMENT 3 APPRAISALS, CHANDLER & ASSOCIATES INC. MSA TASK ORDER 16.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving a Task Order with Chandler & Associates, Inc., for appraisals for the FBR Segment 3/ Highway 79 project in the amount of \$19,800; authorizing execution and providing an effective date."

**5 RESOLUTION 16-116, BID AWARD-EDGEWATER LIFT STATION 9 REPLACEMENT PROJECT.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an Agreement with Marshall Brothers Construction and Engineering, Inc., for the demolition and construction of Edgewater Lift Station 9, in the amount of \$1,778,460."

**6 RESOLUTION 16-125, IRONMAN FLORIDA TRIATHLON ROAD USAGE.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, related to the "Ironman Florida Triathlon" authorizing extraordinary traffic control on portions of South Thomas Drive, Thomas Drive, Surf Drive, Front Beach Road, and SR 79 on Saturday, November 5, 2016 for the event."

**7 RESOLUTION 16-126, SHRIMP AND OYSTER FEST ROAD USAGE.** "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing temporary closures of Pier Park Drive south of Sea Monkey Way to Longboard Way on Saturday, September 10, 2016 for the "Shrimp and Oyster Fest".

Ms. Fowler read each item on the Consent Agenda by title and identified the CRA items with asterisks as those in which the City Council was also acting as the PCB Community Redevelopment Agency and voting as both. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## REGULAR AGENDA

**1 BAY TOWN TROLLEY DISCUSSION.** Councilman Solis said an issue discussed at yesterday's TPO meeting was that many of the transitioning sites for the trolley were on private property, one being the Super Wal-Mart. The Wal-Mart had now prohibited their property from being used for a transitioning site so the Trolley now used the corner of Joan Avenue and Front Beach Road. He asked if the Council would consider allowing the multi-modal site on North Thomas Drive to place the riders in a safer area. He said the trolley was also adding an additional Saturday route on the beach during the busy season. Councilman Reichard said he had spoken with Mr. Gisbert who reminded that

keeping the area clean was important and to remind the TPO that they would be responsible for that task if the Council moved forward. Councilman Reichard said this would prevent the stopped traffic which was a big part of the conversation at the meeting. Suggestions were made to approach private business owners of large parking lots so that the trolley might pull off Front Beach Road to load and unload passengers, to keep traffic moving better. He said he felt it would be a good step to move the transfer point from Joan Avenue to the Intermodal site.

Councilwoman Strange asked if the site could be used now without being paved. Councilman Solis said the TPO felt it could be used and Mr. Gisbert added that the site had been improved during the CRA Segment 1. He reminded that during peak times of the year the site was used for vehicle parking. He said if the Council approved the idea, an Interlocal Agreement would be brought back for adoption.

Mayor Thomas said it sounded like good things resulted from the meeting. However, prior problems were the areas being trashed and many businesses did not want the stop in front of their business. He gave the examples of the Bay County Public Library in front of the Government Center and in front of the Super Wal-Mart being trashed. He said that was not the image the City wanted. Councilman Reichard said that had been discussed at the meeting, and that an answer would be more trash receptacles at the stops.

Mayor Thomas said he also thought the fares should be equal to the cost of running the trolley. Councilman Reichard said he thought it was a good step getting the trolley off the street and that the Interlocal Agreement could deal with the trash issue. Councilman Solis added that enforcement would also be key to the trash issue. He said public transportation was very important and the many workers that used the trolley to get to the beach. Mayor Thomas said he understood the need but felt the trolley should pay for itself.

Councilwoman Strange asked if this site was also used for special events parking and Mr. Gisbert replied that the site was sufficient for both activities. It was a very large area. Councilman Solis recommended Code Enforcement go by the site when the transitions occurred.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to direct the City Manager to create an Interlocal Agreement with the TPO for the Multi-modal site. Second was by Councilwoman Strange. The motion passed by majority roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**2 ORDINANCE 1391, CITY TREASURER, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.** Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1391 by title. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing at 9:40 A.M. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. He closed the Public Hearing at 9:41 A.M. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Ordinance 1391. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by majority roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3 RESOLUTION 16-120, APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.** Ms. Myers said the title was incomplete as it required some discussion on the Council's part to appoint someone as City Treasurer. She added that Staff recommended that it not be someone involved with the City's finances so that there would be a separation of duties, having the ability to independently review and be able to detect any errors, mistakes or irregularities. Mr. Gisbert said in other municipalities, typically it was the City Manager and the Mayor or lead Commissioner but could be anyone within the City.

Councilman Solis said the Department Heads were extremely busy and it would be a task to be the City Treasurer. He asked if the Mayor was interested in assuming that extra duty. Mayor Thomas asked if this would be strictly for oversight and Mr. Gisbert replied affirmatively. Councilman Reichard said it would not be the duties of the

CFO. Mr. Gisbert said this would correct an issue brought up during every City audit. Councilwoman Strange asked about appointing Ms. Myers. Mayor Thomas replied that would be an additional cost. Ms. Myers said she would prefer it to be someone at City Hall. **Mayor Thomas passed the gavel and made the motion to appoint Vice-Mayor Strange as City Treasurer.** Councilwoman Strange said she would accept the role. **Second was by Councilman Chester.**

Councilman Reichard said he was not clear as to the duties of the City Treasurer. Mr. Gisbert explained the responsibilities. Councilman Reichard asked if there was a provision if Councilwoman Strange was out of town, would the checks sit until she returned. Ms. White replied that it was more of a signature plate, an electronic signature, as the City was moving away from paper checks and going more toward the virtual credit cards, ACH payments. So this would be more of an oversight and it would be up to Mr. Gisbert and the individual on the level of review. She explained the invoice review/approval process depending on the amount. This issue arose because traditionally she as the City Clerk was the secondary signature on the checks, and part of her job as the Chief Finance Officer was to ensure good internal controls. She said it was not good internal controls for someone to have access to the assets of the City as she has also signing checks. She reminded the comments about segregation of duties in the AGO's audit report. She continued that once the second person was appointed, all of the banking documents would have to be re-signed. Mr. Gisbert explained his process of review. Ms. Myers said since Ms. White was no longer City Clerk, the Council could re-designate the City Clerk as the Treasurer and Ms. Fowler's signature would be on the plate.

**Mayor Thomas withdrew his motion.** Councilwoman Strange said she had no problem assuming the duties. Mayor Thomas said he thought a member of Staff was better and the simplest thing to do. **Councilman Solis made the motion to appoint Vice-Mayor Strange as the City Treasurer. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Ms. Myers read Resolution 16-120 with Vice-Mayor Strange's name inserted as City Treasurer in the title. **Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 16-120. Second was by Councilwoman Strange. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**4 RESOLUTION 16-103, LAKE POWELL UTILITY TURNOVER AGREEMENT.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 16-103 by title and explained that this was a turnover that Staff had been negotiating with the CDD for quite some time. The exhibits identified the assets which would be turned over to the City. She said the City had accepted the turnover of private utility systems in the past so in that aspect this was no different. However, it was unique in that it was a large system.

Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Shortt if the system had been inspected and Mr. Shortt replied affirmatively. He continued that this system would be the opposite of the Bayside Utility System as it was relatively new. Staff did an inspection approximately three months ago, found a few things to address, and the CDD made those changes and spent a little over \$300,000 on the hard improvements, engineers and surveyors. He emphasized that there would be no money out-of-pocket for the City in this turnover other than Staff time in reviewing the documents. He said right now, it would be approximately 600 units and the last private utility system within the City's service area. Mr. Shortt said they will become regular customers, similar to any other customer outside of the City limits. The CDD also had a deposit system similar to the City's and they would transfer \$150 for every account to the City and handle any reimbursements for excess back to the customer. He said it would be a clean switchover and all of the improvements should be finished by mid to late September. The turnover cutoff date will be mid-October. Ms. Myers added that if the turnover did not occur by September 30<sup>th</sup>,

either party had the ability to terminate the agreement.

Mayor Thomas asked if there were good as-builts for the system. Mr. Shortt said apparently there were but there was a lawsuit which covered part of that. The people who had the original as-builts claimed that they had been lost so the CDD hired a new survey company to resurvey the entire project. He said Staff was still waiting on some easements but they were internal documents. Mr. Shortt said Staff was satisfied with the deal itself which was covered in the Agenda package.

Councilwoman Strange asked why the City was taking this action. Mr. Shortt said the City had always tried to avoid having private utilities within our service area. When this project was first developed, the City asked them to make transmission system upgrades because they were so far out on the west end and the fire protection would be marginal. He said the developer did not want to make those upgrades so the City did not take the system. The developer built a ground-storage pump station on site to handle the fire protection needs which had not been well maintained. Now that the City had higher capacity in that area, the system could be taken over without an adverse impact to the City. He continued that their system bought water from the City in bulk. Councilman Solis asked if he had any reservation in this turnover. Mr. Shortt replied that the CDD was in the process of doing the upgrades which would be completed before staff recommended that the City Manager signs the Agreement.

Councilwoman Strange asked if this Agreement had an escape clause. Ms. Myers replied yes, that if the infrastructure was not completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, the City had the option to terminate the contract. Based on the information to date, Staff thought the upgrades would be completed. Mr. Shortt said Staff would do another walk-through inspection before any turnover. Mr. Gisbert added that there were also warranties within the Agreement.

Councilman Chester asked if another meter reader would be required for the additional customers. Mr. Shortt replied no and explained his reasons. Councilman Reichard asked if the City was taking their meters and Mr. Shortt replied yes, that they used the same meter company as the City. Councilman Reichard asked if this would be a good opportunity for the new type of meters which involved satellites. Mr. Shortt said that could be discussed during the Budget Workshop later today but that new system was still being delayed. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 16-103. Second was by Councilman Reichard. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**5 RESOLUTION 16-113, BID AWARD- LIVESTREAMING SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT.** Ms. Myers read Resolution 16-113 by title. Mr. Gisbert explained this was the proposal for the new livestreaming equipment and service, with approximately Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars for equipment and installation, and Nine Thousand Dollars for the livestreaming hosting service. Councilman Reichard asked if this would solve the audio and video quality for the broadcast. Mr. Gisbert said this was upgrading to high definition sound and video. Councilwoman Strange asked if this would solve the lag that was experienced when she called into the meeting. Mr. Gisbert said there would always be a lag due to the numerous people the livestreaming flowed through. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Resolution 16-113. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**5 RESOLUTION 16-117, CAPITAL PLANS TO RFP.** Ms. Myers said she would handle the next three Resolutions and would read the Resolutions in full because each RFQ was being handled differently. She said the Staff recommendation in this instance involved the Capital Plans in that both firms were fully qualified and that the Council use an objective RFP process to pick the lowest bidder to award the contract. She said if the Council accepted Staff's recommendation, she and Ms. Jenkins would develop an RFP

to submit to the only two qualified bidders. It would not be open to the public. Ms. Myers read Resolution 16-117 in full. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 16-117. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**7 RESOLUTION 16-118, RANKING FIRMS FOR IMPACT FEES.** Ms. Myers explained two firms responded to the RFQ and Staff made a ranking of those firms in this case. She read Resolution 16-118 in full. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve Resolution 16-118. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**8\* RESOLUTION 16-119, RANKING FIRM FOR FRONT BEACH ROAD CRA O&M PROJECT.** Mayor Thomas said this item was noted with an asterisk which meant it involved the CRA. Ms. Myers read Resolution 16-119 in full and explained only one firm responded to the RFQ. Councilman Solis asked if it was common that only one company would respond. Mr. Gisbert replied that sometimes the services were so specialized that only one company responded and this firm had provided services to the City in the past. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 16-119. Second was by Councilman Chester. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**9\* RESOLUTION 16-122, PARKING RATES AT CITY LOTS.** Mayor Thomas identified this matter as a CRA item. Ms. Myers said this came back to the Council after it was discussed at the Budget Workshop about raising the rates. She read Resolution 16-122 by title. She said this would increase the fee to Five Dollars, an increase of One Dollar. At the request of Councilman Solis, Mr. Gisbert explained the maintenance issues with the parking meters when dealing with wet Dollar bills. Going to a Five Dollar bill would reduce the number of jams, and if this change did not work, he said he would recommend going to credit cards or coins only and the existing machines could be updated for those changes since they already took credit cards and coins. Mayor Thomas said while he was out of town traveling, other locations did not take cash, only credit cards. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve Resolution 16-122. Second was by Councilman Solis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Strange</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Reichard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## **10 PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**Mr. Burnie Thompson, 8317 Front Beach Road.** Mr. Thompson questioned raising the parking fees to Five Dollars due to wet Dollar bills. Mr. Gisbert replied that the wet Dollar bills were only one reason with another being most other municipalities charged more for a full day's parking. Mr. Thompson thanked Vice-Mayor Strange and Councilman Solis for opposing the meeting time change. He mentioned listening to the people in order to make the final decision.

**Ms. Genese Hatcher**, 203 South Wells St. Ms. Hatcher voiced compliments on the new look of the Council Chambers. She made comments about the trash on the beach and questioned if prisoners could be used to pick up trash on the beach and along the beach accesses. Mayor Thomas said crews did the pickup all over the County but the problem was that only certain inmates would qualify and be able to be out by law.

**Mr. Tom Klomps**, 614 Poinsettia Court. Mr. Klomps said he could not attend the Budget Workshop this afternoon so he asked about transferring the \$4.1 Million Dollars from the Utility Fund to the General Fund. He said if it was meant for the new City Hall building that he thought it would be more useful applied to the Back Back Beach Road. He also made comments about prisoners used in other jurisdictions.

**Mr. Frank Sewell**, 435 Hidden Island Drive. Mr. Sewell made comments about sprinklers spraying into the road or on the sidewalks. He made comments about local vendors not being allowed to sell food at the Gulf Coast Jam. He said the 9 A.M. meeting time change due to its being a business meeting made sense but he suggested having any meetings involving taxes or new laws be held at 6 P.M.

**Mr. Calvin Chester**, 228 Oxford Avenue. Mr. Chester said the 9 A.M. meetings would prevent many of the school or citizen recognitions. He said these meeting were for the people.

**Mr. Steve Smiley**, 316 Wisteria Lane. Mr. Smiley said he opposed the 9 A.M. meetings.

There were no further comments.

11 **CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE.** Ms. Myers said given the prior meeting schedule, the advertising deadlines could not be met for this Agenda. She said if the Council moved the meetings to 9 A.M., the enactment schedule would be changed and the readings would be able to come to Council at back-to-back meetings rather than over the course of a month.

Ms. Myers said Mr. Gisbert was going on vacation at the end of the month and the Charter required that, in his absence, an interim City Manager be appointed, subject to the approval of the City Council. She understood in conversations with the City Manager that he planned to appoint the Mayor since the Mayor had traditionally served as the Acting City Manager. She said merely a show of consent from the Council members would be sufficient. The Council members nodded their heads.

12 **CITY MANAGER UPDATE.** Mr. Gisbert thanked the Mayor. He read the bids currently outstanding and also the advertised jobs. He said these were posted on the website plus mentioned the feature of bid information now being posted once awarded by the Council. That information would be who was awarded the bid plus the price.

Mayor Thomas said he and Mr. Gisbert had discussed the approaching tropical storm and his thoughts about Staff. The Mayor said the County had an excellent emergency staff and he assured the City Manager that everything would be fine. Mr. Gisbert reported about the latest tropical update.

13 **COUNCIL UPDATES.** Councilman Reichard said he would like to know how many protective barriers were available to protect the people who would be watching the parades and in the parade routes. He said he was concerned and had been told by the TDC that another 100 barriers were being added to the current stock. He asked for a detailed report because the City owned not only the streets in Pier Park but also the sidewalks. Councilman Reichard said he understood that the cost to install and remove the barriers was \$2500 and then questioned other parades such as the Christmas Parade sponsored by the Optimist Club being charged. He elaborated.

Councilman Chester had no comments.

Councilman Solis said the traffic problems were the #1 issue. He had asked the City Manager to outline all of the projects so that the Council could determine which were most important to the City, and that any transfer of funds would be used to benefit the most residents. He stated that no decision had been made to use the transferred funds toward a new City Hall. Regarding litter, he spoke of other beaches in South Florida which was heavily used but with very little litter. He recommended enforcing the litter

laws and writing tickets. He also mentioned the Town Hall meeting in early November and urged all residents to attend. He mentioned the Boys & Girls Club and that there were people who could not attend 9 A.M. meetings to voice their opinions on important issues. Regarding the TPO, Councilman Reichard and he pushed forward the extension of the turn lane at Pier Park, and found out that FDOT had placed the issue on their project list. He said it might be 18 to 24 months before built but at least the improvement had been granted. Councilman Solis reported that FDOT was looking at the Front Beach Road west of SR 79 sidewalk project. He mentioned the Nautilus extension.

Councilwoman Strange said she agreed with Councilman Solis in that the 9 A.M. Council meetings were not convenient for the public. She recommended one 9 A.M. meeting and one 6 P.M. meeting.


Mayor Thomas said Item #8 was for Operations and Maintenance for Front Beach Road and a notice that if in future, fees may be recommended as they were required to be done when the CRA was created and should have been done all along. He said it would not be responsible for the City to build a CRA project, whose original documents said there would be a way for them to be maintained, without maintenance in place. He reminded that the City did not have an ad valorem tax. Regarding Code Enforcement, more tickets were written in the last six weeks and he had received notes from citizens saying how much they appreciated the attention. However, he said he did not believe enough tickets were written. He gave an example of one property which had problems.


With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

READ AND APPROVED this the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2016.

**Action on items noted with an asterisk (\*) are taken by both the City Council and the City of Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, jointly and concurrently.**

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

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk