

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 January 24, 2019.

ROLL
MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

COUNCILORS:
PAUL CASTO
PHIL CHESTER
GEOFF MCCONNELL
HECTOR SOLIS

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
CITY CLERK:
MARY JAN BOSSERT
CITY ATTORNEY:
AMY MYERS

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 9 a.m. with all Councilmen, the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney present.

Councilman Casto gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 10, 2019 were read. **Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the Minutes as written. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Councilman McConnell requested to add a discussion of after-action review of the Hurricane Michael. There were no objections.

PRESENTATIONS

1 KEEP PCB BEAUTIFUL CERTIFICATION. Councilman Casto introduced Joan Weatherford, President of Keep PCB Beautiful, and her group of volunteers. A representative from the National Keep America Beautiful presented the group with their certification. The audience responded with applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (REGULAR NON-PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSENT ITEMS)

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 9:14 a.m. and invited comments. There were none. He closed the Public Comments at 9:14 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Items by title.

1 RESOLUTION 19-41, MARDI-GRAS PARADE ROAD CLOSURES. "A Resolution authorizing temporary closure of portions of certain roads internal to Pier Park to permit the Panama City Beach Mardi Gras and Music Festival on March 2 and 3, 2019; authorizing careful traffic control and extraordinary usage of portions of Front Beach Road on Saturday, February 2, 2019, to permit the Panama City Beach Mardi Gras at the Beach Parade; and providing an immediately effective date."

2 RESOLUTION 19-46, BID AWARD - PARKS 2019 FORD EXPLORER PURCHASE. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Auto Nation Ford Mobile in the amount of \$28,679 for the purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer; and providing an immediately effective date."

3 RESOLUTION 19-47, BID AWARD - WWTF EFFLUENT TRANSFER PUMPS PURCHASES. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with GPM, Inc. D/B/A Gilbert Pump & Mechanical in the amount of \$213,000 for the purchase of two replacement effluent transfer pumps; and providing an immediately effective date."

4 RESOLUTION 19-48, BID AWARD - WWTF BLOWER REPLACEMENTS. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving an agreement with Universal Blower PAC, Inc. in the amount of \$61,700 for the purchase of 3 replacement blowers; and providing an immediately effective date."

5 RESOLUTION 19-49, BID AWARD - UTILITY SERVICES VEHICLES PURCHASE. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving the purchase of two utility work trucks and one utility cargo van as more particularly set forth in the body of the Resolution, from Bozard Ford Company in the amount of \$81,588; and providing an immediately effective date."

6 RESOLUTION 19-50, UTILITY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LOADER PURCHASE. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving an agreement with Beard Equipment Co. for the purchase of a loader backhoe in the amount of \$79,193.75; and providing an immediately effective date."

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 SHOREWALK SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL, PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED. Ms. Myers explained the staff requested this Hearing be continued until the next Council meeting.

ITEM 2 RESOLUTION 19-52, HIDE-A-WAY PLAT VACATION. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-52 by title. The Council had no comments.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-52. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 19-53, BID AWARD - NEW FIRE STATION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #9. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-53 by title. The Council had no comments.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 19-53. Second was by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 19-51, BID AWARD - KIDDIE POOL LINER REPAIR PROJECT 2019 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #10. Ms. Myers read Resolution 19-51 by title. The Council had no comments.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-51. Second was by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye
Councilman Solis	Aye
Mayor Thomas	Aye

ITEM 5 AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF HURRICANE MICHAEL. Councilman McConnell requested staff to go back and document what worked and did not work for them during the hurricane. There were no objections.

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

1 Ed Benjamin, 202 S Wells Street. Mr. Benjamin commented that Highway 79 is a major entrance to Panama City Beach and the area is close to commercial low density. He questioned future height limitations for buildings on Highway 79.

2 Gary Beck, 17001 Front Beach Road. Mr. Beck commented on his BP oil spill lawsuit.

3 Genese Hatcher, 203 S Wells Street. Ms. Hatcher commented that she wants to know how she can be involved with meetings that are in reference to height restrictions. Mayor Thomas explained the Planning Board meetings are open to the public.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Delegations period at 9:36 a.m.

Mayor Thomas asked Chief Whitman to explain the Baker Act Process.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Myers explained the Planning Board is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan one chapter per meeting and asked what the best way would be to communicate the changes to the Council. Councilman McConnell stated he would prefer quarterly workshops. There were no objections.

Ms. Myers asked the Council if they would like to extend the Spring Break ordinances that are only effective in the month of March to be extended into the month of April. Councilman Casto commented the ordinances in place are working well and should not be changed. All Council members agreed.

Ms. Myers asked for direction on the pending dispute with David Chapman. Mr. Chapman requested additional height through the Height Incentive process and requested we enter the dispute resolution process. Ms. Myers explained she met with all Council members separately on the matter, and based on those meetings proposed to Mr. Chapman to reduce the incentives required of him to match the given height. Councilman Solis commented he was never for the Height Incentives. It would be unfair for Mr. Chapman to get anything above what is given to other contractors. Councilman McConnell commented the offer presented from the Council is fair.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Gisbert read the open bids and available jobs. He commented housing has been a key issue to the restoration of our community. There are a fair number of people that are without homes. The Building and Planning Department prepared a spreadsheet reflecting 1,046 number of units under construction. Next year he projects to have another 701 units between hotels, condos, and single-family homes in progress. Councilman Chester asked for a list that includes what is available in the County. Mr. Gisbert stated we had great representation from our state and federal representatives. They have asked for a list of items they can move up the hill. A tentative list has been made that includes Bay Parkway. Currently there is a 100% FEMA reimbursement for Part A and B for only 5 days and we would like to see that 30 days or longer. The match currently is 75% federal and state and the other 25% is paid by the municipality. The City was hoping FEMA Category B expenses would be funded 100% by the state and federal government, and asking FEMA Category A through G expenses be funded at 90%,

where the municipality will only have to pay 5%. There has been discussion of having a half cent sales tax to benefit the entire state for hurricane recovery.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chester had no comments.

Councilman Solis commented gas stations had dropped their gas prices 10-15 cents per gallon since the Council sent the letter to the state officials. He received a call from a Chevron executive who acknowledged wholesale gas prices in this area are no different from anywhere else. The executive's position was that "it is a capitalist society, people can charge what they want." Councilman Solis encouraged citizens to drive by more expensive stations to get fuel at a station that charges less.

Councilman McConnell suggested that Department Heads rotate to give an update to the Council. He commented that the CRA is doing a great job on Front Beach Road.

Mayor Thomas commented heights do not need to increase as we do more business. He disagreed with the height of the building next to his business. When someone live in front of a high building, there is a wind funnel around them and a constant shadow. He hopes the Council does not go any higher for Height Incentives.

Councilman Casto had no comments.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 14th of February, 2019.

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