

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 July 11, 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:

COLE DAVIS

Mayor Thomas called the Special Meeting to order at 5 p.m. with all Councilmen, the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney present.

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

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 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:**

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

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mr. Davis asked that Item 7 and 8 be moved to Item 1 and 2.

Councilman Chester made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman McConnell seconded the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

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

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

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and invited comments. Mayor Thomas called Ms. Redmon to the podium to speak.

1 Alisha Redmon – Ms. Redmon stated her husband, Stacey Redmon, lost his life saving a child from drowning. She suggested “Stacey’s Law” be passed to enforce the double red flags. She requested to speak to each council member for a solution. She listed solutions for residences and visitors to be educated on the flag system. She expressed her gratitude for the surfers and asked they be exempt from the rule.

With nothing further, Mayor Thomas closed the Public Comments at 5:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Item by title.

1 RESOLUTION 19-102, BID AWARD – BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA). “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving an agreement with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. in the total amount of \$42,990.00 for the purchase of five breathing apparatus and associated equipment.”

2 RESOLUTION 19-103, BID AWARD – FOUR (4) 4X4 TRUCKS BEACH

FIRE RESCUE. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving the purchase of four Dodge Ram Tradesman trucks from Garber Chrysler-Dodge Truck, Inc., in the amount of \$104,420.00."

3 RESOLUTION 19-105, BID AWARD – RFP AUDIT SERVICES. "A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, approving a five-year engagement of Carr Riggs & Ingram, LLC for an annual fee of \$79,900.00."

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 ORDINANCE 1492, REPEALING LDC REGULATION OF CANNABIS DISPENSARIES, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1492 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions by the Council Members; there were none. He opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m. and invited comments. There were none. With nothing further, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Ordinance 1492. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 2 ORDINANCE 1493, SPECIAL EVENT MUNICIPAL SERVICES, 1ST READING. Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1493 by title. There were no comments.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1493. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 19-104, BID AWARD – FOUR (4) SOLAR SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #44 – POLICE DEPARTMENT. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-104 by title. There were no comments.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-104. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 19-106, INITIAL NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR 2019. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-106 by title. There were no comments.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-106. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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| Councilman Solis | Aye |
| Councilman Casto | Aye |
| Councilman Chester | Aye |
| Councilman McConnell | Aye |

Mayor Thomas Aye

ITEM 5 RESOLUTION 19-107, UNDERSTAFFED PILOT INCENTIVE PAY POLICY. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-107 by title. Mayor Thomas explained since the Hurricane all of Bay County have lost work force. He commented the City cannot compete with private sectors pay. Ms. Philput stated this is a short-term solution and will impact seventeen positions but hoped it would increase moral. Councilman McConnell commented that he approved of providing additional bonus for these hard working employees.

Councilman Casto made the motion to approve Resolution 19-107. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 6 RESOLUTION 19-109, CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH HAGERTY AND BUDGET AMENDMENT #46. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-109 by title. He explained two proposals given to the Council. Councilman McConnell explained Hagerty is completing the City's FEMA applications and are helping the City collect reimbursement for the costs from Hurricane Michael. He explained this contract can be started and stopped at any time. Councilman Solis complimented Hagerty for finding other eligible funding for the City.

Councilman Solis made a motion to approve Resolution 19-109 in the amount of \$546,240. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 7 RESOLUTION 19-110, AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17138 AND 17140 FRONT BEACH ROAD. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-110 by title. There were no comments.

Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 19-110. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 8 RESOLUTION 19-111, UPDATING CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY INCENTIVE SCHEDULE TO MATCH FDOT. Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-111 by title.

Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-111. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ITEM 9 EXAMINING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT. Mr. Davis explained there are two vacancies on the Examining Board. Currently one seat is advertised, the other seat has expressed his interest to serve another term. All Council Members were in favor to reappoint Mr. Klemen to the Examining Board.

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

1 Cherie Crim – 17680 Front Beach Road. Ms. Crim invited the Council to the Equality Means Business Luncheon that will be held at Gulf Coast on July 24th from 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. She asked clarification on why the Council was holding a “special meeting”. She suggested putting up “No U-Turn” signs on Front Beach Road.

2 Bill Porter – 143 Glades Turn. Mr. Porter stated the golf course has closed and he is opposed to DR Horton placing multi-family townhouses on the golf course. He has heard they would lose 1/3 of the equity in their homes if the townhouses are built.

3 Bob Breuster – 310 South Glades Trail. Mr. Breuster stated he is opposed to the townhouses coming into the neighborhood. He stated traffic is already horrible.

4 Michael Knapp – 145 Glades Turn. Mr. Knapp stated he is opposed to the townhouses coming into the neighborhood. He noted the problems with narrow streets and traffic, which will increase with additional density in a small area. He questioned green space. He stated he would like the area rezoned. If multifamily units are put in, they would be extremely close to single family homes. He commented the residences deserve their space and privacy.

5 June Kennedy – 105 Glades Turn. Ms. Kennedy stated she has lived here for 30 years. She stated she wanted to make the Council aware of what the citizens are dealing with. She explained surveyors are marking people’s yards. DR Horton have proposed to build 80 townhomes and she asked the Council to evaluate the situation before plans are submitted. She commented they will have no privacy unless the set back is 60-80 feet.

6 Diane Wetherbee – 129 Glades Turn. Ms. Wetherbee stated she opposed the townhouses going into the neighborhood.

7 Diana Holmes – 302 South Glades Trail. Ms. Holmes stated she has lived in the Glades for 29 years and is opposed to the townhomes coming into the neighborhood. She explained the current owner decided not to clean up the storm debris and laid off the ground maintenance workers. She stated they understand the need for housing since the hurricane, but her biggest fear is the elimination of green space.

8 Anna Costine – 117 Glades Turn. Ms. Costine stated she was opposed to the townhouses being developed in the subdivision. This will be harmful for others. There are only 28 homes in the subdivision, with 44 people living there. This will destroy the home equity and the quality of their lives.

9 Roland Costine – 117 Glades Turn. Mr. Costine stated he is opposed to the townhouses being developed in the subdivision. He explained where the townhomes will be is severely close to his property.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Delegations period at 6:57 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Councilman Solis introduced Josie Buell and presented her with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Club. The audience responded with applause.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Davis explained by Ordinance the Council has a regular meeting following the special meeting.


COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council Members recognized Ms. Redmon and expressed their condolences for her loss.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 25th of July, 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