

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 8, 2019.

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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 Chester gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas announced the upcoming Community Events.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 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:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Mr. Gisbert asked that Item 3 from the Consent agenda be removed.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve the agenda with the deletion. Councilman Chester seconded the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Councilman Chester introduced Anthony Bradbury and presented him with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Latina Reed, the Club representative, spoke of Anthony Bradbury's contributions to the Club. The audience responded with applause.

2 **ADVANCED COMMUNICATION INFORMATION SYSTEM – JAMES WHITE.** Mr. White gave a brief description of the Advanced Communication Information System. He explained the system can distribute Wi-Fi to enhance the beach communication and create supplemental income to local and state municipalities. He explained the system was developed to reduce injuries and save lives, give information to beachgoers and visitors. He commented the system is environmentally friendly and will have an emergency alert push button. Discussion ensued.

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

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Comments section of the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and invited comments.

1 Tom Klomps, 614 Poinsettia Court – Mr. Klomps commented that the City has spent a large amount of money on the CRA project already and are now spending more on red asphalt. He asked the Council to spend the taxpayer’s money wisely.

With nothing further, Mayor Thomas closed the Public Comments at 5:17 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Bossert read the Consent Agenda Item by title.

**1 RESOLUTION 19-118, JOINT WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS BEACH SAFETY.** “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, authorizing the City Council to participate in a joint meeting with the Bay County Board of Commissioners and the Bay County Tourist Development Council to discuss matters of mutual interest related to beach safety.”

**2 RESOLUTION 19-119, ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE.** “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida approving an agreement with CentralSquare Technologies for updated accounting software and professional services in an amount not to exceed \$18,172.96.”

**Councilman Casto 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:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 1 ORDINANCE 1493, SPECIAL EVENT MUNICIPAL SERVICES, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION.** Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1493 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions by the Council Members; there were none. He opened the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m. and invited comments.

1 Tom Klomps, 614 Poinsettia Court – Mr. Klomps commented during special events the employees will be using City assets, such as cars and fuel. He questioned the wear and tear on the assets and inquired on how the expense will be recouped.

2 Cherie Crim, 17680 Front Beach Road – Ms. Crim read a portion of the Ordinance. She stated there were no fees paid for the Donald Trump rallies and requested a public audit of special events.

With nothing further, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:23 p.m.

Mr. Davis explained there will be amendments to this Ordinance. Councilman McConnell explained the City employees are not covered for workmen’s compensations and that the vendor should provide this coverage; this addition needs to be in the Ordinance. He commented there will be liability issues unless changes are made to the Ordinance. Mayor Thomas opposed the Ordinance.

Mayor Thomas explained he is not apologizing for not charging security for the President of the United States, he commented it is our duty. He believes fire and police should be present at all events.

**Councilman Casto made the motion to table Ordinance 1493. Second was made by Councilman Chester and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**ITEM 2 ORDINANCE 1494, BEACH SAFETY, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION.** Mr. Davis read Ordinance 1494 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions by the Council Members; there were none. He opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m. and invited comments.

1 Alisha Redmon, 5353 Jenkins Road – Ms. Redmon thanked the Council for their support and getting the process in place for beach safety. She explained she is in favor of the life-saving devices. She commented the yellow flags are hard to be seen, she proposed a honey mustard color could be more visible. She commented she will be meeting with Senator Gainer next month.

2 Michael Landis, 14806 Front Beach Road – Mr. Landis explained he was a former rescue boat captain. He commented enforcement penalties are needed. He commented throw rings are not a good idea, presence on the beach is the solution to the problem. He recommended the Council speak to the Master Chief at the Coast Guard station. Councilman McConnell stated he will speak to him.

With nothing further, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Councilman Casto agreed with Ms. Redmon on the need for Coast Guard approved floatation devices. He requested the type-4 devices to be added back to the Ordinance. Mr. Davis explained it would require another reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Casto advised against the human chain, it could end very badly without a floatation device. He commented the more floatation devices, the better. He explained when someone sees someone's life in danger, they are going to try to help. Councilman Chester inquired on the location of the floatation devices. Mr. Davis explained they will be located on the beach commerce huts. Councilman Solis commented his concern is the possibility of voided insurance for the beach vendors if the floatation devices are there. He commented the State needs to mandate the floatation devices.

Mayor Thomas explained we have lifeguards on the beach that are Red Cross certified but are not open water certified. He explained he doesn't have a problem putting them with lifeguards at commercial huts where people are supervised. Councilman Solis expressed to use efforts for State to mandate. Mayor Thomas agreed it takes a lot of money, but it's a small price to pay for safety.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Ordinance 1494. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**ITEM 3 RESOLUTION 19-123, CRA CHANGE ORDER #20 TO GAC CONTRACTORS, INC. AGREEMENT, RELATING TO RED ASPHALT FOR FRONT BEACH ROAD SEGMENT 2 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.** Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-123 by title. Mr. Davis commented this is Change Order #17. Councilman Casto called David Campbell to the podium. Mr. Campbell commented this is a fantastic design that will benefit the City. He explained the first section tried red aggregate, but the asphalt fell off and there were problems with paint and epoxy. He explained he found a company that produces the red asphalt. He commented this color is a good contrast from the black asphalt. He explained the red asphalt will detail the tram/bike-only lane. He explained the asphalt is user-friendly, cold mix and a sealer is available. Mr. Campbell explained the first segment can be done at any time. Discussion ensued.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-123. Second was made by Councilman Casto and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**ITEM 4 RESOLUTION 19-125, SALE OF MULTI-MODAL FACILITY – ADDENDUM #2.** Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-125 by title. Councilman Casto commented he is against this Resolution. He explained it should be used for original use. Mr. Gisbert explained when advertised it states the guidelines of the use of the property. Councilman Soils commented the CRA sections need to be completed, the 6 million dollars from the sale will help. Mr. Leonard explained the land is zoned highest and best

use, it can be used for the development of hotels or condos. Mayor Thomas commented the City has no business getting into the TRAM business. Discussion ensued.

**Councilman Solis made the motion to approve Resolution 19-125. Second was made by Councilman McConnell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**ITEM 5 RESOLUTION 19-126, NEAR TERM WORKPLAN FOR CRA.** Mr. Davis read Resolution 19-126 by title. There were no comments.

**Councilman McConnell made the motion to approve Resolution 19-126. Second was made by Councilman Solis and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

<b>Councilman Chester</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman McConnell</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Solis</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Casto</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Thomas</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Thomas explained the Delegations period and opened this portion of the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

1 June Kennedy – 105 Glades Turn. Ms. Kennedy thanked the Council and asked them not to forget about the Glades residents.

2 Ms. Bossert, City Clerk. Ms. Bossert explained she received an email to be read at the delegation portion of the meeting, this email was sent to all council members for their information. Mayor Thomas instructed to enter it into the record.

3 Cherie Crim – 17680 Front Beach Road. Ms. Crim reiterated her stance on the charges for special events. She asked the council to look at how much money is being given away. She repeated the need for an audit on special events in the past few years.

4 Tom Klomps, 614 Poinsettia Court – Mr. Klomps asked the council to look at the way we are treating contractors. He stated trash is being blown out of commercial construction dumpsters. He stated the fencing with fabric that blocks the view of traffic, contractors need to be held accountable for any accidents that may occur.

5 Sherri Trimble, South San Souci Blvd. – Ms. Trimble explained she requested a speed bump and speed limit sign on her street. She explained the city has fixed the manhole in front of her house several times and it needs to be fixed again.

6 Alisha Redmon, 5353 Jenkins Road – Ms. Redmon does not remember seeing floatation devices at the lifeguard stand when her husband passed.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the Delegations period at 6:16 p.m.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Davis stated he had no report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Gisbert read the open bids and available jobs.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Solis asked to please share the word on available jobs with the City.

Councilman McConnell had no comments.

Councilman Casto announced the Beach Safety Workshop next Tuesday at the Lyndell Center.

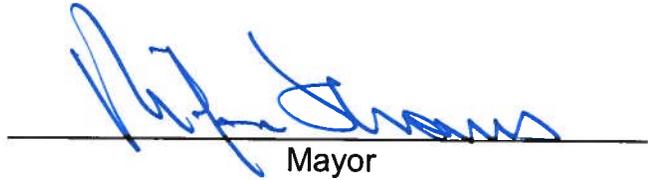
Councilman Chester had no comments.

Mayor Thomas apologized to Ms. Crim if she took offense to his statement about whichever political party she was. He requested Chief Whitman to give the Council a presentation on what they do with wrecker services.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED this 12th of September, 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