



City of  
**Panama City Beach**

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**MINUTES** of the **August 9, 2021** 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.

**Mayor Mark Sheldon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR MARK SHELDON**  
**VICE MAYOR GEOFF MCCONNELL**  
**COUNCILMAN PAUL CASTO**  
**COUNCILMAN PHIL CHESTER**  
**COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JARMAN**

A quorum was present with all five council members. Others present were City Manager Drew Whitman, Assistant City Manager Holly White, City Attorneys Amy Myers and Cole Davis, City Clerk Lynne Fasone, Directors, staff, and members of the public and press.

Councilman Paul Casto led the invocation and Vice Mayor McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sheldon provided community announcements. Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the May 11, 2021, special meeting minutes. Councilman Jarman so moved. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Councilman Chester moved to move consent agenda item #2 to the regular agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor of the amended agenda by a roll call vote (5-0). Mayor Sheldon announced that the item would become regular agenda item #7.

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Sheldon called for presentations. On behalf of City Council and the city, Councilman Casto recognized the efforts of Floridian Partners, specifically Jorge Chamizo and Melissa Ramba, as well as PCB Battalion Chief Jacob Gorman for obtaining funding for the city's Fire Department training tower.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA BUSINESS (LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES)**

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor for consent agenda and/or non-agenda business public comments.

Doug, Cub Master for Cub Scouts on the Beach – Doug announced Ranger Day and invited everyone to attend the event on September 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gulf Beach Baptist Church.

Burnie Thompson – Mr. Thompson inquired about the owners of R&M Entertainment and additionally commented on Gulf Coast Jam and Sand Jam. Mr. Thompson made a public records request for any and all text messages from the FBI subpoena with Vice Mayor McConnell's name and any records with the search terms "Burnie" or "Burnie Thompson."

Frank Sewell – Mr. Sewell inquired if discussion regarding the sewer and water rates would be at the next Council meeting. Council members responded yes. Mr. Sewell commented that certain manholes needed to be fixed, as well as the sinkhole at Coyote Ugly. Mr. Sewell asked Council to please look at keeping the bars open until 4 am.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comments portion of the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 21-200, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMOUNT OF \$1,039.69 TO BE LIENED ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 LOBLOLLY COURT, FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY TO ABATE NUISANCES LOCATED UPON SUCH PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO RECORD THE LIEN AND NOTIFY INTERESTED PARTIES OF SUCH LIEN; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RESOLUTION 21-202, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE JOHN DEERE 50G COMPACT EXCAVATOR FROM BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IN THE BASIC AMOUNT OF \$71,812.54.**

**RESOLUTION 21-204, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE BUCKET TRUCK WITH FIVE YEAR MAINTENANCE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND CRA DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,487.**

**RESOLUTION 21-208, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH AXIUM, INC. D/B/A VTECH IO FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE POWEREDGE R740 SERVER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,053.63.**

**APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS.**

**APPROVING CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TRAVEL TO 2021 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

**REVISION OF THE MASTER AUDIT LIST TO REMOVE OBSOLETE ITEMS.** These items are to be removed from the Master Audit List. Staff recommends approval. 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.

Mayor Sheldon asked Ms. Fasone to read the consent agenda. Mayor Sheldon announced that the consent agenda was available. **Councilman Chester moved to approve the amended consent agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

#### **REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION**

##### **ITEM 1. ORDINANCE 1552, PUBLIC ART STANDARDS, FIRST READING.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1552 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Director Leonard. Director Leonard reported on the purpose and intent of the ordinance. Director Leonard added that the Planning Board recommended approval with a 5-1 vote.

Mayor Sheldon recommended one small change. Mayor Sheldon recommended replacing the CRA Director appointment with a member of the Economic Development Committee. Discussion regarding this suggestion. Alternatively, Councilman Jarman recommended making it a Council appointment. Councilmembers concurred. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Jarman moved for approval with the change to remove the CRA Director as the appointee and in place make it a City Council appointee. Vice Mayor McConnell seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon recommended Council's appointment be on the next agenda. Councilmembers concurred. Mayor Sheldon called for additional comments. **Hearing and seeing none, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

##### **ITEM 2. ORDINANCE 1561, AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1561 by title only. Mayor Sheldon noted this was a second reading and public hearing. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the Administration. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Casto moved to approve Ordinance 1561. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 3. ORDINANCE 1562, AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN, SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1562 by title only. Mayor Sheldon noted this was a second reading and public hearing. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the Administration. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Ordinance 1562. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 4. ORDINANCE 1563 AMENDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION PLAN, SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1563 by title only. Mayor Sheldon noted this was a second reading and public hearing. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed public comments. Mayor Sheldon called for comments from the Administration. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor McConnell moved to approve Ordinance 1563. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 5. ORDINANCE 1565, AMENDING TRESPASS WARNINGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Ordinance 1565 by title only. Mayor Sheldon noted this was a second reading and public hearing. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments.

Burnie Thompson— Mr. Thompson discussed a previous lawsuit in the area and made a comment about a third-party leasing property and wanting to be assured that there would be no first amendment rights violations.

Mayor Sheldon called for comments from Manager Whitman. Manager Whitman reported that, after some research, he found that a hearing under this city code section would go before the Council and, since the city already had a hearing officer in place, he recommended the city code be amended to have the hearing go before the hearing officer instead of City Council.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance 1565. Councilman Casto**

seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 6. ACTION ITEM – REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD (SHELDON, JARMAN & CHESTER APPOINTMENTS).**

Mayor Sheldon called for discussion on the reappointments to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mayor Sheldon recommended reappointing Mr. Chris O'Brien. Councilman Chester recommended reappointing Mr. Ted Schoppe. Councilman Jarman recommended reappointing Ms. Peggy Wilson. Mayor Sheldon called for additional discussion. Hearing and seeing none, Councilman Casto moved to approve the slate of nominees. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, all were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**NEW REGULAR ITEM # 7 (moved from the consent agenda) RESOLUTION 21-201, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SARASOTA FUN MACHINES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO BEACH SAFETY UTILITY VEHICLES WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,398.14.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced Mrs. Myers, City Attorney. Mrs. Myers read Resolution 21-201 by title only. Mrs. Myers reported that this purchase was under a state term contract. Councilman Chester thanked Mrs. Myers for answering his question. City Manager Whitman concurred and added that there were several vehicles on the state contract and the city's purchasing manager reached out about this item. Mayor Sheldon called for public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Councilman Chester moved to approve Resolution 21-201. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. Hearing and seeing no further comments, Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. All were in favor of approval by a roll call vote (5-0).

Councilman Casto	Aye
Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor McConnell	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Whitman reported that last week the CDD denied the city's request to take over the maintenance for the beach front improvements on the pier. Manager Whitman recommended the city move forward with putting out an RFP for that area. All council members were in agreement and thanked Manager Whitman.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Hearing and seeing none.

**With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:31 p.m.**

READ AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
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Mark Sheldon, Mayor  
City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:

  
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Lynne Fasone, MMC  
City Clerk

\* ACTION ITEMS NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK ARE TAKEN BOTH BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PANAMA CITY BEACH 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.