



City of  
**Panama City Beach**

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**MINUTES of the August 24, 2023, 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.**

**Mayor Mark Sheldon called the August 24, 2023, regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

- MAYOR MARK SHELDON**
- VICE MAYOR PAUL CASTO**
- COUNCILMAN PHIL CHESTER**
- COUNCILMEMBER MARY COBURN**
- COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JARMAN**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Ramon Duvall with Beachside Fellowship Church led the invocation. Councilman Phil Chester led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sheldon presented community announcements.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Sheldon called for approval of the August 8, 2023, special meeting minutes. **Vice Mayor Casto so moved. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion. The August 8<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Sheldon called for approval, additions and/or deletions to the agenda. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilmember Coburn moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Chester seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of approval of the agenda, as presented, by a roll call vote (5-0).**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

<b>Mayor</b> Mark Sheldon	<b>Vice Mayor</b> Paul Casto	<b>Ward 2</b> Phil Chester	<b>Ward 3</b> Mary Coburn	<b>Ward 4</b> Michael Jarman	<b>City Manager</b> Drew Whitman
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## **PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of City Council, Councilman Chester thanked the following employees, who were unable to attend this morning's meeting, for 5-years of service with the City: Jeffrey Weber with the Police Department, Keither Flowers with the Utilities Department, and Sandi LeBlanc with the Public Works Department.

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

Mayor Sheldon opened the floor to non-agenda business public comments, limited to three minutes each.

1. Bill Caravello – Mr. Caravello commented on the CRA and noted he was not affiliated with any local organizations. Mr. Caravello presented questions regarding the proposed trolley in the CRA tram lane. Mr. Caravello commented on parking needs on Front Beach Road. Mr. Caravello noted he felt that construction should stop until parking and the trolley was sorted out and impact fees were reviewed.
2. Peter Fischetti, 308 Tarpon Street, Bid-A-Wee – Mr. Fischetti commented on removing parking on Front Beach Road in the Bid-A-Wee area as well as removing trees that the homeowners had maintained. Mr. Fischetti expressed concern that a 22-year-old CRA plan was being used by the City and the Corradino Group.
3. Maria Thompson, 157 Seaclusion Circle – Ms. Thompson expressed concern that the CRA Plan was over 20 years old. Ms. Thompson further commented on the Bay Towne Trolley and noted she felt that there was a lack of interest and no revenue with respect to the Trolley.
4. Cassie Mulkerin, 170 Crane Street – Mrs. Mulkerin noted she was unhappy with the CRA project. Mrs. Mulkerin expressed concern with the trees that are proposed to be cut down as well as water retention issues. Mrs. Mulkerin noted that she felt that the project seemed unsupported. Mrs. Mulkerin proposed an alternative to the CRA Plan; remove the medians up and down Front Beach Road to allow for more on-street parking. Mrs. Mulkerin commented that the recent survey sent out did not ask if we liked the project. Mrs. Mulkerin also suggested that certain bus stops be removed from the CRA Plan, as they impeded access.

Mayor Sheldon called for additional public comments. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-211, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO LMX200 GROUND PENETRATING RADAR UNITS FROM GREEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$57,848; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-212, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN EIGHT INCH PORTABLE BYPASS PUMP FROM AAG SERVICES, INC., IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$103,630; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-213, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE AND TRUCK MOUNTED RADIOS FROM L3 HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES C/O WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$42,970.30; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-214, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A STANDARD LX VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER FROM ILLINOIS TOOLWORKS, INC., IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$84,130.39; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT GOVERNING THAT PURCHASE.**

Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to read the Consent Agenda. Mayor Sheldon noted the Consent Agenda was available to Council. **Councilman Chester moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Jarman seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. **The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a (5-0) roll call vote.**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**REGULAR AGENDA- DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM 1. ORDINANCE NO. 1624, PIER PARK KIOSK CONTROL AREA, FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance No. 1624 by title only. Mr. Davis explained this ordinance was a result of approximately 1-2 years of conversations with the property owner and the City. Mr. Davis further explained that the ordinance provides ground rules with respect to kiosks being permitted at Pier Park to supplement the brick-and-mortar stores. Mr. Davis reported the Planning Board considered this item at its June 14th and July 12th meetings and recommended approval by a (5-0) vote.

Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. Council discussed the locations within Pier Park that this ordinance would apply. **Councilman Chester moved to approve Ordinance No. 1624. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. **Ordinance No. 1624 was adopted by a unanimous (5-0) roll call vote.**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1629, GOLF CART OPERATION AGE REQUIREMENTS, FIRST READING / PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Ordinance No. 1629 by title only. Mr. Davis explained the Florida Legislature adopted an amendment to the state traffic code increasing the minimum requirements for golf cart drivers, which takes effect October 1, 2023. Mr. Davis added the new law requires that any person under the age of 18 possess a driver's license or learner's driver's license, and persons over the age of 18 must have a valid form of government issued identification. Mr. Davis explained this ordinance brings the City Code into conformity with these enhanced minimum requirements.

Mayor Sheldon opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no comments, Mayor Sheldon closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Vice Mayor Casto moved to approve Ordinance No. 1629. Councilman Chester seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. **Ordinance No. 1629 was adopted by a unanimous (5-0) roll call vote.**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 3. RESOLUTION NO. 23-215, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A K9 TRAINING FACILITY.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution No. 23-215 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #3. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period. Mayor Sheldon explained this project was a top project for City Council and the City was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant with the help of Floridian Partners. Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Deputy Chief Chad Lindsey.

Deputy Chief Lindsey reported the facility will house 12 canines for boarding and training to be located on property on Gulf Boulevard, across from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Deputy Chief Lindsey added the facility will be the biggest and the best in the area. Mayor Sheldon thanked Deputy Chief. Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council.

Councilman Chester inquired if there would be a training area at the facility. Deputy Chief Lindsey reported yes and added that the Police Department was working toward one of its Officers being certified as an instructor.

Mayor Sheldon called for further comments from Council. Hearing and seeing none, **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution No. 23-215. Councilmember Coburn seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. **Resolution No. 23-215 was adopted by a unanimous (5-0) roll call vote.**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**ITEM 4. RESOLUTION NO. 23-216, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDIAN PARTNERS, LLC FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATION SERVICES.**

Mayor Sheldon introduced City Attorney Cole Davis. Mr. Davis read Resolution No. 23-216 by title only. Mayor Sheldon called for public comment on Item #4. Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Sheldon closed the public comment period. Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Manager Whitman.

Manager Whitman reported Floridian Partners had provided legislative and executive representation to the City since 2018. Manager Whitman further reported the City had been awarded approximately \$6

million in funding thanks to Floridian Partners. Mayor Sheldon commented that was a great return on investment for the City.

Mayor Sheldon noted this item was available to Council. **Councilman Jarman moved to approve Resolution No. 23-216. Councilman Chester seconded the motion.** Mayor Sheldon asked the Clerk to call the roll. **Resolution No. 23-216 was adopted by a unanimous (5-0) roll call vote.**

Councilman Chester	Aye
Vice Mayor Casto	Aye
Councilman Jarman	Aye
Councilmember Coburn	Aye
Mayor Sheldon	Aye

**CITY MANAGER REPORT** – Nothing further.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – Nothing further.


**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Mayor Sheldon invited comments from Council.

Councilman Jarman noted that the City would get answers to the CRA questions asked at the beginning of today’s meeting.

Mayor Sheldon reported today was “National Waffle Day.”

**With nothing further, Mayor Sheldon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:24 a.m.**

**READ AND APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
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 Mark Sheldon, Mayor  
 City of Panama City Beach, Florida

ATTEST:

  
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 Lynne Fasone, MMC, City Clerk

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