

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, conducted on February 12, 2015.

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MAYOR GAYLE F. OBERST

COUNCILORS:
JOHN REICHARD
RICK RUSSELL
JOSIE STRANGE
KEITH CURRY

CITY MANAGER:
MARIO GISBERT
CITY CLERK:
HOLLY J. WHITE
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY:
AMY MYERS

Mayor Oberst called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., with all the Council, the City Manager, City Clerk and Assistant City Attorney present.

Mayor Oberst gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to add “Debris Truck - Discussion” to the Agenda. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for comments. Hearing none, **the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

With nothing, further, the Agenda was accepted as amended.

The Minutes of the Salary Study Presentation Workshop of October 15, 2014, the Regular Meeting of January 8, and Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015 were **read and approved as written per motion by Councilwoman Strange. Second was by Councilman Russell and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

1 RESOLUTION 15-51, RATIFYING AND APPROVING SPRING BREAK 2015 OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS. “A Resolution of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, ratifying and approving those certain Operational Assistance Agreements with the Bay County Sheriff’s Department and the Washington County Sheriff’s Department; and providing an immediately effective date.”

2 RESOLUTION 15-52, RATIFY RENEWAL OF THE CITY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT. The current Landscape Maintenance Contract will end in May 1, 2015. The original contract approved by Council on April 25, 2013 (Resolution 13-65) was for a period of two years with the right to extend the Agreement upon the same terms and conditions for an additional one year period. This contract is for the landscape maintenance service for 14 City facility sites and includes additive alternates for fertilizer, herbicide, insecticide, bed weeding, and mulching at the discretion of each Department. The contractor selected was Grass Cutters for a total contract price of \$64,800 per year. STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Council approve this extension for the year beginning May 1, 2015 through May 1, 2016. “BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves

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the renewal and one year extension on behalf of the City that certain Agreement between the City and Grass Cutters Lawn and Landscaping of PC, Inc, dated April 26, 2013, relating to landscape maintenance services for 14 City facility sites, for the original annual amount of \$64,800, on the same terms and conditions as the original Agreement attached and presented to the Council today.”

3 RESOLUTION 15-53, WETLAND DELINEATION STUDY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOE FOR THE GLADES STORMWATER BASIN. *In January 2015, the City Council approved a task order from McNeil Carroll Engineering, Inc. to perform wetland delineations and provide consultations with regulatory agencies. This would enable the City to determine the steps necessary to complete permitting and obtain approval to widen the existing channel north of the Glades Subdivision. The entire field work being performed for this Task Order is on property belonging to the St. Joe Company. Therefore, St. Joe has requested a License Agreement to allow the City and it’s consultants to have access to their property to perform the wetland delineation. STAFF RECOMMENDS approval of this License Agreement. “BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the City are authorized but not required to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain License Agreement between the City and the St. Joe Company, relating to the use of access roads or such other means of ingress or egress needed to perform the Wetlands Delineation Study for the Glades Stormwater Basin, in substantially the form attached and presented to the Council today, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City manager, whose execution of such agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.”*

4 RESOLUTION 15-54, BIDS- ROTARY MOWER FOR PARKS & RECREATION. *Staff advertised for bids for the purchase of a Rotary Mower for the Parks & Recreation Department. Only one bid was received. STAFF RECOMMENDS going with the sole bidder Jerry Pate Turn & Irrigation, c/o Wecso Turf, Inc., for the amount of \$60,868.30. The Parks & Recreation budget can sufficiently cover this expense. “BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate Officers of the City are authorized but not required to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain Agreement between the City and Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, c/o Wesco Turf, Inc., relating to the purchase of a Rotary Mower for the Parks & Recreation Department, in the basic amount of \$60,868.30, on substantially the terms and conditions in the quote attached and presented to the Council today, draft dated February 3, 2015, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager, whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.”*

5 RESOLUTION 15-55, BIDS- 175 GALLON SELF CONTAINED BOOM SPRAYER FOR PARKS & RECREATION. *Staff advertised for bids for the purchase of a 175 Gallon Self Contained Boom Sprayer for the Parks & Recreation Department. Only one bid was received. STAFF RECOMMENDS going with the sole bidder Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, c/o Wecso Turf, Inc., for the amount of \$31,867.16. The Parks & Recreation Budget can sufficiently cover this expense. “BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate Officers of the City are authorized but not required to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain Agreement between the City and Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation c/o, Wesco Turf, Inc., relating to the purchase of a 175 Gallon Self-Contained Boom Sprayer for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the basic amount of \$31,867.16, on substantially the terms and conditions in the quote attached and presented to the Council today, draft dated February 3, 2015, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager, whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.”*

6 RESOLUTION 15-56, BIDS- GENIE TELEHANDLER FORKLIFT FOR PARKS & RECREATION. *Staff advertised for bids for the purchase of a Genie Telehandler Forklift for the Parks & Recreation Department. Six bids were received. The lowest bidder was Hertz, Inc. However, the bid was based on a used piece of equipment. STAFF RECOMMENDS going with the United Rentals in the amount of \$51,151.00. They submitted the lowest bid for a new Genie Telehandler Forklift. The Parks & Recreation budget can sufficiently cover this expense. “BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate Officers of the City are authorized but not required to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain Agreement between the City and United Rentals, relating to the purchase of a Forklift for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the basic amount of \$51,151.00, on substantially the terms and conditions in the quote attached and presented to the Council today, draft dated February 2, 2015, with such changes, insertions*

or omissions as may be approved by the City Manager, whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.”

Ms. White read the Consent Agenda. The Mayor asked for comments from the Council. Hearing none, **Councilwoman Strange made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was by Councilman Russell. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

1. ITEM NO. 1 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. Mayor Oberst introduced Mr. Caleb Berry and presented him with the Civic Achievement Award for exemplary service to the Beach Boys and Girls Club. The Mayor then congratulated him. Mr. Ryan Roberts presented Caleb with a gift card.

2 ITEM NO. 2* CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REVENUE BONDS-SERIES 2006 (FRONT BEACH ROAD PROJECT) REFUNDING OPPORTUNITY- DISCUSSION. Mayor Oberst said this item, noted with an asterisk, meant it was an issue in which the PCB City Council was also acting as the Panama City Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and voting as both. Mr. Jay Glover, the City’s consultant, joined the meeting via phone, and Mr. Gisbert explained that he and Ms. White had been working on this matter for a little while. Ms. White had just started investigating the idea of refunding the CRA 2006 Bonds, approximately Fifty-Four Million Dollars, and had spoken with Mr. Sale and Regions Bank. Mr. Gisbert said the City could call that Bond in 2016 and Ms. White had found that the interest rates were down and now would be a smart time to consider the refunding. He continued that initial conversations were with Regions Bank since they held the current Bonds, and Mr. Glover supplied additional information which was fed to the Council as received. The Agenda Packet contained a memo from Mr. Glover that confirmed now was a good time to look at refunding and calls had been made to Summit Bank, SunTrust, and Bank of America. During those conversations, only SunTrust was interested but their interest rate was higher than the City’s current rate. With the information to date, Regions Bank was favored and they supplied a letter with the terms offered and preliminary numbers for the refunding. Mr. Gisbert said this refunding would save approximately Four Million Dollars over the life of the loan.

Mr. Glover introduced himself and his firm Public Financial Management, and said they had been exploring opportunities to refund the existing debt and determined there was potential savings so they looked at the most economical way for the City to implement the refinancing, either through a publicly offered bond transaction or a private placement with a bank. As a first step, he reached out to a few banks and approached the underwriter, RBC Capital Markets, to see what they could provide as a public capital market alternative. After reviewing the information, he determined that a private placement financing via a bank loan was likely best for the maximum amount of savings. The feedback from Bank of America and Pinnacle Public Finance was that they did not think they would be able to provide any fixed rate transaction because of the nature of the TIF revenue security and the maturity span. Mr. Glover said that was not completely surprising due to the time span being over fifteen years, which limited the pool of lenders who provided financing on a fixed rate basis to maturity. Also many banks were not interested in a TIF security source, given the volatility seen in assessed values directly affecting TIF. Summit Bank indicated they would have a potential interest, however, due to the size of the loan compared to the size of their bank, they could only offer up to Five Million Dollars. SunTrust indicated they would be interested but their rate offered was 3.1% up to 3.74%. Regions Bank offered 2.75% at the time of financing, substantially lower than SunTrust. Based on that offered 2.75%, Mr. Glover said the refunding would generate over Four Million Dollars in net present value savings, or 10.43% of the refunded Bond par amount. He said this +10% savings was substantial and well above any threshold that most local governments would set when considering refunding. Mr. Glover said in his professional opinion, the rate offered by Regions Bank was very attractive and a very good deal.

Councilman Reichard asked Mr. Glover what would be saved in this refunding. Mr. Glover said it would be approximately \$4.1 Million Dollars, including the costs of the transaction, a little over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars per year for the next sixteen years.

Councilman Curry asked why he did not contract other major players such as Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase or Citi Group. Mr. Glover said he reached out to a limited number of people for initial feedback. Citi Group would come into play if the City elected to go with the public financing. There were other banks that did municipal lending and his experience was that they did not want to finance longer term debt. He said they did not reach out to every potential lender, just to a limited few to gauge interest. There will be a more thorough search depending upon the direction of the Council. Councilman Curry said he thought this was something that the City needed to do and wanted to see more information from the major players.

Mayor Oberst asked Mr. Glover if time was of the essence because of concerns about the rates changing. Mr. Glover responded that his only potential hesitation against a fully competitive process was that this would result in more time needed to go forward with that process. He said with the sensitivity of the refunding interest rate, the City might lose some savings in that period of time. Due to historically low levels within the last two weeks, interest rates could start to trend upward. For this option, it would add another two to four weeks.

Councilman Curry said interest rates were time-sensitive. He was not suggesting a public offering but wanted to hear from other major players. Mr. Glover said he would reach out to others to see their interest and that he anticipated quick feedback.

Councilwoman Strange asked the disadvantages of a public offering. Mr. Glover replied that when first looking into the matter, they examined the economics of each transaction and which would generate the most savings. The feedback from the investment banking community was a higher interest rate than the private placement banking community and putting a publicly offered transaction into play would generate additional costs.

Mr. Gisbert asked if the Council wanted to move forward, and if so, work with the current information or go out for a public offering. Councilman Curry said he wanted information from other major banks. Mayor Oberst said she thought it definitely should be refunded and agreed that other players should be contacted but to do so quickly. Ms. White said Mr. Glover could reach out to additional people and determine then if Regions Bank remained the best option.

Councilman Reichard asked if the Bank of America reply would be typical of that size bank, such as JP Morgan or CitiBank. Mr. Glover said not necessarily, but many had consistent themes such as being less interested in loans past ten or fifteen years, and TIF less desirable. Mr. Gisbert said if the Council directed to move forward, information would be brought to the next meeting with input from the other banks. **Councilman Curry made the motion to move forward after checking with others. Second was by Councilman Reichard.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

Mr. Glover said he would followup with Mr. Gisbert and Ms. White and move forward as quickly as possible. Councilman Curry thanked Ms. White for her work in this matter. Mr. Sale added that Trustmark just notified him of their interest due to the public discussion tonight.

3. ITEM NO. 3 ORDINANCE 1328, AMENDING LDC REGARDING APPEALS PROCEDURE, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION. Mayor Oberst opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1328 by title and explained that the current Code provided that Staff would prepare a report for the Board Hearing the request five days prior to the Hearing. When the person requesting the Hearing had amendments that would fall within that ten day window, Staff would not have sufficient time to adequately respond and prepare the report. In response to the Mayor's question, this would not change the time for an appeal but it would create a deadline to make an amendment to the grounds for the appeal. The Mayor asked if there were any questions and there were none. **Councilman Russell made the motion to approve Ordinance 1328. Second was by Councilwoman Strange.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:39 P.M.

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4. ITEM NO. 4 ORDINANCE 1335, AMENDING LDC REGARDING COMMERCIAL USE OF FRONT YARDS, 1ST READING, PUBLIC HEARING. Mayor Oberst opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 P.M. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1335 by title. Mr. Leonard explained that right now, outdoor seating was classed as a Conditional Use which acted as a barrier with the applicant having to go through the Planning Board, undertake pricey mailouts and a Public Hearing. Staff wanted to encourage that activity on Front Beach Road and South Thomas Drive so the proposal was to take the same standards and put them as a Supplemental Standard which would be reviewed by Staff. Any objection or appeal would still go to the Planning Board but this would be more of a streamlined process.

Councilwoman Strange asked if this change was driven by a request for cafe seating. Mr. Leonard replied that a couple of requests had been received, such as Marco’s Pizza and Shrimp Basket. The Mayor asked if there were any more questions and there were none. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Ordinance 1335. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:42 P.M.

5. ITEM NO. 5 ORDINANCE 1339, SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION DEADLINES, 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION. Mayor Oberst opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 P.M. Ms. Myers read Ordinance 1339 by title. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve Ordinance 1339. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:43P.M.

6. ITEM NO. 6 RESOLUTION 15-57, WOW INTERNET AGREEMENT FOR AARON BESSANT PARK. Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-57 by title. Mr. Gisbert explained that the TDC had asked the City to provide wifi service at Aaron Bessant Park to help facilitate ticketing. This would bring fiber optic to the facility and enhance it not only for ticketing but also for the artists. The TDC submitted a bid and the City’s IT consultant verified it was the best rate, and the TDC would pay for all three years of the contract. The Mayor asked if there were any questions; there were none. **Councilman Reichard made the motion to approve Resolution 15-57. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

7. ITEM NO. 7 RESOLUTION 15-58, HICA WITH ST. JOE FOR BREAKFAST POINT, PHASE 3A. Ms. Myers read Resolution 15-58 by title. She said the City received the Performance Bond with the plat and the Infrastructure Agreement was not unlike other Agreements received in the past. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. **Councilman Curry made the motion to approve Resolution 15-58. Second was by Councilman Russell.** The Mayor called for comments. There were none. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

8. ITEM NO. 8 PLAT APPROVAL, BREAKFAST POINT PHASE 3A, #03-PL-15, PUBLIC HEARING. Mayor Oberst opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 P.M. She said this request was from the St. Joe Company to subdivide their land into sixty-two (62) single family residential parcels. She explained the procedure for this formal Hearing and asked for the Jennings Disclosures.

Councilman Reichard said he had only spoken with the City Manager. Councilman Russell said he had not spoken with anyone and knew the property's location. Mayor Oberst said she talked with Staff. Councilwoman Strange said she knew the property's location and spoke briefly with Mr. Gisbert. Councilman Curry said he had spoken with no one and knew the property's location.

Mayor Oberst asked if there was anyone from St. Joe in the audience. Hearing no response, Mr. Shortt and Mr. Leonard were sworn. Mr. Shortt said the sixty-two (62) acres were currently under construction and the Horizontal Infrastructure Agreement had just been approved which included a Bond to guarantee the completion of that work. This Hearing was properly noticed, a sign was posted on the site, and the subdivision complied with all applicable rules for subdivision development. He continued that the developer was dedicating the improvements such as the water, sewer, stormwater pipes, etc., to the City with the exception of the stormwater ponds which would be held by the Homeowners Association. He continued that this plat was the third phase of a multi-phase project for several hundred homes.

Mr. Leonard said this proposed subdivision was within the City limits, complied with all LDC requirements and was compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Myers said the face of the plat contained all of the necessary certificates, and she received the title report and boundary survey, and confirmed they matched. All of the necessary signatures were there for the dedication by St. Joe and joinder by the bank. This plat also appeared to meet the requirements of Florida Statute 177.

Mr. Jerimi Nuckolls, 217 Fern, Santa Rosa Beach, representative of St. Joe, was sworn in for testimony. The Mayor asked if anyone had questions for him. Councilwoman Strange asked how many more phases were planned for the project and Mr. Nuckolls responded two more phases, 3B & 3C. She asked if the other phases would be approximately the same size and he responded that the total of all three phases was 100 acres. Councilman Reichard asked if this project would reach the Bay and Mr. Nuckolls responded no. The Mayor asked if there were any further questions and there were none. The Mayor asked if there was anyone who opposed approval of the plat and there was none. She asked for audience comments; there were none. **Councilman Russell made the motion to accept the plat. Second was by Councilwoman Strange.** The Mayor called for comments. She reminded about signing the plat before leaving the meeting. There were no further comments. **The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote recorded as follows:**

Councilman Russell	Aye
Councilwoman Strange	Aye
Councilman Curry	Aye
Councilman Reichard	Aye
Mayor Oberst	Aye

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:53 P.M.

9. ITEM NO. 9 CITY CLERK FINANCIAL UPDATE. Ms. White explained the reports were for the first four months of the Fiscal Year, through January. She explained each portion of the General Fund, noting that the Business Tax Receipts were up 14% year-to-date, about an Eight Million Dollar line item. The total of the eight Funds was up each month so far this year, and these were typically the slower revenue months. Year-to-date, the General Fund was up 14.37% for these eight key accounts. She said coming into the busy season with these results should mean the City would be in good shape. Councilman Russell said every year the City seemed to do a little better each winter season. Mr. Gisbert said for Business Tax Receipts, December alone was up 31%.

Councilwoman Strange asked when the City would be able to receive all of the Business Tax Receipts from Pier Park. Ms. White responded that the City received a small portion now and with the PIPA redone, the defined amount was approximately \$350,000 per year that the City kept. She said it would be many years before the PIPA was finished, about 2021 or 2022.

Mr. Gisbert said a large component of the Business Tax Receipts was the new Wal-Mart, North Pier Park and the many new businesses along the Parkway.

10. ITEM NO. 10 CITY MANAGER UPDATE. Mr. Gisbert reminded that alcohol sales would cease at 2 A.M. during March in establishments and stores, and Staff had met with businesses who were implementing proactive measures for their parking lots, such as posting signs to prevent hanging out.

He said the new buildings for the City were out to bid and the RFQs were due Tuesday. Staff will review and hopefully bring a recommendation to Council at the following meeting.

The Beach Club Motel had been demolished and the closeout documents were being prepared. He said the site looked much better.

Mr. Gisbert said the TDC and the Beach Police were creating a rack card outlining the Spring Break rules, such as digging holes prohibited, 2 A.M. alcohol sales stop, IDs were required, etc. Councilman Curry asked if the TDC was using social media as well and Mr. Gisbert replied affirmatively. The TDC was using billboards, their website, information available for the hotels and clubs, Twitter, a mass media campaign. He said the rack cards should be available after the 24th. Councilman Reichard asked if those rack cards would also be available to the rental management companies and Mr. Gisbert replied affirmatively.

Regarding litter, Mr. Gisbert said the TDC provided a complimentary service where they picked up the litter on the sand and ran the rakes. However, he reminded that it was still the responsibility of the landward owner to maintain their own property. He said this was Section 12.7 which stated it was the duty of the property owner to keep their property clean.

Councilwoman Strange asked whose responsibility was it to pick up the trash on the dog beach at Pier Park. Mr. Gisbert said the company that rented the concessions at the Pier was responsible for maintaining the beach on the east side of the Pier and City employees were responsible for the west wide. However, sometimes the trash cans were moved from west to east and filled with trash, burdening our trash cleanup. He said owners must be responsible for their own trash within their own property. Councilman Reichard said that would not happen as the condominiums would not send someone to the sand to clean the property. Councilwoman Strange asked if they would be fined and Mr. Gisbert said that could happen.

Councilman Reichard suggested enforcing the regulation when someone had an event on the beach. Mr. Gisbert said it was their responsibility and said when a Special Event permit was pulled, one requirement was extra garbage cans. He said this was public notice for those responsible for keeping the beach clean. Mayor Oberst reminded that the front of their property was also their responsibility. Mr. Gisbert said the property owner was responsible for the right-of-way to the road to the water's edge, and east/west boundaries. Councilman Reichard said the properties clean the sites and put the garbage into the garbage cans but not empty the cans.

Mr. Gisbert said the cans on the beach must be emptied more than once a day. Councilman Reichard said the reality in his resort was that not all rooms were rentals and during peak periods, dumpsters were emptied twice per day. Mr. Gisbert said the TDC could not be the sole responsible point and they provided a courtesy service.

Mayor Oberst said the bids were just let for the new buildings and it should have been done last year. She said no bids had been let for the CRA new segment and it was supposed to have been done late last year. She asked if there was any way to expedite the processes. Mr. Gisbert said the building plans took more time than originally thought as they were not simple buildings due to the portion belonging to the police station. For the CRA projects, Mr. Alaghemand was working on those plans and the Council should see something shortly. He said one parcel had recently been purchased and another parcel was more complex in that the owner did not agree with the City's offer. They declined the offer and now the City must do a redesign but in the meantime, would bid the project and issue an Addendum to cover the change.

Mr. Alaghemand said he met with the utility company to coordinate the undergrounding, and all environmental permits had been submitted. He said the project could be advertised for bids at the end of February or the first of March. He said almost all the right-of-ways and temporary construction easements had been acquired. He said the project was delayed because the stormwater pond had to be redesigned due to the owner declining our offer and the consultant was delayed due to permitting complications. Mr. Alaghemand said he hoped to have the final construction documents in hand by the end of February in order to advertise. In response to the

Mayor's question on timing, once the bid was let, it would be approximately 45 days to receive bids and then about two to three months before construction would begin. Mr. Gisbert said with this time frame, the construction would be held until August to prevent starting during July.

Mr. Gisbert added that a good thing about the Bond refunding would put money into the coffers quicker for the construction, about Four Hundred Thousand Dollars per year. Ms. White said there should also be some additional funds due to the County increasing the millage rate after the budget was prepared, about \$1.7 Million Dollars more than anticipated.

11. ITEM NO. 11 DEBRIS TRUCK- DISCUSSION. Councilwoman Strange asked what the other Council members thought about buying another debris truck. Mr. Casto said the newest truck was about five years old and the other about twelve. He said Staff was barely keeping up with both trucks running and the oldest truck was in the maintenance shop most of the time. He said last year, the City spent about \$20,000 to \$25,000 in repairs for the old truck. In response to Councilman Russell's question about replacement cost, Mr. Casto said it would be about \$130,000 for a new truck. Councilwoman Strange questioned with revenue up 14% and potential Pier Park funds, when funds could be available for a new truck.

Mr. Gisbert said right now, the City provided a service with no way to recoup the cost. Some of the discussions about garbage service involved a breakdown of costs for scheduled yard debris pickup. Mr. Casto's recommendation at that time was \$381,000, which included a new truck. Since that time, he looked at Lynn Haven, Callaway, Panama City and Springfield to see how many yard debris trucks they used. Lynn Haven had five, Callaway three, Panama City nine boom trucks and seven shuttle trucks, and Springfield used private haulers. In those cities, one city charged \$8 per month to every resident to provide that service. Mr. Gisbert said the City currently spent \$150,000 per year to provide a version of the service which had issues because sometimes the yard debris would sit for a week or two. He said this would be provided as part of a full garbage/yard debris service. He said sometime in March he should be able to present something for the Council to consider, a similar list as what had been done for Spring Break. One option would be ceasing picking up yard debris completely, or make this part of a franchise, or get into the garbage business totally.

Mayor Oberst said every time the Council had discussed the issue was if the residents who did not use the service would be charged anyway. She said there was a number of residents who did not use this service. Councilman Russell said in his neighborhood, there was an empty lot that everyone used to dump their debris. Mr. Casto said that was a problem for Panama City also, as their private haulers did not want to pick up from empty lots as they did not know who to bill for the service. Mr. Gisbert said Callaway did their yard debris pickup like us but charged a fee of \$8 per month to every resident on their water bill. He said it would be impossible to know who was using the service and who was not using the service. Mayor Oberst said she had a company who cut her palm trees and they charged a fee per tree for a tipping fee.

Councilman Reichard recommended waiting until Mr. Gisbert came back with his proposals. Mr. Gisbert said the question would be how this service would be divided among the private haulers if the City ceased picking up yard debris completely. Councilman Strange said a new truck was still needed. Mayor Oberst said the City had always picked up yard debris and it would be difficult to stop that service, and Councilwoman Strange said that was one of the perks of being a City resident.

FLOOR ITEMS

ITEM 1 CIRCUS. Mr. Dylan Bertrum, resident of 5908 Pippin Road, Panama City, asked the Council to consider banning the Cole Brothers Circus from being in the City. He explained animal abuse and his concerns for public safety. He suggested to ban the use of the bull hook as a way to do this. The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM 1 MARDI GRAS PARADE. Mayor Oberst announced that the Mardi Gras Parade would be held Saturday afternoon in Pier Park.

ITEM 2 CITY HALL CLOSED. City hall would be closed Monday, February 16th, for President's Day.

ITEM 3 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN. The Mayor announced that there would be a public meeting in the Council Room on February 23rd from 6-8 P.M about the Airport Master Plan. The public was invited.

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ITEM 4 AARON BESSANT PARK. The Mayor announced that the TDC was hosting a free concert by Aaron Neville Saturday during the Mardi Gras festivities.

ITEM 5 DUCKS UNLIMITED WOOD DUCK HOUSES. The Mayor announced that an event would be held at the Conservation Park tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. with Ducks Unlimited donating 30 new wood duck houses. She said this was the first time Ducks Unlimited was doing anything in the Panhandle so everyone was excited.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

READ AND APPROVED this 26th of February, 2015.

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