

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY,
MAY 19, 2020, 4:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.**

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Begos Chris Holley, Interim City Manager
Commissioner Brenda Ash Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Commissioner Despina George Kristy Banks, City Attorney
Commissioner Adriane Elliott

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Begos called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RE-CONSIDER RESTRICTIONS OF THE HOTEL/LODGING/DOCKING

Commissioner Ash made a motion to rescind the City's current Emergency Order on short term rentals, hotel/lodging and to now allow 100% occupancy. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ash made an amended motion to rescind the City's current Emergency Order on short term rentals, hotel/lodging and Docking to 100% usage. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. RE-CONSIDER RESTRICTIONS OF THE BOAT RAMPS

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to rescind the City's current Emergency Order closing boat ramps to non-residents. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. CONSIDER EXTENSION/MODIFICATION TO THE OUTSIDE DINING PROGRAM

Discussion ensued by Commission on bands/musicians playing on sidewalk area and outside dining extension consideration. Discussion ensued by Commission on Ordinance 2017-03, Commercial Activities on Sidewalks and Rights-Of-Way – Section 7 and Section 8. Chief Varnes gave a brief update on the outside dining program, and the issues with the Nuisance Ordinance as far as the decimal sound level of the outside musician player. Chief Varnes suggested that the Nuisance Ordinance (noise - decimal sound level) be addressed in the future.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to extend the Outside Dining Program until the regular City Commission meeting on June 2, 2020. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to suspend the Sign and Nuisance Ordinance (noise - decimal sound level) in the C1 and C2 Commercial Districts for thirty days. Motion dies for lack of second.

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There being no second, Mayor Begos passed the gavel to Commissioner Ash.

Discussion ensued by the Commission

Mayor Begos seconded and the motion failed 2-3. Commissioner Ash, Commissioner Grove and Commissioner George opposed.

Commissioner Ash passed gavel back to Mayor Begos.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to suspend the Nuisance Ordinance (noise – decimal sound level) in the C1 and C2 Commissioner Districts for thirty days. Motion dies for lack of second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Water Street Hotel thanked the Commission for all their consideration during this pandemic.

MAYOR'S AND COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion ensued by Commission and Attorney Banks on businesses selling alcohol on sidewalks, can't be sold unless dining at that restaurant and entertainment on the sidewalks. Commissioner Grove wanted to clarify that the final outcome of discussion was that entertainment is to be inside and that alcohol can be served outside with meals at a restaurant only. Commissioner Elliott stated that the Sidewalk and Nuisance Ordinance conflict and need to be updated.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Begos, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk