

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021, 6:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Ash Travis Wade, City Manager
Commissioner Anita Grove Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Commissioner Despina George Leo Bebeau, Finance Director
Commissioner Adriane Elliott Dan Hartman, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Ash called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner George made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Wade stated that the May 4, 2021, Special Meeting minutes were not included in the Agenda.

Commissioner George amended the motion to remove the adoption of the May 4, 2021, Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER RELOCATION (DUKE ENERGY)

Mr. Wade stated that Duke Energy would like to remove the 50 watt electric vehicle charger on Commerce by the Chamber of Commerce, and put two 100 watt chargers at the public parking lot on Market Street across from Veterans Memorial Statute Park.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to relocate the Commerce Street electric vehicle charger station to the City's public parking lot across from Veteran's Memorial Park. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. PROPOSED BATTERY PARK ORDINANCE 2021-03

Commissioner Elliott reviewed proposed changes. Fee Schedule rates discussed. Mr. Bebeau stated he liked the idea of the boat rates being listed in the budget fee schedule, which makes it easy to add items at any time; he also wants to add pesticides and herbicides not to be used around the boat area, and inserted into the Ordinance. Attorney Hartman will make corrections as discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE 2021-02 FENCES - FIRST READING

Attorney Hartman read Ordinance 2021-02 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF PART II, SUBPART B, CHAPTER 111, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 4, SECTION 111-288 OF ORDINANCE NO.:(S) 2016-01, 2017-07 AND 2018-02; SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve and proceed with the adoption process of Ordinance 2021-02. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Elliott opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION 2021-07 - FDOT JOHN GORRIE BRIDGE RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE

Attorney Hartman read Resolution 2021-07 in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE JOHN GORRIE BRIDGE; PROVIDING FINDINGS; APPROVING THE LEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner George made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07, authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement with the State DOT for right-of-way under the John Gorrie Bridge. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION 2021-08 - MAYOR BEGOS' ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS

Attorney Hartman read Resolution 2021-08 in its entirety:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, EXCUSING MAYOR KEVIN BEGOS FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS ON MAY 4, 2021 AND JUNE 8, 2021; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08, excusing Mayor Begos from the May 4, 2021 and June 8, 2021 meetings. Mayor Pro-Tem Ash seconded. The motion died for lack of majority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments consisted of: minutes not being updated on the City's website.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Update on Consent Orders and Our Response – Mayor – to be placed on July agenda
2. Training Needs (Staff and Manager) – Mayor – to be placed on July agenda
3. Budget Suggestion – Additional FT Employees - Commissioner Elliott suggests we hire a part-time harbor master for Battery Park Marina for at least one-year, and proceed from there to see if it would work into full time.
Mr. Bebeau will be recommending numerous additional staff needed in departments.
Workshop dates will be published to the Commission in a preliminary schedule next week.
4. Chris Holley's Role – to be presented at the July Agenda

Mayor and Commissioner discussed the following: 1) American Rescue Plan Grant and future meeting; and 2) garbage contract update – have a company handle our RFP for this project – there has been a 90 day extension thru September 30th of current contract.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Surplus Auction Update – Mr. Wade stated all large equipment and vehicles were sold for a total of approximately \$50,000. The Trolley didn't make the auction due to a title issue.
2. Denton Cove Update – Mr. Wade stated Denton Cove received building permit, W&S permit, and have started construction. Commissioner George is concerned with the dirt that is being stored on the property, if they are in compliance with the Land Development Code, fill being brought in, and the construction site being expanded on other properties.

ATTORNEY DAN HARTMAN COMMUNICATIONS

FINANCE DIRECTOR LEO BEBEAU COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bebeau stated that the Avenue "G" Project is under a commitment that the concrete will be complete by June 30th. Lafayette Park Pier will also be more than 99% complete by June 30th. In a response to a question by Mayor Pro-Tem Ash, Mr. Bebeau stated that our engineering firm was responsible for the design of this project, and the project was not properly surveyed or supervised correctly. We are still working on how this issue happened, and we do not have a resolution at this time.

1. Fire Hydrant Update – Mr. Bebeau gave an update on the DEP Agreement to allow 30 fire hydrant replacements for in-kind satisfaction, for outstanding fines in about \$60,000. Phase 1 – will be for 30 fire hydrants, and this will include the eight (8) crucial fire hydrants.
2. Grant Update – 1) No SCOP funding for repair of Commerce Street; study for water infiltration; or pipeline; 2) CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization virtual site visit for Riverfront and the Hill projects went great, are moving forward; 3) CDBG-DR Infrastructure project moving forward– will publish RFP for the principal engineer; 4) HMGP Applications: a) Vacuum Station on Market St; b) lower water street storm infrastructure project; and c) backup generators for

the Police Station and City Hall; 5) Electric Generator for City Hall, being relocated to the area where Water and Sewer Department has their office at the old High School, due to the 750 gallon diesel fuel tank being outside of the Project Impact and Head Start programs; 6) AARP – Triple ECC for improvements to the outside area Holy family; 7) National Parks Service projects moving forward; 8) Raney House and replacement of the Informational Marker Signage grants submitted; 9) NEH grant for the HCA to obtain funding; and 10) Battery Park – on hold and they will make final decision by December 17th about the sawfish habitat, in reference to the decisions on the V Pier.

3. Seawall Update- Dewberry is completing the revised drawing, so we can put out the RFQ and proceed.

American Rescue Plan Grant Application - The City will be directly making application to the DEM in Tallahassee, and will be funded up to 50% of the allocation, current chart is for \$995,000, with one year to spend on projects allowed. If correctly spent, we will then get funded one more cycle for the same amount of money.

BRIC funding – \$100,000,000 billion this year for infrastructure.

CDBG Mitigation – Suggestions due July 9th, with a November 1st submission date, and this is for \$47,000,000, and this grant can be stretched out for a 12 year period.

4. Financial – Statement of Revenues – The City has exceeded most areas of budget revenues. Mr. Bebeau reviewed Budget report. A Florida League of Cities representative visited each of our buildings to make sure that the City will be better insured, without being over insured.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes Adoption – May 4, 2021 Special Meeting; May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting; May 18, 2021 Special Meeting -3:00pm; May 18, 2021 Special Meeting – 4:00pm; and May 25, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

B. Planning & Zoning – May 10 2021

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the May 4, 2021, Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner George seconded for discussion on corrections to minutes. Attorney Hartman reviewed the editing of minute corrections. Motion carried 1-3. Opposed Mayor Pro-Tem Ash, Commissioners George and Grove.

Commissioner George made a motion to remove the May 25, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the May 10, 2021, P&Z minutes. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

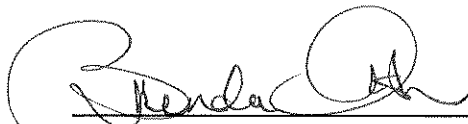
Commissioner George made a motion to amend the May 25, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes for the record of the vote. The vote to oppose should have been Commissioner George, instead of Commissioner Grove. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting; May 18, 2021 Special Meeting - 3pm; and May 18, 2021 Special Meeting – 4pm Minutes. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

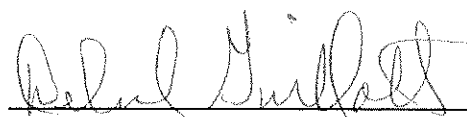
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 4-0.



Brenda Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem



Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk