

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE APALACHICOLACITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020, 5:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Begos
Commissioner Anita Grove
Commissioner Adrian Elliott
Commissioner Despina George
Commissioner Brenda Ash

Travis Wade, City Manager
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Leo Bebeau, Finance Director
Kristy Branch Banks, City Attorney

CALL OF ORDER

Mayor Begos called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ash gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**WORKSHOP
CDBG-DR GRANTS AND OTHER WATER AND SEWER FUNDING**

Mayor Begos stated ads have been placed for the CDBG-DR Grant consulting and that for the next few weeks, the Commission or the staff should not be having any conversations with grant consultants about the CDBG-DR grants, until after October 29th. Technical questions should be referred to the City Manager or Finance Director. Mayor Begos stated that Mary Gavin specializes in working with both the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the U S Department of Agriculture (USDA), in putting together loan packages.

A) Presentation by Grants Consultant Mary Gavin via phone - Ms. Gavin gave an overview of her work history and how the CDBG process ties in with other grant possibilities in helping the City of Apalachicola. Bob Murrins, Florida Rural Water Association, stated the most important problem to solve with the City is the Waste Water System infiltration and inflow.

B) Discussion held by the Commission and staff on the four possible CDBG-DR grants which consist of: 1) Phase 1 - Camera Mapping and Phase 2 - Replace broken sewer pipes with cast in place re-lining; 1b) Variation of above; 2) New Vacuum Booster Station on Market Street; 4) Rebuild part or all of the Sewage Treatment Plant out of the flood zone and prioritizing these projects. Chris Holley stated after talking with DEO on the matching funds for the hazard mitigation projects, the City does not need grant applications through the CDBG-DR; the State would be setting aside matching funds. Mr. Holley stated that the City should apply for all grants to help improve the City's water, sewer and storm water issues. Commissioner Grove suggested that Commission and staff should research the area of critical state concern list and prioritize projects that could be tied to Hurricane Michael.

Mr. Wade stated that November's meeting is scheduled on Election Day.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to have the November 3, 2020, Regular Meeting commence at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Begos, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk