

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022, 3:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Brenda Ash  
Commissioner Anita Grove  
Commissioner Despina George  
Commissioner Adriane Elliott  
ABSENT: Commissioner Donna Duncan

Travis Wade, City Manager  
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk  
Dan Hartman, Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Commissioner Adriane Elliott made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**REVIEW PROPOSAL FROM OVID SOLUTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**

Julie Dennis with Ovid Solutions gave a brief update from 2018 to current where the City is, at the present time with projects and funding sources for the Downtown Revitalization and Infrastructure needs. Ms. Dennis reviewed the work process that Ovid Solutions handles for the City.

Chris Holley reviewed past grant projects of the Area of Critical State Concern, stating that we are getting together a plan of action, and to move forward with a proposed draft plan for the City.

Mr. Holley stated he will be retiring in October and the City needs to hire a new lobbyist.

Josh Baxley with Dewberry stated they will be technical/support for Ovid Solutions.

**TRIUMPH FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Matt Terry reviewed the Popham building TRIUMPH status, stating it is still open at this time, and that the City needs to figure out how to proceed with this project. Mr. Terry stated TRIUMPH’s main priority is looking for ways to expand economic growth to the community.

In a response to a question by Mayor Ash, Susan Skelton reviewed some ideas in Apalachicola for job and education opportunities.

Commissioners were interested in the following projects: affordable housing; workforce housing and infrastructure needs.

Jim Brown reviewed a Battery Park Marina 2006 Plan, and moving forward with this project.

Mr. Holley thanked everyone for their time and input, in moving forward with the City’s needs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

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Brenda Ash, Mayor

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Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk