

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

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Begos Travis Wade, City Manager
Commissioner Anita Grove Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Commissioner Adrian Elliott Leo Bebeau, Finance Director
Commissioner Despina George Daniel Hartman, Attorney
ABSENT: Commissioner Brenda Ash

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. WILDERNESS COAST LIBRARIES – SONDRA TAYLOR-FURBEE

Sondra Furbee, Library Board Chair, asked that the City write a letter requesting membership to the Executive Director of the Wilderness Coast Library.

Commissioner Grove made a motion that Mr. Wade write a letter to the Wilderness Coast Library Board, requesting membership for the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library. Commissioner George seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. FOOD TRUCK SETTLEMENT

Dan Hartman read a brief summary of the proposed Food Truck settlement agreement.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the Food Truck Settlement Agreement. Mayor Begos seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Commissioner George opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 3. FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE - SECOND READING

Dan Hartman read Ordinance 2019-03 by title:

CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ORDINANCE 2019-03 “MOBILE FOOD DISPENSING VEHICLES” AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD DISPENSING VEHICLES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITIONS; ESTABLISHING OPERATING REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the second reading of the Food Truck Ordinance. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 3-1. Commissioner George opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 4. LIBRARY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER – RALPH WAGONER
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Commissioner George made a motion to accept the Philaco Club’s recommendation of Ralph Wagoner as the alternate Library Board member. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS 1. SOLID WASTE PICKUP (ALLEYS VS. STREETS)
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Solid Waste Pickup (Alleys vs. Streets) - City Manager gave a brief update on how big heavy trucks in the alleys were damaging stormwater and water and sewer lines in the alleys, and would like them to be moved to the Street side. City staff also talked on this issue, and the cost of repairs. Mr. Wade requested a vote by the Commission on where they thought they should be placed, so he can move forward with the RFP.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to change the solid waste pick-up to the street side. Mayor Begos stated that this change would not take effect until the new contract started.

Commissioner Elliott amended the motion to approve the City Manager’s recommendation to move the solid waste pickup from alleys to the street side upon execution of the new contract. Commissioner Grove seconded for discussion. Motion died for lack of majority 2-2. Commissioner George and Commissioner Grove opposed.

Public comments at the meeting were all against the street side garbage pickup.

NEW BUSINESS 2. VOLUNTEER PROCLAMATION

Mayor Begos read the National Volunteer Week Proclamation in its entirety.

Commissioner George made a motion to adopt the National Volunteer Week Proclamation. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS 3. DIGITAL RECORDS
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Mayor Begos talked on the importance of digitizing City records, stating that Image One did a sample scan of city documents and submitted a proposal for large scale digitization. Discussion held. City staff will do further research.

NEW BUSINESS 4. DIANE BREWER – 5TH STREET PROPOSAL
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Diane Brewer requests approval from the City to seek a historic preservation, special category grant for the 5th Street Water Works Building, for the historic designation, clean-up, stabilization, and safety of the old structure. Mayor Begos stated the City should request a structural report from a structural engineer for this project, and then bring back before the City, before approving the grant. Commissioner George requests that this project be added to the CRA agenda item for this month. Commissioner Grove recommends that this grant be brought before the CRA and move forward with getting a structural report from an engineer, to be voted on by the CRA.

NEW BUSINESS 5. INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS GRANT – COMM GROVE (CINDY CLARK)

Commissioner Grove stated we are requesting that Cindy Clark apply for a historic preservation grant to update the original panels and create new panels, for a total of about 30 panels, at a cost of approximately \$3000 per panel. In addition, this would be an opportunity to add (15) new panels, highlighting significant landmarks, to promote Apalachicola's black history and create a black history walking tour. Cindy Clark stated there are two categories, which include a small matching grant for \$50,000, and/or the special category grant, for up to \$500,000, depending on what DOS staff recommends, to support the design, fabrication, and installation of panels. Ms. Clark's request

is to apply for either, or both, with the idea that we apply for the \$50,000, and make up for the shortfall, or trim the project down.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve Cindy Clark to apply for the small matching grant for \$50,000 for Interpretive Display Panels. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments consisted of the following: Raney House Special Category Grant Application for restoration of the exterior and foundation, with a match of approximately \$20,000; fire hydrant on Ave D and 5th Street repair and timeline; Waste-One introduction – solid waste pickup; and Franklin County Community Development and Land Trust proposed land swap for affordable housing.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
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Water & Sewer update – Mayor Begos gave brief update on in-house testing of TTHM’s, because some are under 80, and some are not; DEP wants all under 80. Sewer Treatment Plant repairs are continually being made. DEP is asking that the City build a new headworks and SBR (the big round tank) by 2023, which is about a \$12,000,000 project. The City has applied for grants for a new treatment plant. Mr. Wade gave update on DEP \$63,000 fine and possibility of using the fire hydrants as in-kind project.

Rep. Sprowl’s legislation to mitigate flooding and sea level rise – Mayor Begos requests that the City write a letter of support for funding of local communities. The Board approves.

CDBG update and discussion – Mayor Begos stated they do not have a list of projects or projected costs, and that quotes are being gathered at this time. Mr. Wade announced that Dewberry will be doing a chart of all information and budget of each individual project.

City-owned Property for sale – Commissioner Ash - Absent

Face Mask – Mayor Begos had business owners approach him about modifying the face mask Proclamation, stating the City requests that people wear masks. Overall consensus of the Board is to leave Proclamation wording as is.

Commission discussion consisted of: Battery Park Marina Ordinance update for final draft, and Legislative earmarks requesting specific appropriations for the sewer plant.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Surplus Properties Auction update – Mr. Wade stated he has received three bids and decided to use an auctioneer out of Panama City. I will be setting a meeting and we will get the property list to him to get started with the process.

10th Street Properties Appraisal – Mr. Wade stated he had received an appraisal for \$75,000. The demolition would be about \$15,000, (demolition not approved at this time), which would bring the property value of \$60,000.

ATTORNEY DAN HARTMAN COMMUNICATIONS

No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR LEO BEBEAU COMMUNICATIONS

Budget – Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”.

Trolley – Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”.

Fire Station Demo – Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”.

Mr. Bebeau requests to proceed with RFQ for demolition of Old Fire Station. Mayor Begos directed staff to proceed with the RFQ.

Seawall/CRA funding – Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”. Mr. Bebeau requests the use of Battery Park Marina funds, of up to \$15,000, for seawall repair and installation of new boarding dock

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve the use of Battery Park Marina funds, in the amount of \$12,742, for seawall repair and installation of new boarding dock. Commissioner Elliott seconded for discussion.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to amend and approve the use of Battery Park Marina funds of up to \$15,000, for seawall repair and installation of new boarding dock. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Street Sign and Toppers – Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”.

Grant Update – Mr. Bebeau reviewed the CDBG-DR Infrastructure and HMGP Grants. Approval will be late May to early June – See Attachment “A”.

FEMA Lessons – Mr. Bebeau reviewed, stating projects applied for through FEMA for Hurricane Michael were never followed through, and when Sally hit, things got clouded together, and funds from Michael were never spent. Mr. Bebeau would like when we have monies out there to spend, to move on it right away, and not put it off.

Holy Family - Mr. Bebeau reviewed – See Attachment “A”. We were notified we would not be getting any monies on Holy Family, due to these issues. The City needs to figure out how to fund the roof and get it done. Mayor Begos stated repairs that are done to City properties, especially roof repairs, require we take pictures.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes Adoption – March 2, 2021 Joint P&Z/CC Workshop; March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting; March 23, 2021 Public Hearing; and March 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

B. March 2021 P&Z Minutes

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Mayor Election Proclamation. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

C. Mayor’s Election Proclamation – Mayor Begos read the Mayor’s Election Proclamation in its entirety.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Begos, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk