

WORKSHOP
APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 – 4:30PM – 5:30 PM
BATTERY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
1 BAY AVE., APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320

Agenda

You are welcome to comment on any matter under consideration by the Apalachicola City Commission when recognized to do so by the Mayor. Once recognized please rise to the podium, state your name for the record and adhere to the three minute time limit for public comment. Comments may also be sent by email to the City Manager or to Commissioners.

I. Call to Order

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Encroachment Workshop

III. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of the proceeding and for this purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE WORKSHOP (1.9.2023)

The City is workshopping creation of an ordinance regulating encroachments upon City property. Historically such encroachment have been dealt with on a case by case basis. The purpose of the ordinance would be to establish a uniform methodology to deal with encroachments upon City property.

Such an ordinance could be limited or expansive and deal with encroachments on alleys, streets, easements, or any other public property owned by the City. Such an ordinance should also provide for conditions under which encroachment permits would be issued.

An encroachment is typically defined as any structure or object, or improvement of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, building extensions, fences, retaining walls, landscaping, culverts, bridges, pipelines, or other structures or improvements located on City property. An encroachment can also include obtaining access over City property for permissible purposes.

Issues that need to be addressed will include (but not limited to):

1. Do we want the Ordinance to provide for a grace period to encourage voluntary compliance/elimination of existing encroachments?
2. How does the Ordinance deal with existing encroachments of various types? Historic buildings? Non-historic buildings of a certain age?
3. Fee amounts for any permit?
4. Fine amounts for violation of the ordinance?