

A Workshop and Special Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Holy Family Center, 203 Dr. Frederick Humphries Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Donna Duncan, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Despina George, City Manager Travis Wade, City Attorney Dan Hartman, Deputy Clerk Sheneidra Cummings, Planner Bree Robinson, Grants Coordinator Sarah Bourque

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ash.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner George. Motion carried 5 to 0.

WORKSHOP – HILLSIDE SIDEWALKS & LIGHTING PROJECT

City Manager Wade outlined the purpose for project and most recent scope for the Hillside Sidewalks & Lighting Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment consisted of sidewalk lighting, sidewalk route location, tree protection along sidewalk route, and Hill history.

City Manager Wade addressed sidewalk thickness in front of driveways, tree protection along sidewalk route(s), and lighting along proposed sidewalks.

Commissioner Duncan recommends shifting 8th Street sidewalk one block south connecting to Hwy 98 thru Chestnut Cemetery on 8th Street, 8th Street sidewalk will end at Avenue K, 7th Street sidewalk will end at Avenue K, and MLK sidewalk will run from 5th Street to 12th Street.

Commissioner Elliott agrees with Commissioner Duncan's recommendation so long as it does not hinder the project from moving forward or becoming cost prohibitive. Commission could approve the most recent scope but would rather approve the route Commissioner Duncan recommended.

Commissioner Grove agrees with Commissioner Duncan's recommendation. As an alternative, if one was needed, the sidewalk could also run on Avenue K between 8th Street and Dr. Frederick Humphries connecting to Holy Family and African American Museum. Commissioner Grove expressed concern on sidewalk thickness.

Commissioner George expressed concern on project costs and what scope of work is included within the allotted project funds. Commissioner George recommends concentrating on the connectivity of 12th Street to MLK because if the Commission's goal is commercial revitalization, then that is the area that

development will happen and not along a residential street. Commissioner George stated that until other project costs are nailed down, then it seems premature to decide on a project scope.

City Manager Wade stated a scope must be determined in order to determine project costs.

Discussion held.

Commissioner George recommends the priority be from 5th Street to 12th Street along MLK, not in support of sidewalk going from Avenue K to Avenue L on 8th Street, but maybe divert the sidewalk to Avenue K between 7th and 8th Street or connect to Chestnut Cemetery.

SPECIAL MEETING – HILLSIDE SIDEWALKS & LIGHTING PROJECT SCOPE APPROVAL

Motion to shift sidewalk south one block so that sidewalk on 8th Street runs from Avenue K to Chestnut Cemetery, 7th Street sidewalk will end at Avenue K, and MLK sidewalk will run from 5th Street to 12th Street made by Commissioner Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Brenda Ash, Mayor

Lee Mathes, City Clerk