

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 3:00 PM at the Former Apalachicola Municipal Library, 74 6th Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Despina George, Commissioner Donna Duncan, City Manager Travis Wade, City Clerk Sheneidra Cummings, Finance Director Lee Mathes, City Planner Bree Robinson, Police Chief Bobby Varnes

The Workshop Meeting called to order by Mayor Ash followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: FEMA RATING SYSTEM

Keisha Messer, Certified Floodplain Manager, informed the Commission of the FEMA rating system and presented information on transitioning from a 10-year cumulative ratio rating to a 1-year rating standard. Mrs. Messer informed the Commission that a Flood Ordinance is required by the City to allow residents to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Mrs. Messer explained the 10-year cumulative rating system and expressed some negative consequences of retaining the 10-yr rating ratio. In contrast, Mrs. Messer expressed some of the benefits of participating in the Community Rating System (CRS), converting to the 1-yr rating system, and provided some examples of benefits the homeowner(s) and residents when needing to make necessary repairs to their homes etc.

Discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Val Webb commented.

No further comments.

Mayor Ash inquired about any time restraints to decide on whether to keep the existing rating system or to convert.

Mrs. Messer did express that the Office of Floodplain Management implemented news rules that are required to be adopted into the City's Floodplain Ordinance ultimately, requiring the City to revise its existing ordinance. Therefore, if the Commission would like to change to a 1-yr rating system, this would be the time to include that in the revised ordinance. In closing, Mrs. Messer does not recommend remaining with the 10-year system.

Motion to adjourn Workshop meeting was made by Commissioner Grove and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried, 5-0.

Workshop meeting adjourned.



Brenda Ash, Mayor



Sheneidra Cummings, City Clerk