

A Regular Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 6:00 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 Duncan, City Manager Travis Wade, City Attorney Dan Hartman, Finance Direct Lee Mathes, City Clerk Sheneidra Cummings, City Planner Bree Robinson, and Police Chief Bobby Varnes

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Ash requested to add item under Unfinished Business, item #3, Leslie St- FDOT Supplemental Grant Agreement Resolution 2024-09.

Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition was made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. None opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Coon commented and presented a handout of recommendations for Leslie Street.

Kristy & Richard Bracken provided the Commission with a brief update on is recycling program.

Linda Buchannon commented on the language used in the municipal code to review the language with a sample provided from Savana GA (handout). Review the language and revise the code.

NEW BUSINESS #1: 22-23 FY Audit Approval

Chris Moran presented the 22-23 audit report.

Commissioner George commented on the auditor's comments. All Commissioner expressed appreciation to Mr. Moran and his team for working diligently to furnish the 22-23 Audit Report.

Motion to approve the 22-23 audit report made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner George. None opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS #2: ARPC Letter of Support and Resolution

Motion to approve the letter of support to the Grove seconded by Commissioner George. No discussion. None opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

New BUSINESS #3: Small Business Proclamation

Motion to approve the proclamation made by Commissioner Grove and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. None opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1: ARPA

Motion to recognize the remaining ARPA Funds as revenue for the purposes of financial reporting in the current fiscal year was made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Grove. Discussion, Commissioner Elliott; Commissioner George commented and provided clarification to Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor suggested that this ARPA discussion be included in the January 4 Retreat Meeting Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #2: FWC No Wake Ordinance

Attorney Hartman read Ordinance 2024-07 by title and asked the Commission to place it on the agenda for 1st Reading December meeting. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07 for 1st Reading at the December meeting was made by Commissioner Grove; seconded by Commissioner George, with discussion. No further discussion. None opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Wade informed the Commission that the previous No Wake Ordinance, 2024-04, is being replaced in its entirety by the new No-Wake Ordinance 2024-07.

For the record, it was stated at the meeting the new No-Wake Ordinance should have been "2024-05"; however, ordinance number 2024-05 was already assigned to the Floodplain Management Ordinance at the October meeting and the correct number that would be assigned to the new No-Wake Ordinance will be recorded as 2024-07. The content of the new No-Wake Ordinance remains as presented and only warrants a correction in title. The official record in the Clerk's office reflects the correct Ordinance number, 2024-07.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #3: Leslie St. FDOT Supplemental Grant Agreement and Resolution

Attorney Hartman read Resolution 2024-09 in its entirety. Motion to approve the Supplemental Grant Agreement and adopt Resolution 2024-09 made by Commissioner George; seconded by Commissioner Grove. Discussion, Commissioner Grove. None opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

For the record, the Resolution presented at this meeting should have been stated and presented as Resolution "2024-08". The content of this resolution remains unchanged and only warrants a correction in title. The official record in the Clerk's office reflects the correct Resolution number, 2024-08.

Commissioner Duncan will get with Manager Wade and Leslie Coon to discuss her list of concerns.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Ash thanked participants and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Commissioner Grove provided an updated on the County being awarded the TRIUMPH Grant for the communication towers. Commissioner Grove mentioned the proposed department meeting and have the minutes of the Department Minutes (summary). Commissioner Grove inquired about department report(s) and department oversight.

Commissioner Elliott suggested that the City lower the speed limit from 35 to 25 on Brownsville Rd. and Prado to be congruent with the County.

Commissioner George would like to meet with Travis and Leslie Coon to discuss her concerns.

Commissioner Duncan, no comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Wade provided the Commission with his updates and Finance Director Lee Mathes commented on her progress in the Finance Depart and upcoming tasks with FEMA.

ATTORNEY HARTMAN COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney presented an update on the draft Cemetery Ordinance as well as the draft Encroachment Agreement/Ordinance. Attorney Hartman informed the Commission that he will revise the Encroachment Agreement draft and present it back to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Commissioner Elliott seconded by Commissioner George. None opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Grove. None Opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

BRENDA ASH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHENEIDRA CUMMINGS, CITY CLERK