

A Special Meeting of the City of Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Commission Meeting Room located at 74 6th Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Despina George, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Donna Duncan, Interim City Manager Michael Brillhart, Finance Director Lee Mathes, City Attorney Dan Hartman, Sergeant Ashley Webb

Special Meeting opened by Mayor Ash followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe Taylor – Franklin's Promise Coalition – thanked Commission for trying to find a space to relocate the Food Pantry.
2. Greg Perkins – commented on water crisis and what can citizens do to help with the situation.

RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Manager Brillhart updated Commission on water crisis.

Discussion held concerning precautionary boil notice, well maintenance, water sampling, and continuance of local of emergency.

Motion to extend Local State of Emergency for an additional week made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Manager Brillhart outlined water crisis expenditures.

Motion to allocate revolving loan funds to pay for expenses associated with water crisis made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Discussion continued.

Motion amended to allocate ARPA funds to pay for expenses associated with water crisis made by Commissioner Grove. Commissioner Elliott amended second. Motion carried 5 to 0.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Attorney Hartman outlined Interim City Manager, Chris Holley, employment agreement.

Motion to approve Interim City Manager, Chris Holley, employment agreement as outlined by Attorney Hartman made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Commissioner George stated the employment agreement was not included within the agenda packet.

Attorney Hartman stated the employment agreement will be included in the July regular meeting agenda packet and included within the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

FAMU REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE IN MATCH BOX OR FIELD HOUSE

Kimberly Davis stated that FAMU is seeking to relocate to the Match Box.

Discussion held concerning Match Box and Field House current lease with Helen Escobar and relocation options for FAMU and Food Pantry.

Attorney Hartman will come back to Commission with additional information at next meeting.

FORGOTTEN COAST FITNESS & WELLNESS CENTER PROPOSAL

Forgotten Coast Fitness Representatives outlined the mold report findings, safety measures that have been put in place at the Fitness Center, and segregation from the rest of the Johnson Complex.

Discussion held concerning air quality, mold reports, and continuing lease negotiations.

Commission agreed to further discuss at July 8th regular meeting.

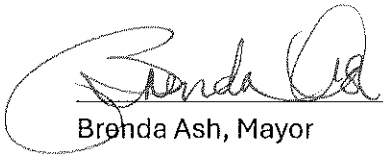

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission thanked all who have helped and continue to help the City during this water crisis situation.

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Mayor Ash stated this meeting is Manager Brillhart's last meeting and the Commission wishes him well in his endeavors.

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


Brenda Ash, Mayor
Lee Mathes, Finance Director