



~ Final Minutes ~

## City of Fort Walton Beach Regular Meeting of the City Council of Fort Walton Beach

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

6:00 PM

107 Miracle Strip Parkway  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

### CALL TO ORDER

6:00 PM Meeting was called to order on February 28, 2017 at Council Chamber, 107 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Anderson	Mayor	Present	
Scott Smith	Council Seat 1	Present	
Diane Keller	Council Seat 2	Present	
John Mead	Council Seat 3	Present	
Mike Holmes	Council Seat 4	Present	
Amy Jamieson	Council Seat 5	Present	
MG Moran	Council Seat 6	Present	
Dick Rynearson	Council Seat 7	Present	

### INVOCATION

Pastor Michael Watson of First Church of the Nazarene led in the Invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The vote on the motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Jamieson, Council Seat 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Diane Keller, Council Seat 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Smith, Keller, Mead, Holmes, Jamieson, Moran, Rynearson

### PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming March as Gambling Awareness Month.

### RECOGNITIONS—STUDENT ACE AWARDS

The Mayor presented the Student Ace Awards to Bryce Hood of Choctawhatchee High School and Caylee Laird of Fort Walton Beach High School.

## **PRESENTATIONS--Representative Mel Ponder**

Representative Mel Ponder updated Council on several bills being worked on in the legislature including a bill that will offer a sales tax exemption to veterans; working on having a mental health bill for Okaloosa County be a pilot program for the county; an appropriations request to relocate the Gulfview Hotel; and working on two stormwater projects for the City.

Also discussed was the need to spend the allocated BP monies within two years once the funding is released.

## **Repair/Replacement of City Facilities Update**

David Alsop of Sam Marshall Architects presented an update on the process of the repair and replacement of City facilities, advising the ultimate goal is to create a master plan that will convey the image of Fort Walton Beach and to build facilities that will evolve for the next 50-60 years.

Mr. Alsop advised the next step is to present the conceptual design to Council at the Strategic Planning Session and to review the master plans at a Council meeting in April.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Jamieson, Council Seat 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	MG Moran, Council Seat 6
<b>AYES:</b>	Smith, Keller, Mead, Holmes, Jamieson, Moran, Ryneerson

## **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017.

## **2017 Downtown Event Promotional Budget**

Recommends City Council approval to sponsor the 2017 Downtown Events with Community Broadcasters, LLC, which includes Concerts at the Landing and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 plus an additional \$7,500 for City services required for the events.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **ACTION-DIRECTION-DISCUSSION--Consideration of a Subdivision Plat Approval for the Replat of Bay View Subdivision**

Chris Frassetti, Development Services Manager, presented the history on the annexation of the property into the city and that a future land use designation and zoning designations to the property has been approved. Mr. Frassetti discussed the Findings of Fact and advised the proposed plat meets all the requirements of Chapter 177 of Florida Statutes and Staff recommends approval.

The vote on the motion to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for the Marketplace at Eglin Parkway, a two-lot subdivision located at 327 Eglin Parkway N carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Jamieson, Council Seat 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Diane Keller, Council Seat 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Keller, Mead, Holmes, Jamieson, Moran, Rynearson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Scott Smith

### **Right-of-Way Tree Trimming**

Jeff Peters, Recreational/Cultural Services Director, reported the company previously contracted to perform the right-of-way tree trimming project was not progressing at the rate the City expected; therefore, the contract was terminated and the City has elected to move forward with the second lowest quote, Eager Beaver Professional Tree Care, at the rate of \$2,800 per day. They also have a \$1,475 half-day rate.

The vote on the motion to award the right-of-way tree trimming project to the second lowest priced quote of \$2,800 per day to Eager Beaver Professional Tree Care with a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,000 carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Jamieson, Council Seat 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Mead, Council Seat 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Smith, Keller, Mead, Holmes, Jamieson, Moran, Rynearson

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **Monthly City Manager Status Report - February 2017**

The City Manager advised the monthly status report can be found in the agenda.

### **Legislative Update**

The City Manager advised the Northwest Florida League of Cities has adopted three legislative priorities to be discussed during the legislative session. The priorities are legislation that commits funding from Amendment 1 towards infrastructure improvements related to water supply, water quality, wastewater, and stormwater projects; legislation to improve municipalities' use of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with Home Rule; and legislation that allows municipalities to retain Home Rule Authority in regulating medical marijuana.

### **Candidate Forum - March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm - Recreation Department**

The Candidate Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Recreation Center. Meet the candidates begins at 6:30 pm.

### **Celebration of Mayor Anderson's Tenure and Candidate Introduction - March 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm – Fairgrounds**

A Celebration of Mayor Anderson's tenure will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the C. H. "Bull" Rigdon Fairgrounds. Candidates for the city election will be introduced to the public.

### **City Election - March 14, 2017**

Election Day is Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with the Mayor and three Council seats being selected. Early voting is the week of March 6 -10 in Shalimar.

**Legislative Action Days - March 21 - 22, 2017 - Tallahassee**

The Annual Legislative Action Days will be held March 21-22, 2017 in Tallahassee.

**City Council Strategic Planning Session - March 24, 2017 at 7:00 am - Library**

The Strategic Planning Session will be on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7:00 am at the Fort Walton Beach Library, and will be open to the current Mayor and Council as well as the newly elected Mayor and Council. The City Manager asked that any ideas for the agenda be submitted to him.

**Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting - March 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

The CRA will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm to approve the annual report in preparation for submittal to the state.

**City Council Special Meeting - April 1, 2017 at 8:00 am - Swearing in Ceremony**

The Swearing-in Ceremony for the new Mayor and Council members will be Saturday morning, April 1, 2017 at 8:00 am, with Judge Brown conducting the ceremony.

The City Manager stated he will schedule a workshop, prior to the first regular City Council meeting in April, to train the newly elected officials and review with the current officials the Sunshine Law, Roberts Rules of Order, and Council Rules and Procedures.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS****Monthly City Attorney Status Report - February 2017**

The City Attorney provided a monthly status report on legal matters and litigation in the agenda packet.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS****Council Member Scott Smith**

None.

**Council Member Diane Keller**

None.

**Council Member John Mead**

None.

**Council Member Mike Holmes**

None.

**Council Member Amy Jamieson**

Council Member Jamieson commended the Police Department on their Safe Exchange Zone. She advised she attended the Boy Scouts dedication of the new Lackey Hut next to Kenwood School; the NWFLOC Dinner in Niceville; and the Car Show sponsored by the Fire Department.

Council Member Jamieson reminded citizens to keep streets clear for emergency vehicles by not parking on both sides of the streets.

She commended the Public Information Officer, Jo Soria, for having 10,000 viewers on the City's Facebook page, and was advised the PIO is getting more active in departments and at the forefront of projects to provide current information to citizens via Facebook.

**Council Member MG Moran**

None.

**Council Member Dick Rynearson**

Council Member Rynearson advised that the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) declined a proposed resolution of support for later school times for the safety aspect for Okaloosa County Schools. The TPO felt it is a school board matter and not a transportation issue.

Council Member Rynearson thanked the Student Council from Kenwood Elementary for attending the meeting, he thanked Council Members Moran and Jamieson for answering questions from the student council prior to the meeting, and he encouraged everyone to vote on March 14.

**Mayor Mike Anderson**

The Mayor advised the Okaloosa County Public Transit Board continues to work on the ridership program. He further advised the Transit approved the purchase of a new bus for their use, leaving a used bus for possible use for the Community Solutions shelter.

The Mayor attended the Liturgical Celebration for Black History Month at St. Mary's; attended the Lackey Boy Scot Hut rededication; and, offered prayers and condolences for the family of Mayor Bruce Arnold of Valparaiso.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:55 PM**