



~ Final Minutes ~

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

Tuesday, May 9, 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 May 9, 2017 at Council Chamber, 107 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

| Attendee Name  | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Dick Rynearson | Mayor          | Present |         |
| Nic Allegretto | Council Member | Present |         |
| Mike Holmes    | Council Member | Present |         |
| Amy Jamieson   | Council Member | Present |         |
| Diane Keller   | Council Member | Present |         |
| John Mead      | Council Member | Present |         |
| David Schmidt  | Council Member | Present |         |
| Scott Smith    | Council Member | Present |         |

### INVOCATION

Pastor Eric Partin of Shoreline Church led in the Invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Amy Jamieson, Council Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Keller, Council Member                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt, Smith |

### RECOGNITIONS—ACE Awards

The Mayor presented the Student ACE Awards to Jorge Garcia of Fort Walton Beach High School and Megan Cobb of Choctawhatchee High School.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Amy Jamieson, Council Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John Mead, Council Member                                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt, Smith |

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of April 25, 2017.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hancock, 113 Brooks Street, requested support from the City to encourage Okaloosa County to move the "No Wake Zone" sign from its current location in the Santa Rosa Sound west of Liza Jackson Park.

The City Manager advised the City does not usually get involved in waterway issues, but if the Council wishes to do so, a resolution can be prepared and presented.

The City Attorney advised that the City contact the County to ascertain if a letter of support or a resolution would be preferred; the City Manager stated it will be addressed at the next meeting with additional information to be provided to Council.

## RESOLUTIONS--2017-6 Interlocal Agreement for Renewal of Local Option Gas Tax

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMONG OKALOOSA COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CINCO BAYOU, CRESTVIEW, DESTIN, FORT WALTON BEACH, LAUREL HILL, MARY ESTHER, NICEVILLE, SHALIMAR, AND VALPARAISO FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 336.025 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor read Resolution 2017-6 by title.

The City Manager advised the resolution is a renewal of the original Interlocal Agreement that has been in effect since 2003, and that the agreement was extended by resolution in 2013 for ten years until 2023 for the distribution of the original Six Cents Local Option Gas Tax and the additional Three Cents Local Option Gas Tax.

The City Manager continued that the original Six Cents Local Option Gas Tax expires on December 31, 2017. It has been requested by Okaloosa County that this Local Option Gas Tax be renewed for another ten (10) year period at the same distribution rate amongst the County and nine (9) municipalities as agreed upon in September 2013. The deadline to submit the executed Interlocal Agreement to the Department of Revenue to extend the original Six Cents Local Option Gas Tax is June 1, 2017.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-6 carried unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Amy Jamieson, Council Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Keller, Council Member                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt, Smith |

## **ACTION-DIRECTION-DISCUSSION**

### **Contract Amendment for Utility IVR with Selectron Technologies, Inc.**

Brandy Ferris, Finance Director, advised that in FY 2015-16, City Council awarded a contract to Selectron Technologies, Inc. for an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System to handle telephone utility billing payments. The program has proven very successful and the call volume has been exceeded. Instead of charging overage charges, Selectron has offered to amend the City's contract and call expectancy package, enabling a cost savings.

The vote on the motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the amended contract document with Selectron Technologies, Inc. to address the overage in the number of estimated telephone utility billing payments carried unanimously.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Amy Jamieson, Council Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Keller, Council Member                               |
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### **Grant of Utility Easement for 200 South Street NE**

Tim Bolduc, Engineering/Utilities Services Director, advised that in order to serve the newly annexed area of the Bay View Subdivision with a sanitary sewer, Staff identified a proposed route of new service that went through the private property at 200 South Street NE owned by Nick Solliday. Negotiations were held between the City and Mr. Solliday and a monetary fee of \$2,100 plus surplus salvage material from the old waste water treatment plant are to be paid by the City in return for the easement.

The vote on the motion to accept the negotiated easement terms and record the utility easement for an extension of a sanitary sewer main at 200 South Street NE carried unanimously.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Amy Jamieson, Council Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Diane Keller, Council Member                               |
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## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

### **Legislative Update**

The City Manager informed the Legislative Session is over and several important bills died before the end of session. He mentioned the homestead exemption bill being placed on the November ballot, which could be detrimental for the City, and a possible bill for next year regarding the restriction of Cities to raise the millage rate unless approved by the State.

**Ethics Training (State Mandated) - May 12, 2017 at 7:30 am - Recreation Department**

The Northwest Florida League of Cities is providing State Mandated Ethics Training May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at the Recreation Center.

**Northwest Florida League of Cities Summer Dinner - May 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm - Sandestin**

The Northwest Florida League of Cities Dinner will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm in Sandestin. Please contact the City Clerk if you would like to attend.

**City Council Special Meeting - June 13, 2017 at 4:30 pm - Facilities Master Plan**

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 4:30 pm to discuss the facilities master plan. The City Manager advised the consultant has a great update to present and a recommendation for a path forward in the process.

**Possible City Council Workshop – Fire Assessment Study**

A possible workshop is being considered for the first week of June to discuss the fire assessment.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS****Council Member Nic Allegretto**

No report.

**Council Member Mike Holmes**

Council Member Holmes reported the TDC approved funding for both the Emerald Coast Science Center and the Indian Temple Mound Museum, with the directors of both giving great presentations.

**Council Member Amy Jamieson**

Council Member Jamieson met with the Okaloosa County Clerk of Court to resolve issues between the Okaloosa County Development Council and the County in regards to SHIP payments being made in a timelier manner.

**Council Member Diane Keller**

Council Member Keller attended the graduation and VIP dinner at Northwest Florida State College.

**Council Member John Mead**

No report.

**Council Member David Schmidt**

Council Member Schmidt thanked the City Manager and others in their efforts of advocating for the City during the legislative session. He recognized Brittany Johnson, Police Dispatcher, who donated a car seat to a citizen who was in need of one.

Council Member Schmidt noted the homestead exemption ballot and for the city to prepare for and see what other options would be available for the City.

**Council Member Scott Smith**

No report.

**Mayor Dick Rynearson**

The Mayor thanked Council Members Jamieson and Keller for attending the National Day of Prayer. He noted the groundbreaking for the community garden at the former Seabreeze ballpark and thanked Lisa Lethcoe from Engineering for her efforts in spearheading this event. The Mayor also attended the May Day celebration at Chester Pruitt Park.

He noted the groundbreaking on May 16 for the new fire tower, and reminded everyone of the Police Memorial Ceremony on Friday morning, May 18, at 6:50 am.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:38 pm**