



~ Final Minutes ~

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

Tuesday, June 13, 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 June 13, 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	

Council Member Smith left at 6:57 pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Charles Sansom, Sr., Family of Faith Community Church, led in the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of May 23, 2017 and the Special Meeting of June 6, 2017.

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Fort Walton Beach Firefighters Association IAFF Local 2601 - Battalion Chiefs

Recommends City Council ratification of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Fort Walton Beach and the Fort Walton Beach Firefighters' Association IAFF Local 2601 – Battalion Chiefs for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

Lysaght v. the City of Fort Walton Beach, Case No. 3:16-cv-592-MCR-GRJ.

Purchase of Fire Department Bunker Gear Extractor and Dryers

Recommends City Council authorization to purchase one (1) bunker gear extractor and two (2) dryers from Fisher Safety of Nashville, Georgia for a total cost of \$25,000.

Award of ITB 17-011 for Cemetery Burial Services

Recommends City Council authorization to award ITB 17-011 for Cemetery Burial Services to Gulf Coast Wilbert, Inc. of Crestview, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Manager addressed the issue of June 7, 2017, that occurred at the Fort Walton Beach Landing when two individuals from a church in Valparaiso were found to be providing hot lunches to the homeless. The individuals were advised by the City's Police Department that according to the City ordinance, they needed to obtain a permit to continue this practice. In the meantime, videos were taken and the Daily News was called to report on the incident.

The City Manager continued that since this occurred, City Staff is reviewing the ordinance and the City's permitting and park rental process for any improvements or clarifications that might need to be made. He emphasized the City's police officers were doing their jobs in interpreting the Code and stated procedures are in place for renting all or a portion of the park and for special event permits. He stressed that the permitting process provides for the proper liability insurance for the City and protection of the public.

The City Manager discussed the proactive role the City has taken regarding homelessness in the City including its efforts with Community Solutions. He mentioned the faith-based community in the City provides meals for the homeless and that he has directed that information be placed on the City's website.

It was stressed that a centralized effort needs to be coordinated among the City, County, and the faith-based agencies in the area. There needs to be coordinated efforts regarding the services provided, ensuring there is no duplication of services, ensuring volunteers are matched with the

right organizations, ensuring volunteers are properly trained to know the rules/regulations of the City, and a coordinated effort to help those who need and want the help.

The City Manager stated the City will continue to work with Community Solutions to make One Hopeful Place a reality, will continue working with churches and non-profits to ensure services/resources are readily available, and will work to ensure everyone is safe.

In closing, the City Manager stated that while the ordinance is being reviewed, it is recommended that anyone who would like to participate in hot meal preparation or distribution coordinate with one of the agencies already providing this service. Those interested in organizing a food giveaway to groups and/or gatherings in public parks within the City limits need to contact the City's Recreation Department and to provide only pre-packaged, canned, or factory-sealed food items.

The public was invited to speak.

Donna Kelly, 2 Coral Court, noted the City needs to be proactive and work with everyone to address this issue. The Mayor stated that exactly is what the City Manager just discussed and thanked her for her comments.

Gloria Dawson, 304 Seminole Street, stated she and a friend have been taking hot meals to the homeless for six months with no complaints. She informed they do this on their own because they saw a need; they are not trying to dishonor the law, but she cannot understand why there is a problem with feeding a few people at the Landing. The Mayor also encouraged her to work with some of the faith-based organizations who already provide this service.

Pastor Cecil Williams of Gregg Chapel AME Church thanked the City for what they have done in assisting the various organization and with One Hopeful Place. He stated that seven churches, including his own, provide food to the homeless and encouraged those who want to volunteer in this endeavor to contact and partner with Gregg Chapel. He stated that his church fed 150 homeless just recently.

Bruce Ravan, 2391 Placid Drive, reported that his church fed 50 homeless individuals this morning and does so every Tuesday morning. Mr. Ravan continued that he supports what everyone is doing, that guidelines are needed, and anything his church can do to help they are willing to do so.

Mrs. Elle of the Okaloosa County School District stated the district provides brochures to the homeless families within the district of all the churches/organizations in the area that provide meals to the homeless. She continued the organizations are within a half-mile of the Landing and the practice has been going on for years. Mrs. Elle stated the school district is willing to help in any way to get the word out.

Mike Anderson, Carlyle Court, encouraged Council to support the Okaloosa County League of Cities initiative of the 1/2 cent local option sales tax to be placed on a referendum.

RESOLUTIONS--2017-7 Appointments to the Okaloosa County/City of FWB Affordable Housing Committee

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE OKALOOSA COUNTY/CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor read Resolution 2017-7 by title.

The City Manager informed Okaloosa County/City of Fort Walton Beach Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was established by the City and the County via Resolution and Interlocal Agreement on March 23, 1993, and consists of 11 members to address affordable housing.

There are currently four vacant positions on the Advisory Committee and the County contacted citizens from the community who were interested in filling the positions. Resolution 2017-7 approves the appointments to the Committee and will be sent to the County upon adoption.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-7 carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCES-FIRST READING--1973 Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 327 Eglin Parkway N

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 327 EGLIN PARKWAY NORTH TO BE REZONED FROM MX-1 (MIXED-USE MEDIUM) AND MX-2 (MIXED-USE HIGH) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor read Ordinance 1973 by title.

The City Attorney announced a quasi-judicial proceeding and gave the Oath to those who planned to testify. There was no ex-parte communication from Council.

Chris Frassetti, Development Services Manager, presented background for the proposed Wal-Mart to be located at 327 Eglin Parkway N, and advised that in February the City received a request on behalf of the property owner to rezone the property to PUD (Planned Unit Development) from the assigned zoning of MX-1 (Mixed-Use Medium) and MX-2 (Mixed-Use High).

Mr. Frassetti discussed the Findings of Fact and informed the PUD zoning conforms to the Comprehensive Plan and is compatible with the surrounding properties. He advised the developer shall install a 6-8 foot decorative concrete screen wall along the east perimeter of the property and shall install and maintain a landscape buffer area and residential buffer zone along

the east perimeter of the property to act as buffers from the adjacent uses. In accordance with the LDC, only non-potable water shall be used in the irrigation system.

Mr. Frassetti continued that during the removal of the existing chain link fence along Middle Drive, any existing vegetation that is removed/destroyed during fence removal shall be replaced. Also, prior to the start of construction, all existing trees that are to be saved on site shall be marked/flagged to ensure that appropriate trees are saved in accordance with the approved site development plans.

Carl Sanders, attorney for the project, advised the PUD provides site specific regulations and development standards for the project that they have worked on with Staff and the neighborhood.

The vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance 1973 on first reading carried unanimously.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2017 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member	
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt, Smith	

1974 Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the LDC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FORT WALTON BEACH, AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO AMEND FENCE HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG), MIXED BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING (MB) & COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK (CTP) ZONING DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney read Ordinance 1974 by title.

Council Member Smith left at 6:57 pm.

Mr. Frassetti informed this amendment to the LDC establishes an eight (8) foot maximum height limit for a fence on a lot line on property zoned R-1E, R-1 or R-2 and adjacent to property zoned for CG, MB or CTP. This update provides for clarification in procedures, reduces potential hardships on property owners and aids in streamlining the development review process.

The vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance 1974 on first reading carried unanimously.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2017 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member	
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt	
ABSENT:	Scott Smith	

1975 Conveyance of City Property on Hill Avenue NW

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ON HILL AVENUE NW, DESCRIBED HEREIN, TO MAGNA MANUFACTURING, INC. AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CLOSURE BY THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney read Ordinance 1975 by title.

The City Manager reported the City currently owns a parcel of property with an address of 45 Hill Avenue NW. Magna Manufacturing owns property adjacent to the property at 85 Hill Avenue NW and they have approached the City to inquire about obtaining a portion of 45 Hill Avenue NW in order to expand their loading area on the east side of the property. The City Manager continued the portion of the property Magna is interested in consists mainly of wetlands, and the City has no immediate or future plans to develop this property.

According to City of Fort Walton Beach Code of Ordinances, Section 2.00.05, the next step in the process is for City Council to determine whether or not to convey the property to Magna Manufacturing, Inc. by ordinance and the property will be transferred to the Purchaser upon adoption of the ordinance.

Daniel Frankfort, Shareholder at Magna Manufacturing, presented a binder of pertinent photographs for Council to review and explained the company's need for the additional parcel of land.

The vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance 1975 on first reading carried unanimously.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2017 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mike Holmes, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member	
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt	
ABSENT:	Scott Smith	

APPOINTMENTS

Nomination of Voting Delegate for 2017 Florida League of Cities Annual Conference

The City Manager advised that an elected official needs to be designated as the voting delegate at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August. One official from each municipality will make decisions that determine the direction of the League.

Council Member Jamieson volunteered to serve as the voting delegate for the City.

The vote on the motion to nominate Council Member Jamieson to serve as the City's voting delegate during the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Mead, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt
ABSENT:	Scott Smith

Code Enforcement Board Appointments

The City Clerk advised there is currently a vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board, which consists of seven regular members and two alternate members. She continued that Mr. J.T. Edwards, an alternate member, has agreed to serve as a regular member to fill the current vacancy.

An application was received from Mr. Robert Rennie who has agreed to fill the alternate position.

The vote on the motion to appoint Mr. J.T. Edwards as a regular member for an unexpired term until September 30, 2017, and to appoint Mr. Robert Rennie as an alternate member on the City's Code Enforcement Board carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Schmidt, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt
ABSENT:	Scott Smith

ACTION-DIRECTION-DISCUSSION

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Council Special Meeting - June 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm - Budget Meeting

The City Manager announced the Budget Policy Special meeting on June 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm before the regular Council Meeting.

City Council Special Meeting - July 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm - Facilities Master Plan

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm for discussion of the Facilities Master Plan.

FLC Conference August 16-20, 2017

The Florida League of Cities Annual Conference will be held in Orlando from August 16-20, 2017 and if interested to contact the City Clerk.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

No report.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Nic Allegretto

No report.

Council Member Mike Holmes

Council Member Holmes stated he is concerned when the negativity of an occurrence in the City prevails over the good things that are happening in the City, and that everyone must work together for the betterment of the City.

Council Member Amy Jamieson

Council Member Jamieson mentioned the moving Memorial Day Ceremony; she attended the Downtown Merchants Meeting and they are planning great things; and mentioned the success of the Bowlegs Parade.

Council Member Diane Keller

Council Member Keller enjoyed the Bowlegs Coronation. She stated the importance of getting behind One Hopeful Place by the churches and the government, and the community needs to support it as well.

Council Member John Mead

Council Member Mead was glad to see the agenda item to assist a business in the City's Commerce and Technology Park.

Council Member David Schmidt

Council Member Schmidt mentioned the various faith-based organizations in the community and the positive way they assist the community with the services and resources they provide.

Council Member Scott Smith

Absent.

Mayor Dick Rynearson

The Mayor noted that coordination and cooperation is needed to aid in the homeless issue, and the faith-based community does wonderful job in this endeavor.

The Mayor thanked the City's police and fire departments for their assistance in capturing Billy Bowlegs on Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT 7:23 pm