

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Jesse Nelson, Mayor
Brandon Aldridge, Commissioner
Pat Perno, Commissioner
Jamie Warrick, Commissioner
Judy Tinder, Commissioner
Vickie Gainer, City Manager
Police Chief Ricky Ramie, Sergeant at Arms
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

Item #1. Call to order.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5.30 P.M.

Item #2. Invocation by Commissioner Aldridge; and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3. Public Commentary.

Christy McElroy - Port St Joe - Regarding the consent agenda and potential lease with GAC - will there be a chance during the consent agenda for the public to address that? Mayor said not. Ms. McElroy went on to express her concern about the GAC lease and who the true owner of the building is that we say are GAC's because CW Roberts has apparently bought part of GAC, so who will be the actual landlord? She asked who had negotiated that contract to start with. Adam Albritton was representing Derwin White and a number of his companies. The City needs to divulge to the public who the landlord is. She also queried the rental of \$23k per month which she feels is a lot of money and is a shame for the taxpayers.

George Hines - Rhode Island Avenue - exercised his right to reply and explain about the response to his comments about racism in a previous meeting. Racism is not only from a person, but it can also be from a thing, like organizations, legislation, goals, or policies. His comments originally were not about a person but about the situation of the City. We have been having 3 minutes for public commentary ever since he has attended meetings now all of a sudden, they feel they are losing their rights, but they have the same rights that everybody else has.

Geri Parker - Rett place - in response to Mr. Hines. If you have proof of racism, bring it on. Other than the fact that we disagree, bring it on if there is proof. Disagreement does not make us racist, and if the Mayor doesn't call that out then silence is an answer.

Item #4. Mayor's Report.

Mayor said she probably wouldn't want him to call out the racism in front of the community and he listed his family members who were subject to racism currently. He said we all have different definitions of racism, and he chooses to allow others to have their own opinions about racism. He asked that people not think someone is a racist because they think differently.

Mayor spoke about the Mayor's Town Hall that he held the previous week. Although on St Patrick's day it was still better attended than previous Town Halls.

Some of the concerns that were raised:

One concern was that entrance to Marina Island property could be prohibited by deed restrictions, as well as the infrastructure being completed prior to building or in phases. Another concern was the investors commitment to the long term growth of Lynn Haven - that they wouldn't just come and build and leave us to suffer the repercussions of any issues that remained.

Annexation concerns came up too regarding Southport being a possibility or any of the other

outlying areas that are using our utilities.

Traffic along hw77 down Country Club drive re: people speeding.

Then had a discussion about our City's identity and the phrase "Bay County's family friendly City" was mentioned by a citizen and well received by everyone else. Another citizen requested to put it up on our website and on social media. Someone asked if we plan on being a family friendly city what are we doing to enhance our quality of life with respect to our landscaping, greenspace, bike trails, sidewalks. Mayor said he had mentioned the Rails to Trails would certainly enhance those things, and that our pocket parks provide greenspace around the city for neighbors to gather. Also mentioned that we are improving the walkability of the city by adding sidewalks.

Some discussion around architectural districts occurred at the Town Hall too.

Next Mayor's Town Hall is sometime this summer and promises it won't be fourth of July.

A. Proclamation - Building Safety Month.

The Mayor read the proclamation and proceeded to present it to the representatives present.

B. Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Mayor read the proclamation and proceeded to present it to the representatives present.

Circled back to the comments about racism, he had said for a newspaper article that his election as Mayor would be an indication that the City has come a long way. However, he indicated that some of the assumptions made about him may have been because of the color of his skin, e.g., that he was democrat when he is actually independent etc. He encouraged everyone come together as a community to discuss the issues that need to be addressed, even if one of them is racism.

Item # 5. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Aldridge - was on vacation last week. Spring concert series starting up this week and thanks to the staff for their effort putting that series together.

Commissioner Perno - Thanks to first responders, city employees and all who care about the city. Thanks for your opinions. Everything we talk about are about first amendments rights, which is why we have these meetings. Dealt with a resident issue with garden flooding that the city is working on.

Commissioner Warrick - vacation last week. Time with the commissioner on Saturday and 4 people showed up. Got some photos of the old fuel depot and had discussion around those. Reduced phone calls during the recent storms which seems to be a good indication that things are being resolved in terms of stormwater issues. Appreciate staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Perno spoke about the workshop held about Marine Island. He had received a lot of calls and discussion about it. Wanted to let the residents know that nothing is in stone yet but lots of discussion happening about potential and possibilities. Encouraged ongoing discussion.

Commissioner Tinder - agrees with Commissioner Perno. Been having a lot of discussion with people about marina island. Agree that the presentation was about giving a scope of potential and possibility. A few things over the past few weeks. The person who sent them their photos of the flooded garden and the intersection - she was concerned that much flooding was just over a rain and not an event. Can we not elevate the intersection? Would like to see the city do something about that. Another issue is the lights that Bobby is now working on over the other side of Bailey Bridge. There is not a lot of good stuff happening in that area, so lighting needs to be fixed. Would like to separate number 9 from the consent agenda so it can be discussed. Thanks to Kiki for responding to the email list about the checks.

The Mayor reiterated the stellar auditors report received at the workshop prior to this meeting.

Item # 6. City Manager's Report.

A. Warrant list update - no questions for the Finance Director.

City Manager thanked Mission BBQ for their great job at fundraising for our police department and first responders.

Kudos to PD for keeping the city in the top 13 safest cities, up from 25.

3 on 3 basketball tournament is being planned hopefully in June and inside.

Splash pads will be open April 30th.

Easter egg hunt April 9th starting with activities at 8.30am and 10am hunt begins.

Spring concert series kicking off with True Soul at 6pm.

Table talk March 31st at 5.30pm

March 29th will be the FLUM Alibis workshop at 5pm.

Dog park - installed heavier seats, lights, signs will be put up soon.

Baily bridge lights - it was actually after they replaced it and it did not work, they need to send the job away to the engineering office. It is being worked on.

About 95% complete with ditch digging.

Still a long way to go with stormwater, but we are working on it.

Commend Mr. Howard for implementing badges for all coaches to keep our kids safe.

Item # 7. City Attorney's Report.

Regarding GAC facilities agreement - City's agreement is with GAC and payments go to them. GAC effective Friday sold all operating assets and active contracts to CW Roberts. Attorney has seen other clients being notified that effective 18th all payments will be directed to CW Roberts. The City hasn't had that letter yet though.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 8. Minutes dd 03/08/22 - Regular meeting minutes.

Item # 9. Approval to renew the City's temporary facilities contract with Gulf Asphalt Company another 6 months.

Commissioner Tinder requested that item 9 be removed from the consent agenda to allow the Commission and the public to speak about it.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve item 8 on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Tinder	aye
Warrick	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Item # 9. Approval to renew the City's temporary facilities contract with Gulf Asphalt Company another 6 months.

Commissioner Tinder said that the last we heard we only pay about \$12k after FEMA pays their share. City Manager confirmed this.

Commissioner Tinder asked the Attorney if it is a good idea to stay in these buildings considering the sale of the contracts. The Attorney explained that if we have the right to extend and they are happy to extend then his advice is to extend until we move into the new buildings rather than be in a situation where the City has no offices if there are delays in the rebuild process.

Commissioner Tinder asked how do we make the check out to GAC if they do not exist? The Attorney explained they still do exist, and we will continue making those checks out to them until we are notified otherwise. Anything beyond that is not the City's concern. If and when that changes, we will have that discussion with the Commission.

Commissioner Tinder asked of the other money we owe GAC are we still making out checks to GAC? The City Manager and Attorney confirmed yes.

Commissioner Warrick asked if the amount we pay is fully reimbursed by FEMA? City Manager said yes but can only reimburse for 6 months at a time which is why the contract is 6-monthly.

Commissioner Perno asked if this is the last 6 months. City Manager said potentially if the City buildings are rebuilt on time.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve Item 9 as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing - opened 6.15 pm

Item # 10. Final Reading of Ordinance #1129 - Application for Annexation - Wilson/McKenney; Parcel # 11665-000-000.

City Manager read the item by title only.

Planning Director explained the item. Commissioner Perno asked if there were any easements or roads in there. Planning Director answered that this is a right of way, although currently E19th street does not go all the way, there is a right of way that goes all the way along, which this person apparently may want to purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve Ordinance #1129 as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing - closed 6.19 pm

Public Hearing - opened 6.20 pm

Item # 11. Final Reading of Ordinance #1130 - Application for Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment (SSA-22-03) – Wilson/McKenney; Parcel # 11665-000-000; from Bay County Residential to City of Lynn Haven Commercial.

City Manager read the item by title only.

Planning Director explained the item, saying that the Planning Board recommended unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve Ordinance #1130 as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Tinder	aye
Warrick	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing - closed 6.24 pm

Public Hearing - opened 6.24 pm

Item # 12. Final Reading of Ordinance #1131 - Amending Annexation Ordinance 855 to correct the legal description of the land located at 1801 highway 77; Parcel # 11605-000-000.
City Manager read the item by title only.

Planning Director explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To approve Ordinance # 1131 as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing - closed 6.26 pm

Public Hearing - opened 6.26 pm

Item # 13. Final Reading of Ordinance #1132 - Amending Future Land use Map Designation Ordinance 861 to correct the legal description of the land located at 1801 highway 77; Parcel # 11605-000-000.

City Manager read the item by title only.

Planning Director explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To approve Ordinance # 1132 as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Aldridge	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing - closed 6.28 pm

NEW BUSINESS

Item # 14. Discussion and possible approval to allow Emerald Coast Regional Council to

apply for the Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grant Program on behalf of the City of Lynn Haven.

The Economic Development Director explained the item.

Commissioner Tinder asked if there would be no financial obligation to file but will be one if accepted? Mr. Janke said the grant will be used to pay them for the study if we win it.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve the item as presented.

Second to the Motion

Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

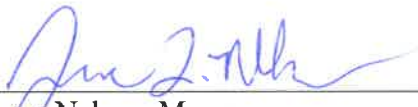
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item # 15. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF April 2022.



 Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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