

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 9.00 A.M.**

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

**Item #1. Call to order.**

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9.00 A.M.

**Item # 2. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

By Pastor Brad Friday of the Living Waters Ministries of Lynn Haven, Fl.

Mayor Nelson read and presented the Proclamation recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Arc of the Bay to Mr. Ron Sharpe, Executive Director.

**Item # 3. Public Commentary.**

Mrs. Jodi Moore of Amhurst Street — wondered if background checks will be done for the people who will be interacting with the Mayor’s youth group. She said she hopes there will be public commentary for item 14 about the Finance Committee. She said that at the last meeting the Mayor said he had not been offered to meet with Brian Clowdus, but she said she was there and overheard when Brian Clowdus offered to meet for coffee. She said she would like Mrs. Gainer to address the use of Mr. Gordon’s stamp.

Mayor said that there will be public commentary allowed during agenda item 14.

Mrs. McElroy – Port St Joe – She mentioned her credentials and wanted to address the issue of Michael Gordon’s stamp being used inappropriately as evidenced in the July 26<sup>th</sup> agenda pack that had a copy of a placard stamped with the signature of Michael Gordon for Project Arkansas. She went on to restate the timeline of project stamping in relation to Michael Gordon’s arrest and removal as the building official, in relation to her commentary from the previous meeting. The Mayor thanked Mrs. McElroy saying her time was up. Mrs. McElroy ignored the Mayor and continued to speak. The Mayor stated it was the end of her time again and upon being twice ignored he called the meeting to order. Police Chief Ramie stood up as is required when a meeting is called to order and, holding his cell phone with both his hands, simply said “stop”, at which time Mrs. McElroy concluded her commentary and took her seat.

Steve Dabkowski – 1231 Dundee Lane – Regarding the budget oversight committee – First and foremost he feels the City of Lynn Haven does not need a budget review committee. There are competent people in the Commission and City Hall in charge of the budget process. He feels this won’t improve the process or silence the naysayers who will still be there, and they will just call the new committee the “budget cronies”. The Commission would like to do more public outreach and get more people involved in the community needs. He feels this Commission is the best entity to do the job of budget reviewing. As a Commission and as a Mayor he feels they are doing an awesome job. The Mayor advised that his time was up. Mr. Dabkowski thanked the Commission and sat down.

Mr. Scray – Missouri Avenue – thanks in advance for the consent on the Building Contractor’s Board. He went on to speak about the issue of a false wall in the home of his neighbor as an example of why such an entity is required. Asked what kind of situation will this board be

overseeing? Appreciates this board being bought back.

Mrs. Parker – Rett Place – She feels the Michael Gordon situation needs to be investigated so she continued to read what Mrs. McElroy did not have time to read.

Mr. Walker – 1106 Michigan Avenue – He said that regarding the consent agenda which the public are not allowed to speak on, there are two there that he would like to speak about. The approval for the City Manager to sign the splash pad release – has the damage that was caused to the individual been fixed? Regarding the Building Contractors Examining Board – he suggests the Commission take a look at their agenda packets and investigate the one or two questionable individuals.

Mr. Roland Vines – LH resident – Spoke about the guard rails preventing access to certain lots. He went on to specify lots that have been blocked by guard rails stating that they are creating a land lock situation in each case. In less than 4 hours after emailing all the Commissioners two of the Commissioners had contacted him back (Commissioners Perno and Warrick) and they said it would be best to come and present the issue to the Commission meeting so we can have it on record.

Mr. Jim Holsomback owns the undeveloped property at 2108 HW 77 – He said they had bought and paid property taxes on the property since April 2004. Regarding the proposed Unified Land Development Code amendment - He said he supports the aesthetics updates. He said about the proposed changes to bring the standard up to the current CRA area, that he is not familiar enough with these, but he feels that some of the items would diminish property values by adding considerable site design restrictions. Also, for safety and general welfare of citizenry, he feels the requirement to have parking in the rear of the property takes people out of line of sight and provides a place of secrecy from the public eye, especially after business hours. Even if he did not own property in this area, it is a very real public health and safety concern of people having to park out of the line of sight, especially to him as a husband, father, grandfather and an almost daily frequenter of businesses on HW 77. He feels forcing properties into potential non-conformity is unfair. The Mayor advised Mr. Holsomback that his time was up. Mr. Holsomback thanked them all for their time and took his seat.

**Item # 4. Mayor's Report.**

The Mayor said Mrs. Moore is correct that he met Mr. Clowdus on two occasions where Mr. Clowdus said he would follow up with the Mayor for coffee meeting, but Mr. Clowdus never did follow up with the Mayor for a coffee meeting. They also had an email exchange and the Mayor suggested Mr. Clowdus meet with himself and the Commission, but he did not contact the Mayor back to arrange this. The Mayor said that she can disagree but should go back and listen to the video of the previous meeting.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney to read his opinion letter regarding the use of Michael Gordon's stamp. The City attorney proceeded to read the letter.

The Mayor said he had shared online via the 'Minute with the Mayor' regarding the state of the City and what has been accomplished since his election in May 2021.

He also was contacted by and followed up with various Citizens over the past two weeks.

He attended the zoom meeting regarding human trafficking and sex trafficking about how the communities can manage these issues, stating that we have an issue with human and sex trafficking in our communities.

He was part of the close-out ceremony for the Kinsey Collection African Heritage exhibition at FSU, which he very much enjoyed.

He said he had attended the last few minutes of the City Manager's table talk, and the end of the Music by the Bay and good with good reviews.

The City Manager, Police Chief and himself met with a citizen regarding a traffic issue in the area that the Chief has since addressed.

He went to the FPL event hosted at Gulf Coast State College with the City Manager where he provided the invocation. The speaker was the CEO of FPL and he spoke about the substantial concrete and steel poling and newer technology that will allow them to manage their line issues better and quicker, and although there are no guarantees, hopefully the citizen's bills will reduce over time.

He said we have some of our Mayor's Youth Council students here today. They start school tomorrow and so we wish all our students a great first day back at school.

**Item # 5. Commissioners' Reports.**

Commissioner Aldridge – They had a long TPO meeting of about 2.5 hours long and had discussed many things. He said that Commissioner Perno will talk about those. He thanked the City Staff and First Responders for their great work. He said he often gets positive feedback from residents and people from other cities about the great things happening in the city.

Commissioner Perno – Gave an update from the TPO meeting. Thanked Mr. Walker for his attendance at that meeting and the TCC meeting. During the meeting they went over the results of the survey he mentioned at the previous meeting. They mentioned the widening of 390 and Cato Road Intersection at 390 as priority projects. They pushed the 390 widening project up on the priority list. They are however going ahead with the resurfacing project ahead of the widening project. They expressed to the DOT the City's need for a traffic study on the HW77 corridor, and they said it is an intense study, but he said it was needed. It is on the board to be funded in the next five years. A Commissioner from Panama City suggested that the next census will bring another board member from the City of Lynn Haven to the board of the TPO. He had received an email about the Airbnb house on Alabama Avenue – He wanted the residents to know that if they have any issues with these Airbnb's they need to bring it to the city's attention so they can be held to standards and codes by our code enforcement team. He met with Mr. Vines yesterday about the metal guard rails and the utilities are being put into his lots and so the lots should be accessible. When he has the plans for those lots in progress then the City will do their due diligence to give him the right to develop his land. Commissioner Perno said it was a pleasure to speak to Mr. Holsomback yesterday on the phone too. He owns the land he spoke about, and he wants to sell it, but will someone want to buy it if they are limited in terms of development due to changes in the aesthetics and land development amendments? He said the Commission should bear this in mind when that agenda item comes up. Thanked the city employees and first responders for the great work they do.

Commissioner Warrick – Also met with Mr. Vines and spoke with Mr. Holsomback. Appreciates them reaching out and coming to speak at public commentary. Thinks we have a good plan in place about sorting out the guardrail issues. Met with Tim Chapin who works at FSU who specialized in urban development (meeting set up by Mrs. Gainer) and spoke about some of the changes we are wanting to make to our various city plans. He said that no matter what you decide some of the things will turn out to be wrong for the future because you cannot always get those future predictions right. He gave some great information. Commissioner Warrick said that about two weeks ago he had a conversation with Jay Trumbull about giving the city more authority over their own codes and policies – and there were some things Mr. Trumbull was actually not aware about. So hopefully if he gets into office, he will make an effort to do something about it. He apologized about taking so long to get back to him and gave him his direct line so contact can be made faster in future. Commissioner thanked all for attending this meeting. He said that regarding FPL, he is not a big fan, and a congress woman in Tampa has asked the DOJ to open an investigation into FPL – he hopes some correct ramification takes place.

Commissioner Tinder – Said it's been a busy two weeks. She spoke with Mr. Holsomback yesterday and agrees with the safety and parking issues he foresees in the new plans. Spoken a few

times with Mr. vines. Issues with the dog park – PD involved and will take care of it. For the record she believes we should have another budget workshop before we do the budget. Porter Park concert was spoken about positively by many residents. When she drove by the Alabama property she noticed the trash is the only issue other than the large number of cars regularly parked in the driveway.

**Item # 6. City Manager's Report.**

- A. Warrant list update – There were no questions.
- B. Stormwater Update – Presented by Director of Public Works.

Commissioner Perno asked if any of those projects have come into fruition because of the stormwater assessment? Mr. Lightfoot said yes, all of the projects so far are all funded through those assessments, and the assessment fees are having a huge positive impact on the ditch digging. Commissioner Perno asked about the 7<sup>th</sup> street draining into the Bayou and if this outfall is going to be okay for the Bayou. Mr. Lightfoot said yes that outfall is not new, the Bayou can handle it and the city are going to be cleaning it up.

Mr. Scray asked if the ditch digging was put on hold because of budget and Mr. Lightfoot said yes and is due to begin in the new budget year after Oct 1 pending Commission approval.

City Manager confirmed we will have two workshops before the Commission budget meeting and will extend them if we have to. We can also have residents meet with us individually if they want to.

Spring ball has surpassed our initial goal of 350 youth, and last year's 267 registrations, and is now at 367 youth. Sept 17<sup>th</sup> is opening day. Fall basketball begins Oct 1 and thanks to Mowat we will be using their courts until ours are open. Great progress being made on the annual plan that we want to present to the Commission and residents. She and Commissioner Warrick met with Dr. Chapin who provided great info on the comprehensive plan and our codes. Next step is to set up a workshop for the Commission to hear from him themselves. The Airbnb issue on Alabama was resolved immediately and the owner in Texas has been contacted and will put out two garbage cans going forward. The neighbor has offered to roll the cans out at the appropriate time so they are not sitting out on the street ahead of time.

Music on the Bay was something Commissioner Aldridge had requested when he was elected, and we were eventually able to get the weather to cooperate.

There will be an update from Stantec at a workshop before the next meeting to give findings and recommendations.

The City is progressing well with the rebuild and we are blessed that much of our materials were ordered before the big backlogs started so our larger projects continue to move forward.

Splash pads – there is some liability there for the city, and we have people sitting there to ask parents to monitor their kids to ask them to slow down and not run etc. and follow the rules. We are constantly looking to see that we are in compliance and take care of safety issues immediately. It does not help us when people don't follow the rules and want to sue the City and we cannot prevent those accidents. Mr. Scray had asked about the job of the contracting board so the City Manager asked the building official to come forward to briefly advise what the contracting board would be in charge of. Mr. Vannatter explained they will be vetting the contractors' workmanship to ensure specific standards are met. It will be a board for the citizens to approach with issues to review and it will provide recommendations to the Commission. They won't be able to override anything but will be able to provide recommendations to the Commission. We have had great trouble getting volunteers to sign up for the board. The board will be concentrated toward contractors – not citizens. Commissioner Tinder asked how this board will decide what work to take a look at? Mr. Vannatter said that residents can take pictures of the workmanship and let the city know that someone needs to come out and look. It will then be up to the citizen to bring the

issue to the board. Building official will try to resolve the issue for the citizens before it comes to the board. The citizen has to be the complainant. Commissioner Tinder asked if the board could suspend the contractor and the Mr. Vannatter said yes. Commissioner Tinder asked if that were not something he would normally do? He said yes in relation to code related issues, and he helps the citizens when he can, but the board is there if he cannot resolve something that is not code related.

Commissioner Tinder explained an issue of a resident who commissioned a contractor for repairs after Hurricane Michael and the contractor took the money and did not finish the work. Will this board have the authority to suspend that contractor’s license? Official confirmed yes.

**Item # 7. City Attorney’s Report.**

City Attorney had nothing to report and there were no questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item #8. Minutes dd 07/26/22 - Regular meeting minutes.**

**Item #9. Approval for the City Manager to sign the Splashpad Settlement and General Release – Tiller v. City of Lynn Haven.**

**Item #10. Approval to grant the requested Power Easement for the property at 925 Hatcher Drive, Parcel ID 26485-000-000.**

**Item #11. Approval to reestablish the Building Contractors Examining Board and the enclosed applications for the new members of the reestablished Building Contractors Examining Board.**

Motion by Commissioner Tinder: To remove Item 11 from the Consent agenda for further discussion.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

Tinder	aye	
Warrick	aye	
Aldridge	aye	
Perno	no	
Nelson	no	Motion passed: 3-2

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: to approve the Consent agenda items 8, 9, and 10.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Warrick	aye	
Aldridge	aye	
Perno	aye	
Tinder	no	
Nelson	aye	Motion passed: 4-1

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #11. Approval to reestablish the Building Contractors Examining Board and the enclosed applications for the new members of the reestablished Building Contractors Examining Board.**

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Tinder said she feels the board could do an awful lot of damage to their competitors. The Mayor said it is his understanding that the board is only reactionary to a complaint by a resident. The board will not proactively take any action without a citizen complaint. After Hurricane Michael if people knew a board like this was in place the contactors would have

been less reckless in their work knowing there would have been oversight. Commissioner Warrick asked about the requirements for being on the board and did you have to be a contractor or just have those licenses. City Manager read the bylaws relating to this. Commissioner Aldridge clarified if it is two-year terms for each volunteer? The City Manager read the bylaws relating to the terms and appointments for this board. Commissioner Aldridge would like to revisit that bylaw to ensure that if there is no one else qualified to fill those places on the board then they can continue to be on the board if approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Tinder asked if there will be meetings held the same as our other meetings with minutes taken. City Manager read the bylaws relating to those meetings explaining that yes, they will be the same.

Commissioner Warrick said if we have someone on the board and we realize they are not doing a good job can the commission remove them. Mayor said yes.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve the board applicants.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

Mrs. Parker asked if background checks will be done on these people? Commissioner Warrick said he would like to see that.

Mrs. McElroy – asked if they all realized that Bay County is already going to be doing a board like this? She said that although they talk about certificates, the proper term would be licenses. Regarding background checks she said they can go online and easily check. As a citizen they can go straight to the state with a complaint so based on that it takes power away from people. This board will not prohibit any citizen going straight to the state so what's the purpose of the board? Mayor said so that we can have an immediate response. As Commissioner Warrick said we need more power over our own issues rather than relying on the state. And we are not preventing anyone from going to the state if that is their choice.

Jodie Moore – Amhurst Street – Said the board sounds like a good idea. Thinks background checks should be done as have been done with the other committees. Spoke about her issues with a subcontractor.

Johnny Beshearse – Louisiana Avenue – likes the idea of the board. He said he knew the ins and outs of construction and still got taken advantage of after Hurricane Michael. He applauds having the Board and thinks it is valuable and will add value.

Commissioner Perno – said that if we have citizens who want to serve on the board it's a yes from him. Spoke about his experience with roofing after Hurricane Michael. He then asked why wouldn't we have an insurance person on the board as well? Mayor said it is a board talking about the infrastructure and workmanship of the contractor. Mayor said perhaps the city attorney can look into an insurance person separately to assist residents with insurance related issues.

Commissioner Warrick asked to amend the motion to include doing background checks before approving the committee members.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve the board applicants, with the inclusion of background checks being added into the bylaws.

Second to the Amended Motion Commissioner Perno

Mr. Scray asked if 30 days is the maximum time they can be stopped from working. The Mayor said no it will be decided at the time. Mr. Scray asked what kind of review process we have to ensure that the complaint is valid and what will be in place to prevent someone telling people to go and complain against certain contractors? Is there an appeal process so the Board's decisions can be reviewed and ensure they were made in good faith. The City Manager confirmed that the

Commission would have to approve any recommendations made the by Contractors Board and referred to Ordinance 550. City Manager invited the Planning Director to speak.

Mrs. Richard explained that the ordinance is an old ordinance which is why some of the language is strange, like certification instead of license. That board was in existence, and we had minutes from all their meetings. They had issues finding and keeping members, so it fell apart.

Mayor said it was the previous Commission that tasked the City Manager with reestablishing this board. City Manager confirmed, and said it came about because of the issues people were having after Hurricane Michael.

City Manager read the bylaws explaining that the board reports their findings and recommendations to the Commission.

Mr. Scray said that if there is a shortage of applicants, we should drop the term limits, and that we should review the language of the ordinance.

Mr. Walker – 1106 Michigan avenue – one of the applicants doesn't have a license and another is involved in a legal issue about his licensing. The board is not the issue it is who you put on the board that is the issue.

Commissioner Tinder asked if they would amend the motion to read to add time to reword the ordinance and table. The Mayor asked if she would like specific applicants to be reviewed? Commissioner Tinder said yes. Mayor reminded her that they had added verbiage about background checks to the bylaws and if the background check doesn't pass, they won't be on the board.

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	no
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 4-1

**Item #12. Discussion and possible approval to accept the proposal from Gulf Coast Utility Contractors (GCUC), being the lowest of three bids received, to make the emergency repairs to the piping at lift station #69 Mill Bayou for \$75,000. The City has made 3 emergency repairs during the two weeks that staff have been sourcing bids to do the work.**  
The Director of Utilities explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Tinder: To approve the proposal from Gulf Coast Utility Contractors (GCUC), being the lowest of three bids received, to make the emergency repairs to the piping at lift station #69 Mill Bayou for \$75,000.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

Tinder	aye
Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**Item #13. Discussion and possible approval to grant RFQ 21/22-12 to Stantec to conduct a city-wide vulnerability assessment, to be funded via the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently awarded \$160,000 Resilient Florida Program.**

Motion by Commissioner Tinder: To approve to award RFQ 21/22-12 to Stantec to conduct a city-wide vulnerability assessment, to be funded via the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently awarded \$160,000 Resilient Florida Program.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Tinder	aye
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**Item #14. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2022-08-385 to amend Resolution 2021-06-358; Expanding the duties of the Debt Review Committee; Renaming the Debt Review Committee as the Financial Review Committee.**

The City Manager read the resolution by title only.

The Attorney Kevin Obos explained the item.

Commissioner Warrick said he doesn't think the city is doing anything wrong or unethical, but feels the board is needed because of what has happened in the past. He would like to add to the resolution that the board meet a minimum of once a quarter to review different reports such as the expenses and that they review the utility rates and Stormwater Assessment fees, and anything else the Commission may want them to look at.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve Resolution 2022-08-385 with the amendment for it to include having quarterly meetings of the Committee in addition to reviewing the utility rates and the Stormwater Assessments, and anything else the Commission may want them to look at.

There being no second to the motion the motion died on the floor.

Motion remade by Commissioner Warrick: To approve Resolution 2022-08-385 with the amendment for it to include having quarterly meetings of the Committee in addition to reviewing the utility rates and the Stormwater Assessments.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Tinder

Commissioner Aldridge said he had spoken to one of the board members and they have concerns about the workload and number of meetings, so Commissioner Aldridge is concerned we will lose members.

Mayor said that it is the internal auditors that will be doing the things that Commissioner Warrick is asking the board to do as well as the assessment fees being reviewed and recommended by an external consultant already. Commissioner Warrick said he is not asking them to set them and decide he is asking them to review the rates and fees that are set by the auditors. Mayor said in terms of the number of meetings, he is getting push back from the community asking what they are doing as Commissioners if everything is going to be handed to committees and boards. Commissioner Warrick related a story of things that happened during the previous administration where auditors did not find those "errors". Whenever Mrs. Gainer decides to retire, and a new manager comes in there will hopefully be systems in place. Mayor said that on speaking to the



Financial Review Board they reiterated that it is something the internal auditors do. We have our staff doing the work, the City Manager overseeing the work and the Commission overseeing that, and it doesn't matter how many committees you put in place someone can still beat the system if they wanted to. We just need to make sure we have the right people here to ensure that doesn't happen. The Commission is the board that should be doing this. Commissioner Warrick agreed but this Commission won't be here forever and when there is a new Commission and City Manager there will be a positive culture change brought about by this vote. The Mayor said this City Manager has put roadblocks and measures in place to ensure that those types of things cannot happen. Mayor explained there are 5 people working in finance now so it would take 5 people plus the Mayor to create fraud – this is not likely. It is up to the citizens to ensure they elect the right Commissioners in the future. It will come back to the Commission no matter what committee we put in place. Commissioner Tinder said the previous administration would just instruct the staff to draw a check and they would. No one challenged them. The Mayor said that was previously, and there are new systems in place to prevent this. The Mayor shared about the check he had followed up about for a company in Alabama. By the time it comes to the review committee it is too late. It is something where the Commission should be constantly engaged in these processes for immediate and effective oversight. This City Manager and her staff have put up guard rails to ensure these things don't happen so no check is written without the approval of the City Commission. There is more financial transparency with the current City Manager and staff than there ever has been so we cannot handcuff our staff. As a Commissioner he is for the Commission to be more involved in these procedures instead of shoving those responsibilities to a review board. Commissioner Warrick said that the City Manager and Ms. Roman had done an awesome job and have many checks and balances in place, but they are not going to be here forever, and we have to change the culture and put these things in place to decrease this quite a bit. He is just asking for once a quarter. The Mayor explained he has been the person organizing the Debt Review and Finance Review Committees and is not against the committee but does not want this committee to be pushed back against. He has only received one email in support of this committee the rest have been that the committee is not needed. Mayor explained that the resolution gives the Commission authority to request the committee to look at something specific further rather than setting time requirements which will end up discouraging volunteers to sit on the committee.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Tinder asked if this is the Debt Review committee that all of the Commissioners selected someone to sit on? Mayor confirmed yes. She advised she had already been told by her selected person that she doesn't want to sit on the new committee. She would like to see this committee have regular people to ask normal questions, not necessarily people who are in the financial business. She said we should also consider asking lay people to sit on the committee. Mayor said you can just nominate someone new, and the commission will approve or not approve.

Johnny Beshearse – Louisiana Ave – said that if he was asked to sit on the Debt Review Committee and then was asked to sit on a Financial Review Committee then he would just quit. So, if you are going to do this you are going to need a new set of people. He said that if residents fail to elect people to Commission that they can trust that's on them. We cannot be accountable for 10 years down the line in the future because that is up to the people who vote that particular Commission in.

Mr. Walker – 1106 Michigan Avenue – He said the Commission does not hold itself responsible for what happened before them, but he thinks they are wrong. The audit review company that was contracted for 17 years found nothing wrong. The person who committed the fraud was not an elected official. He feels the people in this town do not get involved with City business because they are treated badly. He said the previous committee appointees were set and everybody knew it.

Mrs. Parker – Rett Place – Said she remembers from the previous Mayor asking for forensic audits

regularly and the previous administration prevented and denied that from happening. She asked City Manager if she was the assistant to Michael White at the time. City Manager explained she was not and never was she was Director of Administration and City Clerk. Mrs. Parker asked why one would not want another step of oversight seeing as things have been missed in the past. When a forensic audit was finally done the city hired someone in Alabama who had never set foot in Bay County and documents had to be sent to them. City Manager said the people who did the forensic audit came here and were here for a week and afterwards asked for additional items.

Mr. Scray – Mayor made a good point that the Commission is responsible for all that goes on in the City financially. He trusts the Commission that is here today but would like to verify. If this committee were to go through, he would like it to be a separate committee so we can keep the Debt Review committee in place. We should not set time but have them meet when the Commission asks them to meet for specific reasons. He thinks they should amend the motion to read at least annually, but up to quarterly if requested by the Commission.

Jodi Moore – Amhurst Street – said there’s a lot of good things happening in the City and there are citizens involved in asking questions, and she appreciates the city’s work. She also gave a shout out to tech support to come and set up here at the Garden Club for this meeting. She supports Commissioner Warrick on the Financial Review committee topic. In the absence of an Assistant City Manager or Clerk, the City Manager has a lot of power and it’s always been that way even with Mr. Lynch. She feels an employee would rather write out a check when instructed to than challenge a City Manager and potentially lose their job. She feels if the Debt Review Committee do not want to do this then maybe there needs to be new applications. Maybe Commissioners can approach people and get more citizen involvement. She reiterated that if Commissioners vote no she would like the no voters to give their reasons for it.

Mr. Hines – Said the Commissioners were elected by residents of the City. Their job is to do what they are trying to set up the Financial Review committee to do. If they don’t want to do their job that they should resign from their roles. It won’t matter how many committees they set in place if they don’t do their job. Retribution from the past is not going to protect anyone in the future. He said that the Commissioners ask the citizens to come to the meetings and keep asking why they never have citizens at the meetings. He said it is because they set a meeting for an hour and then have a meeting for two hours. Someone came up with the idea to have a pre-meeting so we can avoid these meetings being three hours long. He said they go to the pre-meeting where they have the same subjects, the same agenda and they finish the pre-meeting in half an hour, but they come to this meeting and hold it for four hours. He said it doesn’t make sense to him. He said if they have a pre-meeting about the meeting, they need to have themselves worked out before they come to the Commission meeting. He said the citizens put the Commissioners in office to handle all of this and then they want to bring all the issues back to the citizens.

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	no
Nelson	no

Motion passed: 3-2

**Item #15. First Reading of Ordinance #1139 - Proposed Amendments to the Unified Land Development Code; Adding Section 4.01.04 Appearance Standards for Non-Residential Primary Structures; Table 4.02.02 Building Heights and Setbacks; Section 4.02.05 Design Standards for all Commercial Development; Section 4.06.02 Landscaping and Vegetation; Section 4.07.01 Corridor Overlay Design Standards; and Table 5.03.07 (C)(1) Standards for Permanent Signs.**

The City Manager read the item by title only.

Commissioner Perno - Page 73 of 80 has a picture of the parking location current and suggested – He would like to ask the Planning Director if this will be the rule. Planning Director said no, the setback suggestion simply means there will be more space at the back so stormwater and parking can go at the back so that means there is more options there unless it is a small parcel.

Commissioner Perno said so we are not requiring parking at the rear? Planning Director said no, just addressing a setback requirement.

More discussion ensued.

Mr. Holsomback entered the discussion and the Planning Director explained that the next meeting is a public hearing, and the Commission can decide to amend it at that hearing based on what the residents say. She would be happy to meet with the resident Mr. Holsomback to explain the changes further.

**Item #16. Discussion and possible approval to set a deadline for the City Manager and staff to bring back to the Commission revisions of the City’s Personnel Policy.**

Commissioner Perno explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To set the second meeting in October as the deadline for the City Manager and staff to bring back to the Commission revisions of the City’s Personnel Policy.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Tinder

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Tinder	aye
Warrick	aye
Aldridge	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**Item #17. Adjourn.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF August 2022.

  
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Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Vickie Gainer, City Manager

prepared by  
Cicelia J. Holliday