

**City Council Pre-Agenda Workshop
Wednesday, November 4, 2009 4:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
Councilman Gary Woodham
Councilman Robert Ginsberg**

Also Present:

**Chris Hubbard, City Administrator
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk
Troy Williams, P. W. Director
Chief Brad Hall, DPS**

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale; Councilman Jack Mullen

Mayor Cathey called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Variance Request – Mr. and Mrs. Tyson/36 Highway 98

Mr. Hubbard commented that Mr. and Mrs. Tyson are requesting a variance on the side setback in order to place a storage shed two feet from the property line. Discussion ensued.

2. Discussion Regarding the Items to be Purchased by the Police Grant

Chief Hall stated that approval has been received to begin using grant funds in the amount of \$85,279 for purchase of two patrol units. He continued that he is requesting approval from Council to purchase the units and equipment. Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion Regarding the Hospice Proclamation

Mrs. McLeod commented that a Proclamation will be presented by Council in recognition of National Hospice Month. After discussion, Ron Lucht and Austin Sapp, residents of Mexico Beach, offered to donate a palm tree to plant in honor of National Hospice Month. Discussion continued.

4. Discussion Regarding the Quote on the West Wood Seawall

Mr. Hubbard stated that this project was a part of the bid for the steel sheetpile wall. Discussion ensued concerning the proposal from Shoreline Foundation Inc. for an additional 40 lf of timber wall.

5. Discussion Regarding the Sidewalk Project, Phase II Bid

Mr. Hubbard commented that the ad for bids has been prepared, the second version of sidewalks plans have been completed, and the permit application

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has been submitted. He continued that he is requesting approval to advertise for the project. Discussion ensued.

6. Discussion of the Radio Read Water Meter Project, Phase II

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has been contacted by Empire Pipe, the company supplying the radio read water meters, with an offer to provide installers for the meters at no additional cost with the City's purchase of the Phase II meters. Discussion ensued.

7. Discussion of the Inspection of the Elevated Water Storage Tank

Mr. Hubbard commented that he has received a warning letter from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection stating that the elevated water storage tank inspection must be completed. Discussion ensued.

8. Review of Draft Agenda

Council reviewed the draft agenda for the November regular meeting.

9. Miscellaneous

Mr. Ginsberg requested an update on the status of the Palmetto Plantation utility billing arrears. Mr. Hubbard responded that a payment has been received and another payment is expected within a few days.

Mayor Cathey commented that the boat ramp ground-breaking ceremony has been scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the boat ramp site.

Council discussed the current pier extension project.

Mr. Woodham suggested that Council draft a Resolution regarding the City's position on the intersection of the Gulf to Bay Highway with the roadway bypassing Mexico Beach. Discussion ensued.

Discussion took place concerning the placement of light pole Christmas decorations within the City.

Mrs. McLeod commented that usually the last workshops in November and December are cancelled due to the holidays. Council instructed Mrs. McLeod to add the cancellation notice to the regular meeting agenda.

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Chief Hall stated that he has received a request from Traci Gaddis, a resident of Mexico Beach, concerning having a golf cart parade in conjunction with the arrival of Santa Claus for the tree lighting ceremony. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hubbard updated Council on the status of the Gulf Breeze Villas building.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the cost of the landscaping at the CDC Welcome Center has been pared down. He continued that with the revised costs, the work could possibly be completed with no contribution from the City.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The workshop adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod

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Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
Councilman Gary Woodham
Councilman Robert Ginsberg**

Also Present:

**Chris Hubbard, City Administrator
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk
Chief Brad Hall, DPS
Troy Williams, P. W. Director**

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale; Councilman Jack Mullen; Attorney Paul Komarek

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cathey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Cathey, present; Mr. Woodham, present; Mr. Ginsberg, present

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Cathey had no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ginsberg updated Council on the plans for the City employee Christmas party.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Guilford, a resident of the City, questioned some of the spending being done by the City in the current economy. He continued that he would appreciate the City taking into account the burden on the taxpayers who are struggling to survive financially.

Joe Bush, 310 Highway 98, questioned Council concerning the status of his recent request to subdivide his lots. Mayor Cathey responded that, due to the pending lawsuit, the City's attorney, Mr. Komark, is reviewing the lot split issues. Discussion ensued.

Traci Gaddis, a resident of the City, addressed Council concerning the recent request for holding a golf cart Christmas parade. Discussion ensued. Mayor Cathey commented that

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what has been presented appears to be a very do-able plan, and Council will review the plan further later in the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- *Pre-Agenda Workshop, October 7, 2009
- *Special Meeting, October 7, 2009
- *Regular Meeting, October 13, 2009
- *Workshop, October 19, 2009
- *Workshop, October 27, 2009

(Items denoted by * are on consent agenda and will be considered simultaneously by the Mayor and Council.)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried 3-0.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

1. Covenant Hospice

Mike McLaughlin with Covenant Hospice addressed the Council concerning the services Hospice provides to the community. Mayor Cathey read the Proclamation proclaiming November as National Hospice Month in the City of Mexico Beach.

Mrs. McLeod announced that a ceremony will take place November 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Sunset Park to plant a palm tree in honor of National Hospice Month.

2. CDC

There was no CDC report.

3. Preble-Rish – Update on various projects

Chris Forehand, Preble-Rish, updated Council on various projects. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Cathey announced that the ground breaking for the new boat ramp will be held on November 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Application for Variance – 36 Highway 98 – (Residential General) – Rick and Danice Tyson (**Planning and Zoning voted 5-0 to deny.**)

Mayor Cathey stated that this item was tabled last month.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to deny the variance request. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCES

2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 572 – AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING A SANITATION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN USER FEE CHARGES IMPOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SAID SERVICE; PROVIDING COLLECTION PRACTICES; AMENDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 464 AND REPEALING ANY PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- a. Motion to read Ordinance No. 572 by title only

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to read Ordinance 572 by title only. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Hubbard stated that this Ordinance updates the sanitation ordinance, including fees for the service. He then read the Ordinance by title only.

- b. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 572

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Mr. Woodham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 572. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 573 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 515 SEXUAL OFFENDERS/SEXUAL
PREDATORS, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 133.02 “DEFINITIONS”,
SUBSECTION A “PERMANENT RESIDENCE”, SUBSECTION B
“TEMPORARY RESIDENCE” REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 554,
AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

- a. Motion to read Ordinance No. 573 by title only

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to read Ordinance No. 573 by title only. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Hubbard explained that this Ordinance will bring the City’s sexual predator ordinance in line with new state requirements concerning the term of temporary residence. He read Ordinance No. 573 by title only.

- b. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 573

Mr. Woodham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 573. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2009-25 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO
BEACH, FLORIDA, CONCERNING THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH’S
LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

- a. Motion to read Resolution 2009-25 by title only.

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to read Resolution 2009-25 by title only. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Mr. Hubbard stated that this Resolution states the City of Mexico Beach's support of the Local Mitigation Plan of Bay County. He then read Resolution 2009-25 by title only.

- b. Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-25

Mr. Woodham made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-25. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of Advertisement for Bids for Sidewalk Project, Phase II

Mayor Cathey stated that Phase II of the Sidewalk Project provides for construction of sidewalks from 15th Street to 5th Street. He continued that this phase has been discussed at several meetings, and permits have been obtained.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids for Sidewalk Project, Phase II. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion.

Mary Blackburn addressed Council concerning the continuation of the plan at the end of Phase II. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Guilford addressed Council concerning Phase III of the Sidewalk Plan. Mayor Cathey commented that Phase III of the plan has not yet been discussed other than being a part of the Sidewalk Master Plan. Discussion ensued.

Linda Albrecht addressed Council requesting clarification on the location of Phase II and whether it will absolutely stop at 5th Street. Mayor Cathey responded yes.

Roll Call of Council:

Mayor Cathey, yea; Mr. Woodham, yea; Mr. Ginsberg, yea

2. Approval of Purchase of Radio Read Water Meters, Phase II

Mayor Cathey commented that Phase II was discussed at the Pre-Agenda Workshop. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to approve the purchase of Radio Read Water Meters, Phase II. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion.

Roll Call of Council:

Mayor Cathey, yea; Mr. Woodham, yea; Mr. Ginsberg, yea

3. Approval to Purchase Police Department Grant Items

Chief Hall stated that he is seeking approval to begin using the 2009/2010 American Recovery Act grant funds to purchase vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to approve the purchase of grant items for \$85,279.00 as presented by Chief Hall. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call of Council:

Mayor Cathey, yea; Mr. Woodham, yea; Mr. Ginsberg, yea

4. Cancellation of November 24, 2009 and December 22, 2009 City Council Workshops

Mayor Cathey stated that these workshops are usually cancelled during the holiday season.

5. Miscellaneous

Council discussed the 2009 Christmas Tree Lighting Golf Cart Parade Safety Plan.

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to approve Chief Hall's plan for the golf carts for the Christmas tree lighting situation. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Department of Public Safety – Chief Brad Hall

Chief Brad Hall had no department report.

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Department of Public Works – Troy Williams

Mr. Williams reported on the activities of the Public Works Department for the month of October. Discussion ensued.

City Clerk – Debbie McLeod

Due to year end close out, Mrs. McLeod had no report.

City Administrator – Chris Hubbard

Mr. Hubbard reported on various activities in the City. Discussion ensued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

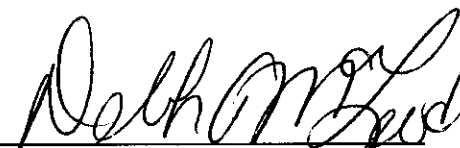
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Woodham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk