

**City Council Workshop
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 3:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
Councilman Curtis Dale
Councilman Jack Mullen
Councilman Gary Woodham
Councilman Robert Ginsberg**

Also Present:

**Chris Hubbard, City Administrator
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk**

Mayor Cathey called the workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance

Mayor Cathey stated that the review will begin with Item 27. Discussion ensued.

Review of the Section 7.11.00 Nuisances, Unlawful Accumulations, and Growths continued.

Mayor Cathey instructed Mr. Hubbard to make all changes as discussed to present to Council.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

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

The workshop adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: _____

Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: _____

Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Pre-Agenda Workshop
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 4:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
Councilman Curtis Dale
Councilman Jack Mullen
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**

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

1. Discussion of Planning & Zoning Board Recommendations

Mr. Mullen updated Council on the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Board.

2. Discussion of Sewer Chemical Contract

Mr. Hubbard stated that the new contract with Siemens is for changing the sewer chemicals currently being used. He stated that the change will be to a more concentrated form of chemical which will enable the City to use less gallons and also save on shipping charges. Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion of Basketball/Tennis Court Change Order

Mr. Hubbard stated that a change order has been issued for additional sod to be placed immediately around the paved area and removal and replacement of unsuitable material. Discussion ensued.

4. Discussion of Radio Read Water Meter System

Mr. Hubbard commented that he has completed another site visit to Destin to see their radio read water meter system and is looking forward to bringing more information to Council in the very near future.

5. Discussion of Elevated Water Tank

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has contacted Preble-Rish concerning acquiring a structural engineer to perform the inspection on the elevated water tank. Discussion ensued.

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6. Discussion of CDC Request for Fireworks Funds

Mr. Mullen commented on the request for funds. Discussion ensued.

7. Discussion of Waterside Village Request Regarding Water/Sewer Rates

Mr. Hubbard commented that the Waterside Village Homeowners Association is requesting that the City adjust their water and sewer rates. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey stated that Mr. Hubbard should respond to the request stating the City's policy concerning rates.

8. Discussion of Ordinance No. 567 – 911 Addresses

Chief Hall commented that since Council is in the process of updating the LDR, he is proposing that a new section be added to the LDR concerning 911 addresses instead of adopting an ordinance. Discussion ensued.

9. Review of Draft Agenda

Council reviewed the draft agenda.

10. Miscellaneous

Council discussed Bay County's proposed wholesale water rate increase.

Discussion of the drop box project at Shell Shack took place.

Mayor Cathey commented that he will be meeting with St. Joe Company representatives on May 7 concerning the boat ramp.

Mr. Woodham stated that he has distributed copies of a proposed addition to the LDR concerning rebuilding of structures in the event of damages of 50% or more. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. McLeod stated that she will be out of town at a FGFOA conference from May 30, 2009 to June 4, 2009 and requested that Council reschedule the June Pre-Agenda Workshop from June 3 to June 4. Council agreed.

Mr. Mullen commented that the pipes on the beach need to be removed.

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Mr. Mullen commented on his recent experience with Sears concerning having a water heater replaced. Discussion ensued.

Chief Hall stated that he has received a request from the Postmaster in Port St. Joe to change the name of Pine Street in Mexico Beach. Discussion ensued.

Chief Hall stated that he has received notice of approval of a JAG grant under the Recovery Act for two four-wheel drive SUVs and all equipment. Discussion ensued.

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

The workshop adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

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Councilman Curtis Dale
Councilman Jack Mullen
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
Paul Komarek, City Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

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

SWEARING IN

Mayor Cathey, Mr. Dale, and Mr. Mullen were sworn into office as Mayor, Group 2 Councilman, and Group 3 Councilman respectively.

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Cathey announced that Mr. Ginsberg has recently been elected as Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Northwest Florida League of Cities. He thanked Mr. Ginsberg for his participation with the Leagues of Cities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Dale introduced his wife, Evelyn, and stated that on April 24, 2009, she became Mexico Beach's newest American citizen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A citizen commented that the new sidewalks in the City look very nice.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- *Pre-Agenda Workshop, April 8, 2009
- *Joint Workshop, April 14, 2009
- *Regular Meeting, April 14, 2009
- *Joint Workshop, April 28, 2009
- *Workshop, April 28, 2009
- *Special Meeting, April 28, 2009

- *Approval of Siemens Proposal #Q081212VH1, Sewer Chemical Contract
- *Approval of Preble-Rish Inc. Change Order No. 1, Basketball/Tennis Courts

(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 5-0.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

1. Lynn Marshall, CDC

Mrs. Marshall was absent. Mr. Mullen reported on the activities of the CDC for the month of April.

2. Preble-Rish – Update on various projects

Chris Forehand updated Council on various projects. Discussion ensued on various projects.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Request for Variance – 106 S. 25th Street – (Tourist Residential) – Sharon Stone **(Planning and Zoning voted 5-0 to approve.)**

Mr. Hubbard stated that this variance request is being presented in order for Ms. Stone to close in a covered porch to build a sunroom.

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Mr. Woodham made a motion to allow Ms. Stone to have the variance requested at 106 S. 25th Street. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES

1ST Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 566 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 551, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION “B”, AND SECTION 3, ADJUSTING THE CURRENT RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF MEXICO BEACH, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- a. Motion to read Ordinance No. 566 by title only.

Mr. Dale made a motion to read Ordinance 566 by title only. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Hubbard explained that this Ordinance amends the water rates for irrigation meters. He then read Ordinance No. 566 by title only.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of Donation for July 4th Fireworks Fund Not to Exceed \$7,000

Mayor Cathey commented that the donation is in response to a request from the CDC and is well under the amount the City had budgeted for.

Mr. Dale made a motion to donate \$7,000 to the fireworks funds to the Special Events Committee. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

2. Miscellaneous

Mayor Cathey commented that he has received an application for membership for three Council members for the Military Affairs Committee. He stated that he will apply for membership, leaving two memberships open for Council. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Cathey commented that the Bay Defense Alliance has requested that the City Council sign and fax a letter to the Secretary of the Air Force in support of Tyndall Air Force Base and its missions, including the beddown of any part of the F-35 mission. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hubbard commented that Bo Creel, EPCI, has requested that the Mexico Beach Building Department hours be diminished to 7:30-12:00, five days per week. After discussion, Council agreed to the change.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Department of Public Safety – Chief Brad Hall

Chief Brad Hall reported on the activities of the Department of Public Safety for the month of April, 2009. He requested that flags in the City be flown at half-mast on Friday, May 15, 2009 in honor of National Police Week and National Police Memorial Day. Council agreed unanimously to the request.

Department of Public Works – Troy Williams

Mr. Williams reported on the activities of the Public Works Department for April, 2009. Discussion ensued.

City Clerk – Debbie McLeod

Mrs. McLeod reported on activities of the Clerk's office. Discussion ensued.

City Administrator – Chris Hubbard

Mr. Hubbard reported to Council on activities of the City. Discussion ensued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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OATH OF OFFICE

I, William A. Cathey, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, the State of Florida and the City of Mexico Beach; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and the Charter of the City of Mexico Beach, and I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Mayor, City of Mexico Beach, on which I am about to enter, So Help Me God.



William A. Cathey

Sworn and subscribed before me

this 12th Day of May, 2009.



Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk



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OATH OF OFFICE

I, Jack Mullen, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, the State of Florida and the City of Mexico Beach; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and the Charter of the City of Mexico Beach, and I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Group 3 City Council, City of Mexico Beach, on which I am about to enter, So Help Me God.



Jack Mullen

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 12th Day of May, 2009.



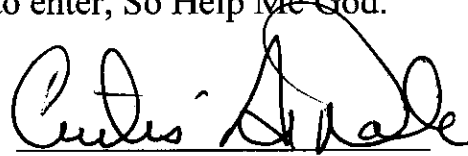
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OATH OF OFFICE

I, Curtis Dale, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, the State of Florida and the City of Mexico Beach; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and the Charter of the City of Mexico Beach, and I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Group 2 City Council, City of Mexico Beach, on which I am about to enter, So Help Me God.


Curtis Dale

Sworn and subscribed before me

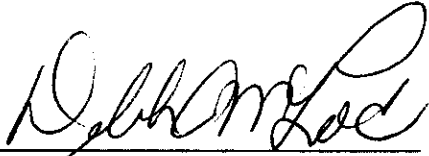
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Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk

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City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk

City Council Workshop
Wednesday, May 26, 2009 4:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street

Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale
Councilman Jack Mullen
Councilman Gary Woodham

Also Present:

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

Not Present:

Mayor William A. Cathey; Councilman Robert Ginsberg

Councilman Woodham called the workshop to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call of Council:

Mr. Dale, present; Mr. Mullen, present; Mr. Woodham, present

1. Discussion of Proposed Update to Flood Plain Ordinance

Mr. Hubbard stated that the update is needed regarding elevation. Ordinance No. 275 and the LDR contradict at this point, and FEMA has brought this to the City's attention. Also, with all requirements being the same, flood insurance rates should be lower. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hubbard commented that the required changes will be presented in Ordinance format at the Pre-Agenda Workshop in June.

2. Miscellaneous

Mr. Hubbard stated that there are issues with the sidewalk in front of Tranquil Harbor where the concrete is settling and causing tripping hazards. He has spoken with the concrete contractor and has been told that the only way to remedy the situation is to remove the section and repour it. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hubbard will talk to the contractor to determine whether any other solutions to the problem are available.

Mr. Hubbard requested that Council meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, to review the draft LDR. Council agreed. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Mullen requested that the Council discuss the Code Red service, stating that he feels it would be a good service for the citizens. He continued that he would like to see impact funds spent to purchase the equipment. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dale commented that he has received information that Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is talking with Progress Energy in regard to taking over their holdings in Port St. Joe, which could possibly affect Mexico Beach.


Council discussed mosquito control in the area.

Mr. Dale made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The workshop adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod