

**City Council Pre-Agenda Workshop
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 4:00 PM
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street**

Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
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**

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale

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

1. Update on Sidewalks

Mr. Hubbard commented that the low bidder on the sidewalk project is ready to begin construction as soon as possible. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey asked for an update concerning the installation of the culvert box at Shell Shack.

Mr. Williams responded that it will cost approximately \$7,000 to complete the project, excluding the dirt which will be furnished by FDOT. Discussion ensued.

The status of the removal by FDOT of crosswalks and signs was discussed.

Mayor Cathey questioned the status of the flooding situation at the Summerhouse location.

Chief Hall responded that he has met with FDOT, and they are requesting a right-of-entry to the property in order to tie into the drainage system at Summerhouse. Discussion ensued.

2. Discussion of Mayor's Draft Letter

Mayor Cathey stated that he has drafted a letter requesting financial assistance for three extremely important areas of need for the City. He requested that Mr. Mullen edit and finalize the letter.

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3. Discussion of Resolution 2009-05

Mr. Hubbard stated that this Resolution, based on similar resolutions adopted by other cities in the area, supports the F-15 remaining at Tyndall Air Force Base. Discussion ensued.

4. Discussion of the Beach Berm/Budget

Mr. Hubbard stated that based on the project worksheet completed for the beach berm project, the City would be responsible for approximately \$125,000. Discussion ensued concerning funding for the project.

Mr. Hubbard recommended that a decision concerning this project be delayed until additional revenue is received.

5. Discussion of Code Red Community Service Notification System

Chief Hall update Council on the status of acquiring a Code Red system for the City. Discussion ensued.

Council decided to review the information presented by Chief Hall and readdress the issue at a later date.

6. Review of Draft Agenda

Council reviewed the draft agenda.

7. Miscellaneous

Mayor Cathey requested that Council consider rescheduling the April 15, 2009 Joint Workshop to April 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Mullen questioned the status of the refinancing of the City's debt. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mullen questioned the status of the tennis and basketball courts.

Mr. Hubbard responded they are 99.9% completed. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Mullen reminded Council that Bay County Commissioner Gainer will be visiting the City on April 9.

Mr. Mullen commented that the movie "Mama Mia" will be shown April 8 at the El Governor.

Mr. Woodham questioned the status of the new boat ramp.

Mayor Cathey responded that no information will be available until after the 20th.

Mr. Hubbard commented on the work that Bay County is scheduled to do on Deer Point Lake and possible turbidity problems which will result.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the City of Port St. Joe is preparing the sales agreement for purchasing the City's Gulf County water system.

Chief Hall commented that the owner of the Top of the Gulf Restaurant building is planning to demolish the building. Discussion ensued.


Chief Hall updated Council on the issue of homes in the City which have not yet connected to the City's sewer system. Discussion ensued.

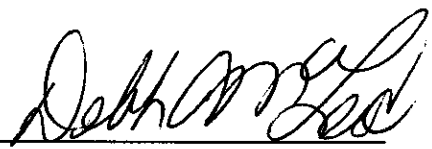
Chief Hall commented that the registration process for golf carts has been changed.

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

The workshop adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Joint Workshop
With Planning and Zoning Board
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 5:00 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

Planning and Zoning Board Members Present:

**John Frantz, Chairman
Connie Risinger, Post 1
Mary Blackburn, Post 4
Shirley Miller, Post 5**

Not Present:

William Stroud, Post 3

Mayor Cathey called the joint workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Discussion of Update of Land Development Regulations

Mayor Cathey suggested that the workshop begin by readdressing non-conforming structures. Discussion ensued.

Council reached an agreement on the version to use in the LDR and requested that Mr. Hubbard edit the wording as discussed.

Discussion took place concerning reducing the density requirement for commercially zoned property from 18 to 6 units per acre.

A decision was made to leave the density at 18 for 24 months, then lower the density to 12 at a date to be determined.

After discussion, the provision for density as related to “buildable” area was removed.

Discussion of commercial parking lots in residentially zoned areas took place.

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Storage building regulations and requirements were discussed.

A decision was made to allow 10' x 10' storage buildings with no building permit and to allow only one 10' x 10' or smaller building per lot.

Discussion took place concerning the nuisance ordinance.

A decision was made to schedule a workshop to focus on the nuisance ordinance on April 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

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

The joint workshop adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 

Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 

Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 7:00 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
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

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Cathey did not have any comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Dale reminded everyone of the deadline for Federal Income Tax filing.

Mr. Ginsberg commented on his recent attendance at several legislative sessions in Tallahassee. He also commented that he has put together a Resolution concerning keeping the F-15 at Tyndall AFB.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A citizen commented that the refurbished tennis and basketball courts look very nice.

Mr. Chuck Guilford commented that he would like to recognize City employees who do their jobs in an excellent manner.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- *Joint Workshop, March 4, 2009
- *Pre-Agenda Workshop, March 4, 2009
- *Special Meeting, March 4, 2009
- *Regular Meeting, March 10, 2009
- *Joint Workshop, March 24, 2009
- *Workshop, March 24, 2009
- *Special Meeting, March 24, 2009
- *Special Meeting, March 27, 2009
- *Special Meeting, March 30, 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 5-0.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

1. Lynn Marshall, CDC

Mrs. Marshall was absent.

2. Preble-Rish – Update on various projects

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2009-05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA; RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE; AND REQUESTING THE AIR FORCE RECONSIDER PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE OR MOVE THE F-15 SQUADRON FROM TYNDALL.

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- a. Motion to read Resolution 2009-05 by title only.

Mr. Dale made a motion to read Resolution 2009-05 by title only. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Hubbard read Resolution 2009-05 by title only.

- b. Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-05.

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-05. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of Purchase of Material for 15th Street Drainage

Mayor Cathey relinquished the chair to Mayor Pro Tem Ginsberg.

Mr. Dale made a motion to purchase the material to repair the 15th Street drainage ditch for the amount of \$13, 437.59 as identified in the letter dated April 13, 2009. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0, with Mayor Cathey abstaining.

Mayor Pro Tem Ginsberg returned the chair to Mayor Cathey.

2. Miscellaneous

Mayor Cathey stated that the costs associated with the installation of the concrete drop box are \$6,588.06, which covers everything except the dirt which is to be furnished by FDOT.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to approve the \$6,588.06 for the drop box at the Shell Shack. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ginsberg commented on the effort to maintain the F-15 at Tyndall Air Force Base, stated that this will be good for employment and the economy in the area.

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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 March, 2009. Discussion ensued.

Department of Public Works – Troy Williams

Mr. Williams reported on the activities of the Public Works Department for March, 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.

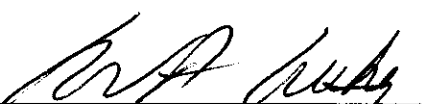
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk

**City Council Joint Workshop
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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**

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale; Councilman Jack Mullen (Mr. Mullen arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

Planning and Zoning Board Members Present:

Connie Risinger, Post 1

Not Present:

John Frantz, Chairman; William Stroud, Post 2; Mary Blackburn, Post 4; Shirley Miller, Post 5

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

1. Discussion of Nuisance Chapter of LDR

Mayor Cathey commented that the document before Council is a consolidation of all Ordinances with some new language added. He continued that there appears to be a number of items not relevant to Mexico Beach.

Mr. Ginsberg stated that his thought was to add more detail to the nuisance ordinance and to add some building code nuisance regulations. Discussion ensued.

A page-by-page review of the draft document took place, ending with Item 26 of the Definitions section.

The next workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

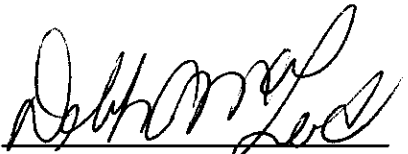
Mr. Woodham made a motion to adjourn the joint workshop. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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The joint workshop adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Also Present:

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

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale

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

1. Discussion of Port St. Joe Water System Agreement

Mr. Hubbard stated that the water system has already been turned over to the City of Port St. Joe, and this agreement is actually a formality. This item is on the agenda for approval at the special meeting immediately following.

2. Discussion of Notice Requirement for Decreasing Density

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has researched the requirement for notifying property owners of a decrease of density. Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion of Update on Bay County's Proposed Water Increase

Mr. Hubbard reported to Council that notification of the proposed amount of the wholesale water rate increase has been received from Bay County. Discussion ensued.

4. Discussion of Water Tank Inspection Results

Mr. Hubbard reported to Council on the results of the recent water tank inspection. He stated that the actual written report and video tape will be received in four to six weeks. Discussion ensued.

5. Discussion of Ordinance 566 – Irrigation Meters

Mr. Hubbard commented that this ordinance changes current rates for water and sewer for irrigation meters. Discussion ensued.

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6. Discussion of Municipal Services Taxing Unit

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has discovered that the Municipal Services Taxing Unit can only be adopted by a county. Discussion ensued.

7. Discussion of Bid Award to Blackfin Construction for Sidewalk Project

Mr. Hubbard stated that the actual award bid will be \$93,683.40. The purchase price of the truncated domes is \$4,815.00; however, Blackfin Construction will install the truncated domes at no charge for labor. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey commented that the lowest bidder was unable to post a bond and defaulted. The second lowest bidder, Cathey Construction, withdrew their bid, and Blackfin Construction was third. Blackfin has lowered his cost and is close enough to the original lowest bidder to allow awarding the bid without going through the bid process again. Discussion ensued.

Council discussed the decision of whether or not to return the bid bond from Custom Construction. This item will be up for vote at the Special Meeting following.

8. Discussion of Mexico Beach July 4th Firework Display

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has been contacted by Lynn Marshall, CDC, concerning the City's consideration of contributing to the cost of providing the July 4th fireworks display. Discussion ensued.

9. Discussion of Renaming Highway 98

Council reviewed a letter which the Mayor received from property owners requesting the renaming of Highway 98.

10. Discussion of Property Assessments

Mr. Hubbard distributed information from a meeting which he recently attended concerning the property assessments for the coming year. He stated that the property value assessments for the City will decrease 16.2% for the coming year. Discussion ensued.

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11. Miscellaneous

Mr. Williams commented that the water leak has been repaired at the Shell Shack. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey commented on the pipe remaining on the beach when dredging is not being done. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mullen questioned whether the valves on the beach can be repainted. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ginsberg requested an update on the status of Toucan's Restaurant. Mr. Hubbard responded that it is for sale. Discussion ensued.


Mr. Mullen commented that he has provided Council members with a copy of a nuisance ordinance from Decatur County for review.

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

The workshop adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Immediately Following City Council Workshop
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Present:

**Mayor William Cathey
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**

Not Present:

Councilman Curtis Dale

Mayor Cathey called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Port St. Joe Water Agreement

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to accept the Water Agreement with Port St. Joe. Mr. Woodham seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 4-0.

2. Awarding of Sidewalk Project to Blackfin Construction

Mr. Woodham made a motion to accept the bid for \$93,683.40 from Blackfin Construction. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Mullen made a motion to authorize \$5,000 for the truncated domes. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 4-0.

3. Miscellaneous

Mayor Cathey commented that Custom Construction has requested the return of their bid bond for the sidewalk project. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to retain the money put down in the bond. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call of Council:


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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 

Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 

Deborah A. McLeod