

**City Council Pre-Agenda Workshop
Wednesday, February 4, 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. Planning & Zoning Board Recommendations

Mr. Mullen reported on the activities of the recent Planning & Zoning Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

2. Update on Gulf Breeze Loan

Mr. Hubbard stated that he has contacted the other cities included in the Gulf Breeze Loan. He continued that an ad seeking requests for proposals for financial services regarding the refinancing of the debt has been prepared and will run in The Panama City News-Herald. Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion of Inspection/Cleaning of Water Storage Tanks

Mr. Hubbard stated that inspection and cleaning of the water storage tanks is required every five years. Council discussed the quote from Liquid Engineering for the in-service water tank maintenance.

4. Review of Draft Agenda

Council discussed the draft agenda.

5. Miscellaneous

Mr. Ginsberg stated that the Northwest Florida League of Cities will hold a tour of the airport on Thursday, February 19.

Chief Hall commented on the recent changes to the Code Enforcement report for Council. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Cathey requested that a list of active cases with monthly updates be included in the Code Enforcement report.

Mr. Woodham questioned what actions are going to be taken concerning the Toucan's parking area which was to be removed and returned to its previous state. Discussion ensued.

Discussion of the Code Enforcement report continued.

Mr. Ginsberg commented on the status of the possibility of the city receiving federal stimulus funds for infrastructure improvements. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hubbard commented that the MBARA has received an \$80,000 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for artificial reef construction.

Mayor Cathey reported that FDEP has issued a permit for the boat ramp, but the Corps has not issued theirs. He continued that the Corps permit possibly will be received within two weeks. If that is the case, construction could begin with 60 days and could be completed within 120 days of the start of construction. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey commented on the area of pipe which is exposed in the recent water break area. He stated that a FDOT permit is required, which should cost \$500 or less. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey questioned whether any correspondence has been received from FDOT concerning the flashing warning lights for the crosswalks. Mr. Hubbard stated that no response has been received.

Mayor Cathey questioned the status of the dredging on the north side. Mr. Williams responded that the dredge is almost back in working order. Dredging will depend on the tide.

Mr. Hubbard commented that the Beach Management Plan review by DEP has been completed, and approval has been received for moving the sand which has been dredged to critically eroding areas of the beach. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Cathey requested an update on the FEMA berm. Mr. Hubbard stated that a meeting with FEMA has been scheduled in that regard.

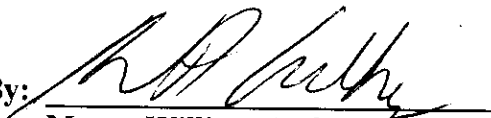
Mrs. McLeod commented that the draft audit has been received with no findings.

Mr. Dale questioned the status of the asphaltting of the basketball and tennis courts. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dale made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Mr. Mullen 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

**City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 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
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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 commented on the newspaper article concerning the \$80,000 grant recently received by the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association. He stated that the organization does a great job and is an attribute to the community.

Mayor Cathey shared a letter of commendation from a Mexico Beach homeowner concerning the response by Officer George Desrosier, Department of Public Safety, to a call.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Dale commented that his wife has passed the test for citizenship and will be receiving her United States citizenship soon.

Mr. Ginsberg stated that he will be giving a speech concerning the highway system and other issues at the next AARP meeting.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Rossen, 108-A S. 37th Street, addressed the Council to discuss a very dangerous situation on 37th Street, concerning traffic on that street. Mr. Rossen suggested that the 5 MPH speed limit posted there be enforced and that a sign stating "Slow – Children Crossing" be located in the area.

Mayor Cathey instructed Chief Hall to look into the situation and determine what can be done to correct the issue.

John Frantz, 209 Virginia Drive, addressed the Council concerning the Planning & Zoning Board's recent review of the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Frantz, who is the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, expressed thanks to the members of the Board and City staff for their time and effort involved in the review.

Mr. Mullen stated that he would like to second Mr. Frantz's comments, stating that he feels the Board completed the review in record time.

Chuck Guilford commended the Council for the purchase of the dredge. He continued that Mr. Williams and his canal crew are doing a fine job keeping the canal open. He also stated that the Mexico Beach garbage service is one of the finest garbage services the City has ever had.

Amanda Reeves of Amanda's Bistro addressed Council to discuss a proposed "Mexico Beach Full Moon Fiesta Weekend" for May 8-10, 2009. She stated that one day of activities, May 9, would be focused on the pier, and she requested that the pier be closed to fishing on that day. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ginsberg made a motion to allow the Full Moon Fiesta Weekend from May 8-10 with closing of the pier from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the Safety Department making sure that it's clear before closing.

Mr. Woodham stated that the request is to close the pier from sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Ginsberg changed the motion to allow closing of the pier from sunrise to sunset.

Mr. Dale seconded the motion. There was no opposition; the motion carried 5-0.

Derrick Ballard of Roebuck Auctions out of Destin, Florida, addressed the Council concerning the upcoming auction of Toucan's Restaurant. He commented that 60 feet of the parcel located behind Paradise Shores is to be included in the sale, which will require a subdivision of the parcel. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Hubbard commented that Mr. Ballard does not expect approval for the lot split at this meeting, he only wants to inform the Council of the situation. He stated that the request will follow regular procedure which will probably require special meetings of the Planning and Zoning Board and Council. Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- *Pre-Agenda Workshop, January 7, 2009
- *Regular Meeting, January 13, 2009
- *Workshop, January 27, 2009

*Approval of Contract With Liquid Engineering Corporation for Inspection and Cleaning of Water Storage Tanks

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Mr. Dale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

1. Dennis Dingman, Summit Professional Services

Mr. Dingman updated Council on the status of the CDBG housing rehabilitation grant.

2. Lynn Marshall, CDC

Mrs. Marshall reported to Council on the activities of the CDC.

3. Preble-Rish – Update on various projects

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Miscellaneous

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Mr. Hubbard stated that the invoice for the repair of the recent water break at Shell Shack has been received. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dale made a motion to approve invoice number 855 for L & R Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$4,974.65. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Hubbard commented that he has been in contact with Marianna Limestone regarding repairs to the parking lot near the pavilion at Canal Park. He stated that an estimate of a little over \$4,200 has been received. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to approve the work at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Dale seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

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 January, 2009. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Cathey stated that he has continued to receive complaints from citizens concerning animals on the beach. He commented that he has been told that many of the signs stating that animals are restricted from the beach are missing from the walkovers at the east end of town. Discussion ensued.

Department of Public Works – Troy Williams

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

City Clerk – Debbie McLeod

Mrs. McLeod reported on activities of the Clerk's office. She stated that the 2007-2008 audit has been completed with no findings. Discussion ensued.

City Administrator – Chris Hubbard

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

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Mayor Cathey requested an update on the status of the Gulf Breeze Loan issue. Discussion ensued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

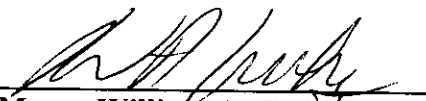
There were no announcements.


ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, February 24, 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 Beach Management Plan/Chris Forehand, Preble-Rish

Chris Forehand addressed Council, stating that he has provided copies of a task order for the Sand Bypass Physical Monitoring Plan for consideration. He stated that a modification to the permit for the sand bypass system is required in order to transport sand by vehicle to critically eroding areas. Discussion ensued.

Discussion of the Beach Management Plan took place.

2. Discussion of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant for Marion Cathey/Dennis Dingman, Summit Professional Services

Mr. Hubbard stated that Mr. Dingman has requested to be removed from the Agenda and placed on the Agenda for the Pre-Agenda Workshop on March 4, 2009.

3. Discussion of Request for Lot Split – Lot Behind Paradise Shores (Residential Low Density) – Paul Francis, Owner/Robert Graham, Representative

Mr. Hubbard commented that Planning & Zoning has tentatively approved a lot split if Mr. Francis will agree to increase the parcel from 60 feet to 94 feet. Discussion ensued.

4. Discussion of Updates to Nuisance Ordinance

Mr. Hubbard commented that Mr. Ginsberg has asked that the nuisance ordinance, which is a part of the City's Land Development Regulations, be updated. Mr. Hubbard distributed copies of the revised document. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Ginsberg stated that he would like for Council to each review the proposed Ordinance and review it again at another workshop.

Mayor Cathey commented that this is a very important document. He feels that the Code Enforcement Officer should have a good understanding of this Ordinance and should be proactive in its enforcement. He continued that on the other hand, Council should back up the Code Enforcement Officer in enforcement.

Discussion continued.

5. Miscellaneous

Mr. Hubbard stated that the final version of the sidewalk plan has been received from Preble-Rish. Permit applications are complete, and advertising will begin soon. Discussion ensued.


Mr. Hubbard commented that he has been attending meetings concerning the proposed federal stimulus packages. He stated that the cities are planning to join forces and present Bay County as a whole in contacting State representatives and senators. Discussion ensued.

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


The workshop adjourned at 5:25 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, February 24, 2009 5:30 PM
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Present:

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

Also Present:

**Chris Hubbard, City Administrator
Chief Brad Hall, DPS**

Planning and Zoning Board Members Present:

**Chairman John Frantz
Connie Risinger, Post 1
William Stroud, Post 2
Mary Blackburn, Post 4
Shirley Miller, Post 5**

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

1. Discussion of Update of the Land Development Regulations

Mr. Frantz commented that many of the changes are a result of the Ordinances being incorporated into the LDR.

Review began with Mr. Mullen stating that many of the changes are cleanup of issues. Discussion ensued.

After Council and the P&Z Board discussed accessory and storage structures at length, it was decided that the P&Z Board members will further address the regulations concerning these structures at their next meeting.

Review continued.

Mr. Stroud suggested that consideration of a regulation for an off-street parking standard be discussed.

Review and discussion continued.

Mr. Stroud discussed the concept of addressing non-conforming structures in the LDR. He stated that he feels more information should be included in the LDR.

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Mayor Cathey commented that Council will review the two options offered and the issue will be discussed at the next joint workshop. Discussion ensued.

Another joint workshop was scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. to continue the review.

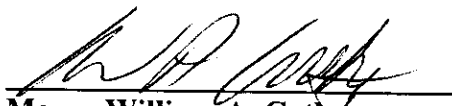
2. Miscellaneous

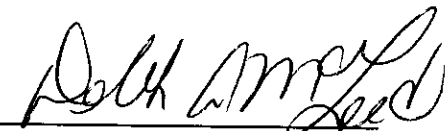
There were no miscellaneous items.

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

The workshop adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod

**City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
Immediately Following City Council Joint Workshop
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
Chief Brad Hall, DPS**

Mayor Cathey called the special meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

1. Approval of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant – Marion Cathey

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. Request for Lot Split – Lot Behind Paradise Shores – (Residential Low Density) – Paul Francis, Owner/Robert Graham, Representative

Mayor Cathey stated that this request is for the area of the parking lot which Council approved approximately 15 months earlier.

Mr. Woodham made a motion to accept the 94' parking lot on Eighth Street to go along with Toucan's so that the auction can take place on March 12. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried 5-0.


3. Miscellaneous

Mr. Woodham made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Mr. Ginsberg seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

City of Mexico Beach

By: 
Mayor William A. Cathey

Attest: 
Deborah A. McLeod