

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Civic Center 105 N. 31st Street

Mayor Tom Bailey

Councilman Bill McGlothlin
Councilwoman Linda Albrecht

Councilman Rex Putnal
Councilman Jerry Wallace

Mayor Bailey called the Workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

An informational briefing was held on the Mexico Beach Beach Restoration and Inlet Bypassing plan. The presentation provided history of the dredging and sand bypassing system that the City already has in place. Alternative options for restoring the City Beaches were discussed. When comparing the alternatives the recommendation was to look at doing a truck haul and east jetty improvements. Discussion of the council ensued on how to proceed.

1. Minimum Standards for Single Family Residence- Mr. McGlothlin

Mr. McGlothlin spoke to the council about establishing minimum standards for single family residences. Mr. McGlothlin stated that he has been noticing very small homes being built in the City in the past year, he isn't concerned about small homes but the fact that someone could potentially build a small shed or garage and live in it. A specific example he cited was a small home that was built with a garage door essentially used as the front door and allowing the owner to park a boat in the kitchen. Mr. McGlothlin would like planning and zoning to begin looking at the options the City has. Discussion of the council ensued and the consensus was to have planning and zoning begin researching this issue.

2. Leave No Trace- Mayor

Mayor Bailey provided background on the process of how leave no trace came to be in the City, he stated that it is now time to begin to discuss enforcement. First, Mayor Bailey began discussion of commercial business on the beach and how to enforce the ordinance to the commercial businesses existing on the beach. An attorney representing Hector, the owner of a parasail and rental company behind the El Governor, stated his concerns with the adopted ordinance to include that there is also no provision in the ordinance to allow the City to leave City owned trash cans on the beach, he also goes on to state that the ordinance does not define what is considered the beach. The attorney further elaborated on the assets his clients business brings to the City, he formally requests some accommodations be made. Discussion of the council ensued specifically on how to be fair and allowing one person to do something and not the next person. Council will begin looking at the options to change the ordinance.

The next discussion was how to provide for leave no trace enforcement. Staff presented 5 options and a lengthy discussion ensued. Staff will continue to review options and bring answers to questions to the pre agenda workshop next week.

April 19th at 6pm a Town Hall Meeting will be held to listen to concerns from the public and business community regarding the Leave No Trace Ordinance and to propose any changes to the ordinance.

3. Miscellaneous

City Administrator Smigielski informed the council that a Special Meeting will need to be called to approve the channel markers for the canal. A special meeting will take place prior to the pre agenda meeting next Tuesday.

City Administrator Smigielski provided an update on the success of Alert Bay and that the City used the system to inform the public of the water break last week.

City Administrator Smigielski informed the council of a request from Gulf Foods to put a grill behind a fence on the east side of the business to keep up with rotisserie chicken.

Public Works Director Hall spoke to the council about the sewer rehab project and that a company has offered to do a complete assessment of the whole system for the same price as previously bid and is seeking guidance from the council how to proceed. Council requests that staff go out for bids for firms to do a complete sewer assessment.

Public Works Director Hall stated he receives a weekly complaint about the Pickle Ballers from the same individual. The individual requests that the City limit the amount of time the Pickle Ball players are at the park. Council consensus was that this is a park and it should be able to be used by anyone.

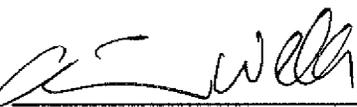
Mayor Bailey will be holding a coffee with the mayor on April 5th at the Fishhouse restaurant.

Motion by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. McGlothlin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

By: 

Mayor Tom Bailey

Attest: 

Adrian Welle, City Clerk