

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Chief Police Bobby Varnes, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: David Meyer, Rick Delp, Ashley Teat, Darius Johnson, Anita Grove, Caty Greene, David Adlerstein, Dolores Croom

Regular meeting opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

1. Dolores Croom – SWAT & MLK Celebration

Ms. Croom requests Commission banning tobacco use in all city public parks.

Attorney Floyd stated he will look into this request since it is a public park.

Ms. Croom outlined 29th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration activities.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Mathes to coordinate with Michael Moron to correct drainage issue in front of Ms. Croom's residence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve December minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion to approve November bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2015-18

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2015-18 in its entirety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-18 made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

PLANNING AND ZONING

Motion to confirm November Planning and Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Cook, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

CITY CLERK

1. Debbie Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc. Agreement

Ms. Mathes requests agreement approval for Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. for CDBG Sewer Extension Project. Fee is \$52,000 and 100% grant funded.

Motion to approve agreement for Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. for CDBG Sewer Extension Project made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commission Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

2. EMO Architects, Inc. Contract

Ms. Mathes requests approval for EMO Architects, Inc. for Amendment One to Task Order #5 totaling \$36,656.00 due to increase in construction costs from \$500,000 to \$837,122.

Discussion held.

Attorney Floyd stated he would like to review amendment and see what the additional fee is being charged for.

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Item tabled at this time.

3. **Attorney Floyd's Bill**

Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

4. **6th Street Recreation Center**

Ms. Mathes stated that HVAC installation is complete. Conservation Corp. is painting inside, upgrading the kitchen area, and cleaning the outside.

5. **Playground Equipment**

Ms. Mathes stated that the playground equipment had arrived and that Heath Galloway has volunteered to help with installation.

ATTORNEY FLOYD

1. Attorney Floyd updated Commission on TTHM Water Litigation cases. Attorney Floyd stated an Executive Attorney Client Session is needed to further discuss matter.

Motion to schedule Executive Attorney Client Session made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

2. Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Sanchez litigation and progress of demolition of burnt house on corner of Hwy 98 and 17th Street.

3. Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Family Dollar litigation, and requests that this matter be added to the Executive Attorney Client Session.

Motion to add Family Dollar litigation to Executive Attorney Client Session made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

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Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

4. Attorney Floyd stated he is working on Scipio Creek Contract with Mike Thrasher for operations of travel lift and repair yard and Maritime Museum agreement for docking paddle boat at Riverfront Park.

Commissioner Ash asked if the Scipio Creek Contract and Maritime Museum agreement will come back before the board before it is finalized.

Attorney Floyd stated yes it would.

5. Attorney Floyd reviewed Big Bend Scenic By-Way Agreement for placement of an informational kiosk across from Veterans Park. Attorney Floyd stated he requested that design itself be subject to our approval, City have control over location, and repairs are only done if monies are available. Attorney Floyd asked if the Commission wanted to proceed, or terminate project and request refund of funds already invested.

Mayor Johnson requests motion to approve agreement with changes we are allowed to make and go forward with this project.

Motion to approve Big Bend Scenic By-Way Agreement as outlined by Attorney Floyd made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook

Motion carried: 5 to 0

Voting Aye: Ash, Bartley, Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Aye: None

OTHER VISITORS

1. Ashley Teat stated that benefit for Mark Creamer went well and commends Greg Chancey and his crew for all help received and offered help with finishing work inside new fire station.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Johnson stated the City has a reclaimed water system in place, but at this time only City properties are being serviced. Mayor Johnson stated he would like for citizens to be able to hook into the system for irrigation purposes as an alternative of putting in a well.

2. Mayor Johnson stated he attended the December 15, 2015 County RESTORE Act Committee meeting. It was discussed creating over the next 17 months a multi-year implementation plan for local projects that will alternately be submitted to the US Treasury Department by the County Commission for funding. Mayor Johnson stated for the City he would like projects include a Regular Meeting – 1/5/16 – Page 5

five year storm water plan, FAMU College program, and multi-purpose sports complex with convention center. Mayor Johnson stated would like to see the City get aggressive with this strategic planning and get the process started.

3. Mayor Johnson stated he was invited by Governor Scott, along with 4 other Mayors from across the State, to the January 12, 2016 State of the State Address followed by a one on one meeting afterwards.

4. Mayor Johnson stated a workshop is needed to review the Personnel Policies and Procedures. Topics to be discussed would be creating a policy on employee compensations.

5. Mayor Johnson stated Ashley Teat would like to address the Commission regarding fire inspector position.

Ashley Teat outlined why he feels a fire inspection position is vital to the City.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, Assistant City Clerk