

A workshop of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Cook, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Bill McCartney, Liz Kelsey, Anita Grove, Cindy Clark, Robin Vroegop, Joe Taylor, Donna Duncan, Cal Allen, Warren Floyd, Caty Greene, Marie Marshall, Gene Smith, Beth Wright, C. Henne

Workshop opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Cook followed by prayer and pledge.

Attorney Floyd stated this is the first workshop to discuss local Restore Act project applications. Attorney Floyd outlined the application process and on how Restore Act distribution formula is calculated.

Attorney Floyd answered citizen's questions regarding distribution formula, application process, Restore Act guidelines, and Restore Act Committee appointments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated this is a chance for the City to look at projects on a broader scale and to do some long range planning

Discussion held on how projects are approved, how funds will be distributed for the projects, and if the list of projects can be changed once they are approved.

Ms. Webb stated this is an opportunity for the community to submit projects they would like to see completed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated there is a possibility that Congress can reallocate the Restore Act funds, but we need to have information on projects just in case funding comes through.

Attorney Floyd stated it will be in the City's best interest to already have an approved list of projects that are ready for funding.

Discussion held concerning projects, and how projects will be ranked in order of importance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated the Commission will be keeping the public informed of what projects are approved.

Ms. Webb stated it would be a good idea to keep an updated list on the City's website.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated it is important to look and listen to everyone's ideas.

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Attorney Floyd stated deadline for applications is January 25th, but that date has been extended.

Ms. Webb stated the staff person that will be working on this is Cindy Summerhill.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated the more problems we can identify the better off we will be.

Attorney Floyd outlined the application packet.

Discussion held concerning how funding will be allocated to the groups, and if the groups or the City will control the project.

No further comments.

Workshop adjourned.

Frank Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk