

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Mayor Van Johnson Complex (Media Center), 192 Coach Pop Wagoner Blvd., Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Anita Grove, City Administrator Lee Mathes, City Clerk Deborah Guillotte

Visitors: David Meyer, William Cox, Bill McCartney, Kevin Begos, Jim Bachrach, Robert Graham, Bonnie Davis, Holly Brown, Michaelin Watts

Special meeting opened by Mayor Johnson.

Consideration of Engaging in Contract with Foreign Affairs Center, Inc.

Mayor Johnson stated he called this meeting together to engage in a contract with Foreign Affairs Center, Inc., a group very knowledgeable with the TRIUMPH process. Mayor Johnson announced we still have the deadline of November 7, 2017, for the pre-applications to be turned into the County. Mayor Johnson reviewed discussions at previous meetings.

Discussion held and public comment received.

Robert Graham reviewed infrastructure issues at the WWTP, vacuum stations, and water mains.

Bonnie Davis discussed TRIUMPH pre-application in reference to health of the Apalachicola Bay, education and affordable housing.

Mayor Johnson stated it was discussed to submit applications for infrastructure at the WWTP, parking issue downtown, water line leak on Hwy 98, and a solar energy package to power the WWTP and the Johnson Complex to cut power costs.

Kevin Begos reviewed first draft proposal for the City of Apalachicola Solar Farms to apply for the TRIUMPH pre-application.

Mayor Johnson is asking direction from the board that if no company is going to be hired to prepare the pre-applications, that the Commission allow Cindy Clark, Augusta West and citizens from the community put together the pre-applications for: 1) infrastructure - Energy Component; 2) Housing; and 3) Johnson Complex.

Motion to authorize Cindy Clark, Augusta West, and citizens prepare the 3 components of TRIUMPH pre-application consisting of 1) Infrastructure including solar energy, WWTP, green parking, Mayor Van Johnson Complex, water lines and outflow; 2) housing including \$400,000 revolving loan partnered with FCSB, City of Apalachicola and Save our Shotgun Houses; and 3) Recreational including Mayor Van Johnson Complex, swimming pool, and the Children's Learning Center made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Aye: None

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Motion to approve authorization to proceed with preparing RFP for firms to prepare full TRIUMPH application if approved past pre-application stage made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Bartley.

Motion carried: 5 to 0

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

Voting Aye: None

Commissioner Grove will work on preparing the RFP.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk