

A joint workshop between the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola and Apalachicola Planning & Zoning Board and regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 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 Lee Mathes, City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes, City Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Dennis Winterringer, Joe Taylor, Lynn Wilson-Spohrer, Fred Vogt, Uta Hardy, Jim Bachrach, Peter Gallant, Warren Emo, Pam Richardson, Anita Grove, Charles Kienzle, Carrie Kienzle, Beth Wright, Chris Clark, Cindy Clark, Bill McCartney, Amy Coren, Diane Brewer, David Adlerstein, Mindy Parker, Creighton Brown, Holly Brown, Karl Sanford, Holden Foley, Tristen Foley

Joint workshop opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PLANNING & ZONING – LDC PROPOSED CHANGES

Cindy Clark reviewed recommendations made by Planning & Zoning Board to resolve conflict surrounding the building height issue.

Discussion held amongst City Commission, Planning and Zoning Board, and visitors.

Warren Emo distributed a draft of his recommendations to City Commission and Planning and Zoning Board and discussed his concerns.

Joe Taylor stated he recommends that Planning and Zoning address Mr. Emo's recommendations at a workshop, and then readdress before the City Commission.

Workshop closed and regular meeting opened by Mayor Johnson.

REGULAR MEETING

Recognition of Visitors

a) **Survey of City Squares** – Mayor Johnson stated at last month's meeting, we had asked for a second quote for survey work on all city owned squares. A quote was received from Nobles Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of \$6,600, which is just shy of being half of the total \$13,800 that Edwin Brown and Associates quoted to survey all 6 squares.

Edwin Brown has agreed to survey just City Square for \$2,400, which is part of the breakdown the company provided in its original quote.

Motion to authorize Edwin G. Brown & Associates to survey City Square for \$2,400 made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

b) **Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast – Affordable Housing** - Joe Taylor outlined Affordable Housing Ownership Program.

Commissioner Ash stated she just received the proposal and has not had the opportunity to review it.

Attorney Floyd recommends the Commission read over the proposal before making a decision.

Mayor Johnson recommends that each Commissioner review the proposal and contact Joe Taylor if they have questions or concerns.

Commission set a special meeting for Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM to address the Affordable Housing Ownership Program.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve November minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER BILL LIST

Motion to approve October bill list made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-04 - LDC AMENDMENTS

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance 2016-04 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCES 86-36, 87-1, 87-2, 91-7, 2005-05, 2005-06, 2005-07, 2005-09, 2006-01, 2006-02, 2008-01 PROVIDING FOR AMENDED DEFINITIONS, AND AMENDED/NEW REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATING TO FENCES, TRAVEL TRAILERS, SOLAR EQUIPMENT, HISTORIC SQUARES, STORMWATER AND QUASI-

JUDICIAL HEARING PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-04 and proceed with the adoption process made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

RECREATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Johnson stated he would like to put off recommendations for this committee at this time. Mayor Johnson recommends that the 7 member board consist of someone from the private sector that represents the recreation and tourism industry, a parent (coach) of a child currently participating in youth league sports, school teacher, minister, and someone with a background of historic preservation. Mayor Johnson recommends the City advertise for members to comprise the Recreation Board as outlined in the Comp Plan.

PLANNING & ZONING

a) Encroachment – Peyton Morton – 56 Commerce Street – 6' Covered Awning – Ms. Mathes stated that Mr. Morton is requesting an encroachment for a 6' covered awning over the sidewalk on corner of Peyton and Commerce Street. Planning and Zoning has approved contingent upon approval of encroachment.

George Coon stated Mr. Morton is his client and he has now asking for approval for a two-story covered awning, so this item will have to go back before Planning and Zoning.

No action taken.

b) Confirm October Minutes

Motion to confirm October Planning & Zoning minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a) Ms. Mathes reported she didn't have a bill of sale for the trolley, but to insure trolley for \$100,000 under the City's umbrella would range from \$800 to \$1000 per year.

Jim Bachrach stated Main Street would manage the trolley like arrange for drivers, pay for gas, pay for maintenance, and also pay for the insurance. Mr. Bachrach also requests the trolley be titled in the City's name so a City tag can be issued.

Attorney Floyd commented that Main Street should make sure all is covered and up to code with using the trolley because it will be in the City's name.

Motion to approve to include the trolley in the City's umbrella insurance coverage and for trolley to be titled to the City of Apalachicola made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

b) Ms. Mathes reported Revena Ramsey resigned from the building department and requests approval to place ad to fill her position.

Motion for approval to advertise for building department position made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

c) Ms. Mathes stated ad addressing new guidelines regarding yard debris removal and increased disposal fee will run for 2 weeks before December utility bills are sent out.

d) Motion to approve payment for Attorney Floyd invoice made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 5 to 0

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

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD

a) Attorney Floyd gave update on the City of Apalachicola, State of Florida vs Georgia trial and stated City should have reply from hearing in January 2017.

OTHER VISITORS & COMMENTS

a) Pam Richardson stated the historic plaques on Waterfront, Highway 98, Scipio Creek and Orman House are missing and would like to know what we can do about these plaques being replaced.

Cindy Clark commented that the plaques were removed so new ones could be installed. Plaques have been ordered and will be installed once received.

b) Ginger Creamer representing First Responders requests the four First Responders receive a \$200.00 to \$300.00 bonus to be taken out of First Responder budget.

Cindy Clark stated that herself, Uta Hardy, Jim Bachrach and Lynn Wilson - Spohrer would donate \$200.00 each for these four First Responders.

c) George Coon asked for update of water system on correcting the TTHM removal.

Ms. Mathes stated electricians are now finished, so project should be completed by end of January.

d) Joe Taylor invited the Mayor and Commission to Franklin Promise Christmas Lunch.

e) Joe Taylor congratulated Quantavius Fuller for earning his high school diploma.

MAYOR & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

a) Commissioner Elliott stated he had a concerned citizen suggests people who are here during Seafood Festival should pay a 3 day golf cart fee.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Mathes to look into this possibility.

b) Bill McCartney gave update on legislation delegation hearing and waste water funding. The delegation committee will meet at the courthouse on January 5, 2016, and I would like the Mayor and any commissioner that can come and make a short presentation.

c) Bill McCartney reported on State Revolving Loan budget request, RESTORE Act BP meetings, and revenue enhancement workshop.

d) Mayor Johnson reiterated he would like to hold off making appointments for the recreation committee at this time. Mayor Johnson stated the Recreation and Open Space element of our Comprehension Plan has guidelines we need to follow, and I recommend that we publicly advertise to create a 7 member Recreation Committee consisting of; 1) One member from the private sector representing the recreation/tourism industry is required; 2) a coach from the local youth league; 3) a parent with a child that is currently or has participated in the local youth league in the past; 4) a school teacher; 5) a minister; 6) someone with a prior background in providing recreational opportunities and; 7) someone with a background in historic preservation, as there is a component within the Recreation and Open Space element of the Comp Plan that calls for the preservation of our historic squares.

e) Mayor Johnson announced The Corps Network invited him to attend and be a participant on a discussion panel at their 2017 National Conference to be held February 12th – 15th, in Washington, DC. Mayor Johnson's role on the panel will be to discuss and highlight the relationship between the City of Apalachicola and our local Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast, which is a startup Corps within the Corps Network. National, state, and local leaders from across the country in the fields of youth development, community service, and the environment will be in attendance.

f) Mayor Johnson reviewed the number of projects that are currently underway in the City, as we come to an end of 2016 and they are listed as follows:

- Construction of a new municipal library at the corner of 12th and 98
- Citywide installment of Radio Read Smart Water meters
- CDBG Sewer extension project which allows expansion of sewer service in the greater Apalachicola area
- Stormwater Improvement Project on Prado, 16th Street area, and Avenue I
- Mixer installation to address TTHM issue
- Citywide conversion to LED bulbs for street lights

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk