

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Cook, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, City Attorney Pat Floyd, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Liz Kelsey, Mike Standley, George Coon, Lynn Spohrer, Geoffrey Hewell, Fonda Davis, Jr., Carrie Kienzle, Chris Clark, Cindy Clark, Susan Clementson, Bill Spohrer, David Adlerstein, Tom Daly, Anita Grove, Paulette Moss, Gary Reynolds

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

* Fonda Davis, Jr. – 2nd Annual Chunky Sunday – Mr. Davis stated he would like to hold the 2nd Annual Chunky Sunday on November 4, 2012 from 1:00-7:00 PM at the 6th Street Recreation Park area. Mr. Davis stated he will also need assistance with road closures.

Ms. Webb stated it was well organized last year and there were no problems.

Chief Varnes stated he will get with Mr. Davis regarding road closures.

Motion to approve 2nd Annual Chunky Sunday to be held on November 4, 2012 from 1:00 -7:00 PM at the 6th Street Recreation Park area made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve September minutes made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion to approve August Bill List made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

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Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2012-04

Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-04 for Florida Seafood Festival parade road closure made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2012-05

Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-05 proclaiming October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

NEW FEMA FLOOD MAP PRESENTATION

Chris and Cindy Clark gave presentation on new FEMA Flood Map and highlighting the changes that will take place. Ms. Clark stated the City will be required to adopt certain things to make the changes, and the changes will go into effect in about a year. Ms. Clark stated the changes mainly affect elevation and zones. Ms. Clark reviewed the adoption process for the changes.

Discussion held.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated that people need to be made aware of the new changes.

Ms. Webb stated permit holders will be made aware of the new changes.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Tom Daly had no report.

Ms. Webb stated that Planning & Zoning approved a temporary covering for a boat located by the old Williamson building on Water Street. Planning & Zoning approved as a temporary shelter, but the covering will be on City property.

Commissioner Ash how temporary the covering will be.

Geoffrey Hewell stated it will be about a year. Mr. Kirvin was informed that structure will have to be completely removed.

Commissioner Ash asked when Mr. Kirvin will start using the old Williamson building for the purpose intended.

Ms. Webb stated a management plan must be established first.

Discussion held.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cook stated the Commission could approve as temporary structure with stipulation that structure must be removed when building is ready.

Ms. Webb stated that a hold harmless agreement will be drawn up outlining the stipulations. Ms. Webb stated the Commission could put a one year time limit, and if more time is needed, and then Mr. Kirvin can readdress the Commission for additional time.

Motion to approve temporary structure for 15 month time period with possibility of renewal for completion of boat contingent upon signing hold harmless agreement made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

APPOINTMENT PLANNING & ZONING MEMBERS

Motion to appoint Robin Vroegrop and Atul Patel to the Planning & Zoning Board, and appoint Frederick Vogt as Planning & Zoning Board alternate made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Webb submitted the revised amortization schedule proposal for the SRF Loan.

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

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Elliott, Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

ATTORNEY FLOYD REPORT

Attorney Floyd updated Commission on Restore Act and ACOE litigation.

Ms. Webb stated that Southerland will be here on October 18th to discuss the Restore Act.

OTHER VISITORS AND COMMENTS

* Susan Clementson thanked the Commission for increasing the Library budget, and also thanked Commissioners Ash and Cook for supporting the author event.

* Anita Grove stated there will be a Resource Fair at the Eastpoint Fire Station tomorrow. Governor Scott will be there from 1:15 -2:15 to meet with public.

* Carrie Kienzle commented on the improvements made in Lafayette Park and Marks Memorial area.

Ms. Webb stated improvements are due to the City's volunteer program. The City supplies materials needed and volunteers do the work.

Ms. Kienzle asked about the new Family Dollar store.

Ms. Webb stated that project will be discussed at the Planning & Zoning meeting on October 8th.

* Geoffrey Hewell stated something needs to be put around the broken walkways in Lafayette Park.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Ash.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Cook

Voting Nay: None

Frank Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk