

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. With the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
James T. Wood, Jr.	Marcie Bell	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Tom Weidenhamer	John Green	Michael Burgess PW Director
Richard Hickey		
Sam Perman		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *July 13, 2021*

Committee member Perman moved to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes as written with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. A roll call vote of 4-0 was taken and the motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A) Public Works & Emergency Management Update

Mr. Burgess reviewed the following with the members:

Operational Update

Recent & Upcoming Council Agenda Items

- August 2 – Repair of pavement/storm sewers, Airport Rd (x2), Legion Drive (x2)
- August 2 – Resurfacing of the Community Center / Sheriff Substation Parking Lots
- August 16 – Authorization for Payment, Harbor Pump Repairs to date
- September 7 & 20 – Authorization to renew continuing service contracts (10+)
- September 20 – ADA Transition Plan, Phase II (Baskerville-Donovan)

Project Update

- Harbor Pump Update – Still waiting on parts for Repair, Variable Speed Control – approved, auxiliary pump put into place (~250,000 gals/hr)
 - Main Street Striping – Completed
 - Crosswalk Restriping – Underway
 - LED Conversion Project – Underway, 150 lights to be converted thus far
 - Airport Rd + 1 new light
 - Crystal Beach area
 - Azalea & Mountain
 - Palms St & 98 Palms
 - 3 new lights on Gulf Shore Drive close to Norriego Point Park
- Emergency Work – Indian Bayou Dr (completed) and Calhoun Ave. (pending), Airport Rd & Legion Sinkholes (pending)
 - Airport Road Curve Update (HFST to be applied postponed due to Covid)

- Zerbe-Calhoun Pedestrian Improvements – 100% and closed out

Emergency Management Update

Operational Update

- Two 6" trash pumps ordered from Thompson Pump – November delivery
- Staff mobilized for Hurricane Fred, time and equipment use logged for reimbursement

B) Surtax Update by Staff

- As of end of July there is \$350k, however currently, there are not any identified projects.

C) Proposed List of Resurfacing & Restriping Projects - FY22

- FY22 Matthew Blvd, US 98 to Scenic 98
- FY22 Scenic 98, Matthew to Cobia, plus roadside parking and drainage fix at Matthew
- FY22 Zerbe St, Stahlman to Calhoun (may include some reconstruction/reconfiguration at the Stahlman end)
- FY22 Dolphin Street, pavers north of Luke Ave to Scenic 98
- FY23 Calhoun Ave, US98 to Cross St.
- FY23 Legion Dr, plus Main Street intersection (to correct dips and humps)
- FY24 Benning Dr (98 to TBD)
- FY24 Snapper Dr (Azalea to Maltezos)
- FY25 First and Third Aves (plus a connecting street to set up as 1 project and avoid paying 3 mobilization costs)
- FY25 Emm Lou Ln, Wild Oak, Cedar, Cypress
- FY25 Vintage Circle
- FY26 Sibert Ave, US 98 to Winton Ct
- FY26 Other projects – TBD

Committee member Perman questioned the status of the road striping. According to Mr. Burgess the following collector streets are scheduled to be striped after the quotes are obtained:

- Matthew Blvd
- Scenic 98
- Zerbe St.
- Dolphin St.

Committee member Weidenhamer spoke of the dips in Airport Road. Mr. Burgess explained staff is aware of them and they are pipes that are failing under the asphalt.

6. DISCUSSION:

A) Chairman Jim Wood – Update on the solar powered stop sign at Kelly and Main. He also reported a hole opening at the Coleman Outfall that may be the beginning of another wash out.

B) Sean Hickey - Announced that this would be his last meeting since he has sold his house and is moving out of Destin.

C) Sam Perman

• Crosswalks at Beach Accesses

Committee member Perman spoke of her concern of how people access the beach trails at all hours and how unsafe they are after sunset because people will attempt to cross Scenic Hwy 98 trying to beat oncoming cars. She feels that some sort of lighting should be installed at all of those beach trails and suggested the city install solar lighting.

- **Beach Safety - Flags, etc.**

Committee member Perman also spoke of her concern for the safety of the people that continue to get in the water when there are double red flags flying and the water is closed. She mentioned of a recent event where there were lifeguards visible, but they were not doing anything to keep people out of the water. She stated that she did contact the beach safety department with Destin Fire Control District and informed them of the incident, but nothing was done.

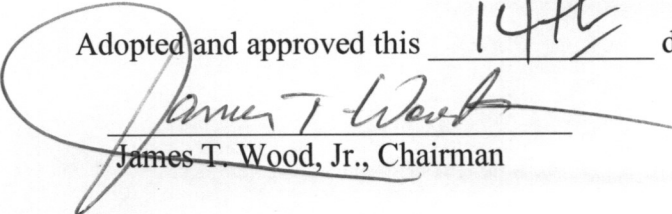
According to Mr. Burgess, there is an informal Beach Committee meeting coming up and he will let them know when it will take place. He also spoke of the County Ordinance that may be revisited especially since the two people drowned recently. And how now that the season is over, it may be a good time to work on the details.

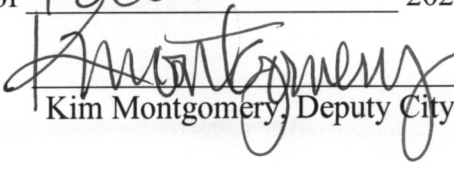
D) Tom Weidenhamer – Agreed with Committee member Perman's concerns and spoke of how he witnessed the exact same situation at the beach in SanDestin and how no one was obeying the double red flags that were flying.

7. DISCUSSION:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 14th day of December 2021.


James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk