

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

John Green
Tom Weidenhamer
Sam Perman
John Stephens
Marcie Bell

Members Absent

Mark Brown
James T. Wood, Jr

Staff

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Michael Burgess PW Director
JT Hart PW Deputy Director
Joe Bodi, Engineering Asst. II.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2022

Committee member Stephens moved to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes as amended, with Committee member Bell providing the second. A roll call vote of 6-0 was taken and the motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2022 Stormwater Master Plan Project List and Study Areas – Joe Bodi

Mr. Bodi presented the 2022 Stormwater Master Plan to the members. Explaining the plan provides mitigation and strategies for Code revisions to both the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency for both as well as creating sub-drainage basins using LiDAR which will be conducted by the City's Continuing Services Contractor Jenkins Engineering.

The update identified three (3) study areas, and thirteen (13) drainage projects. The projects were prioritized based upon the Level of Service (LOS) established under the 2004 SWMP list of projects, the SWMP proposes a City-wide Swale Initiative. The City-wide Swale Initiative will identify additional public right of way and reestablish existing roadside swales (i.e., 3:1 slope) to further improve the MS4 and City LOS for drainage. Furthermore, private stormwater facilities, approved through the Development Order process, will also be part of the City-wide initiative. However, the reestablishment and maintenance responsibility will fall upon the respective Homeowners Association or Property Management Company.

The objectives are:

- Identify the City's changing needs regarding storm water runoff, from quantity to quality.
- Identify flood mitigation and water quality improvement projects and study areas.
- Provide policy recommendations to provide clear expectations and address deficiencies in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

- Provide an avenue for a dedicated funding source for stormwater facilities maintenance and repairs to continue compliance with the State of Florida's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

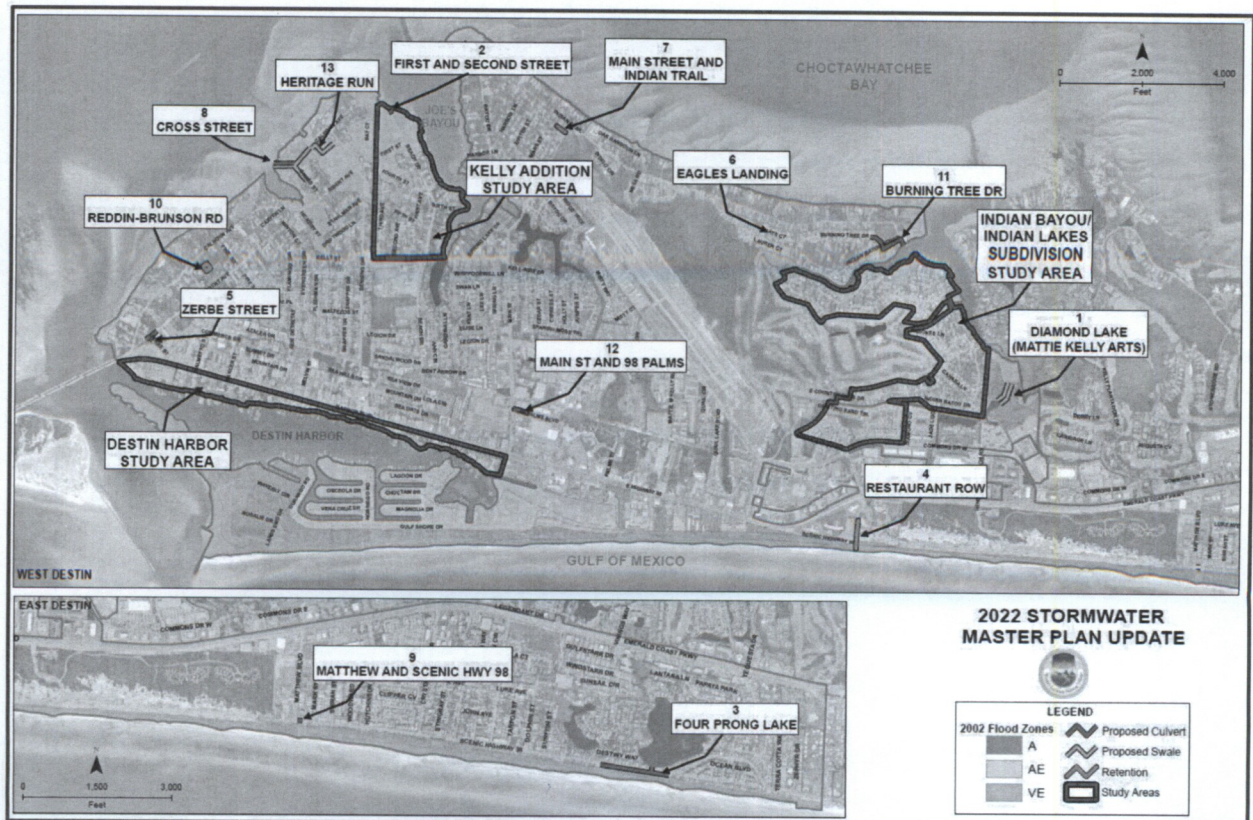
Below is the list of study areas and identified projects, listed in priority, based upon the 2004 LOS:

STUDY AREAS

Indian Bayou/Indian Lakes
Kelly Addition Subdivision
Destin Harbor

PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST

Diamond Lake (Mattie Kelly Arts)
First and Second Street
Four Prong Lake
Restaurant Row
Zerbe Street
Eagles Landing
Main Street and Indian Trail
Cross Street
Scenic 98 and Matthew Boulevard
Reddin Brunson
Burning Tree
Main Street & 98 Palms
Heritage Run



Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer for the Public Works/Public Safety Committee recommend City Council approval of the list of Priority Projects and Study Areas as presented.

In discussion, the swale initiative was briefly discussed and how it ties in with Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Water Quality, Hazard Potential, Economic Impacts, and Jurisdictional Compliance.

Vice Chairman Green questioned the funding for the initiative for the swales and how infiltrations rates should be established in the Land Development Code. According to Mr. Bodi, staff has not gotten to the point of creating the funding plan just yet.

According to Committee member Bell, Holiday Isle also has their flooding issues and spoke of a couple of ongoing incidents where water is getting pumped off private property onto the roadway and causing additional issues during heavy rains. She questioned why Holiday Isle is not on the list.

Mr. Bodi replied that Engineering will work Public Works to take a comprehensive look at that area.

Mr. Burgess stated that he will get with Code Compliance tomorrow since rain is expected in the next few days. Committee member Bell stated that she is not expecting anything immediate and just wanted to voice the issue since that is her assigned area.

With no more discussion, the Chairman called for the vote and **the motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

B) Wayfinding Master Plan Presentation – Daniel Butler

Mr. Butler explained that part of the Vision 2025 Council has identified the development and implementation of the Wayfinding Master Plan as one of their priority objectives to help promote tourism and enhance visitors experience as well as enhancing Urban Design.

Main Thoroughfares (all 4 of these locations were also recommended by the TDC):

- Scenic Hwy 98 at Crystal Beach
- Highway 98 / Emerald Coast Parkway (eastern end of City limits, coming and going)
- Marler Bridge (eastern side of bridge, coming and going)
- Danny Wuerffel Way (southern corner of US Hwy 98/Hutchinson St) City Parks*
- Clement Taylor Park (this area was also recommended by the TDC)
- Norriego Point Beach Access & Park (this area was also recommended by the TDC)
- Captain Royal Melvin Park
- Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park
- Harbor View Park
- The Shores at Crystal Beach Park (this area was also recommended by the TDC)
- June White Decker Park (this area was also recommended by the TDC)
- (Future) Gulf Power Linear Park • James Lee Park (this area was also recommended by the TDC)

- Joe's Bayou
 - Captain Leonard Destin Park *Based on feedback from the boards and committees, it is recommended to only sign Joe's Bayou within The Village.
- *The other parks within The Village were requested to remain as unadvertised as possible to keep the traffic down for the locals living in the neighborhoods where these parks are located.

Other Areas of Significance:

- Destin Public Library
- Destin Community Center
- Destin Fishing Museum
- City Owned Public Parking Lots
- Destin City Hall & Annex

TDC Recommended Locations:

- World's Luckiest Fishing Village Sign
- Foot of Marler Bridge
- O'Steen Beach Access
- Holiday Isle Welcome Sign
- Holiday Isle Main Entrance

The one recommendation that staff did not agree with the TDC was to sign all the beach trails, staff felt it would be an over proliferation of signage.

In regards to the Effect on the Budget, this program already exists within the city's budget, as well as both CRA budgets and will provide the following:

- Improve mobility and connectivity.
- Enhanced quality of life and safety for families.
- Effective, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure.

Mr. Butler explained that staff is also working towards partnering with the Okaloosa County Tourism Development Council to find other funding sources. Additionally, this will be presented again to the Local Planning Agency for a recommendation to Council for final approval, and following final approval by City Council, staff would collaborate with the Finance Dept. and the city's PIO, Catherine Card, to execute the city's Wayfinding Program by public notification, as well as locating the budgeting expenses.

Committee member Perman made the motion to recommend the Public Works/Public Safety Committee support the proposed Wayfinding Master Plan and ask Staff to continue to work towards implementation. With Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second.

In discussion, several members suggested other areas and locations for consideration to sign. Staff stated they would take those under consideration. Having no further comment, **the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.**

C) Infrastructure Surtax Funding - Balance & Budgeting

According to Mr. Burgess, Ms. Strickland was unable to attend the meeting but explained that currently the funds are in a revenue account that cannot be directly spent until the funds are budgeted and an ordinance has to be adopted by Council in order to move the funds to a spendable account.

D) LED Streetlight Conversion Project, Phase II – recommendations

Mr. Burgess explained how there are several different types of lights in the city that will go through the process of being converted to LED lights. Three lights have been installed at the end of Gulf Shore Drive, all of Airport Road, some in Crystal Beach. Mountain and Azalea Corridor is currently in the process of being replaced. With Palms Street and 98 Palms next on the list to be completely replaced where the Shepard's hook type fixtures are in place.

- Crystal Beach west 61
- Beach Drive South 37
- Main Kelly 36
- Indian Bayou North 35
- Indian Bayou South 38
- Twin Lakes Mattie Quail area 35
- Kell-Aire area 67
- Calhoun Sibert Stahlman area 112
- Misty Way area 43

Committee Green

Motion to recommend Council fund the following Crystal Beach W, Main/Kelly, Kell-Air, and Calhoun/Sibert Stahlman areas for the LED street light conversion with Committee member Perman providing the second.

Committee member Bell amended the motion to include all the suggested areas but to place Crystal Beach W, Main/Kelly, Kell-Aire, and Calhoun/Sibert Stahlman areas at the top of the list. The motion passed, 5-0 vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Road Striping Policy - 2022

After a brief explanation by Mr. Buress, Committee member Weidenhamer made the motion that the Public Works/Public Safety Committee recommends City Council the provided road striping policy for their consideration and possible adoption. Committee member Stephens provided the second. The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Chairman Green voting no.

B) Stormwater Issues - Public Comments

There was no public comment on this issue.

C) Public Works & Emergency Management Update

- Council approved the restriping of Azalea Drive at their February 21, 2022 meeting
- Milling, resurfacing and restriping of a portion of Scenic Hwy. 98 and west of Matthew Blvd, tear drop shaped loop.
- Replacement of a vehicle in PW and the vehicle being replaced will be transferred to the Recreation Dept. to be used to perform TDC functions.

- FDOT Lighting Agreement for 22 pedestrian crossings. As well as additional lighting to be placed at the Summer Place Inn.

➤ **Project Update**

- Restriping of Benning Drive is almost complete
- Sidewalk repairs ongoing to repair various areas of the city and ADA issues addressed
- Installing stormwater swales as discussed earlier on 3rd & 4th
- Speed tables for Calhoun is on the schedule – with the one on Calhoun to be retro designed, another one installed near Clement Taylor Park driveway and an elevated pedestrian walkway on Zerbe Street
- Legion Drive sink hole has a metal plate at the Emergency Vet Office will be replaced in about 3-weeks
- Staff is getting prepared for the hurricane season

Hurricane Season is coming up fast. Staff has been meeting with the County to be prepared with the following:

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

Mr. Burgess spoke of each departments responsibilities that are implemented through an Operating Instructions (OI) to follow.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Bell – Public Parking**

Spoke of being approached by a citizen inquiring if the city has any plans for a shuttle to get the citizens from the public parking lots to the boardwalk. And if there are any plans for a directory so people will know where to find establishments. Mr. Burgess suggested that she make an appointment to speak with the Deputy City Manager.

- **Committee member Perman** – Asked if the cost for solar lights has been obtained for the pedestrian crossing lights she has previously asked about. According to Mr. Burgess, he has spoken to a group to obtain the information on them but has not heard back and will follow up with the company.

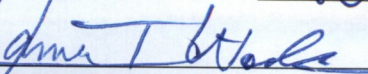
She also informed Mr. Burgess that the deterioration of the sides of Dolphin Street between Hwy. 98 and John Street is getting bad and needs to be addressed.

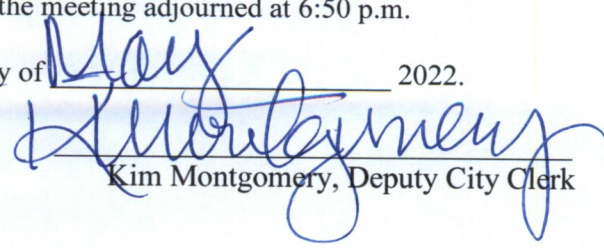
According to Mr. Burgess, staff is aware and has obtained a quote. However, the scheduling the work may be an issue.

There was a discussion regarding the “We Love Our Children” signs and locations of where they would better serve the community. Mr. Burgess asked the members to ride their areas and determine where they think a good area would be for one to be placed.

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 10th day of May 2022.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk