

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2022
CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

The Council of the City of Destin met in regular session with the following members and staff present:

Destin City Council

Mayor Gary Jarvis
Councilmember Jim Bagby
Councilmember Terésa Hebert
Councilmember Johnny King

Councilmember Dewey Destin
Councilmember Rodney Braden
Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

Destin City Staff

City Manager Lance Johnson
City Clerk Rey Bailey
Deputy Public Works Director James T. Hart
Public Works Director Michael Burgess
Finance Director Krystal Strickland
Land Use Attorney Kim Kopp

Deputy City Manager Webb Warren
Public Info Mgr. Catherine Card
Principal Planner Steve O'Connor
Building Official Noelle Bell
Grants/Project Manager Jeffrey Cozadd
City Attorney Associate Steve Bauman

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gary Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, which was then followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Bagby requested that Consent Agenda item 3G – *Quarterly Committee Attendance Report*, be placed under his name as agenda item 6D(1).

Motion by Councilmember Bagby, seconded by Councilmember Hebert, to approve the agenda, as amended, passed 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted “yes”; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

**1. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS / SPECIAL / **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Proclamation - Drinking Water Week

The mayor read the proclamation designating the week of May 1-7, 2022 as *Drinking Water Week*, and then presented the proclamation to Mr. Lockwood Wernet, General Manager of the Destin Water Users.

B. Proclamation - National Public Works Week

The mayor read the proclamation designating the week of May 15-21, 2022 as *National Public Works Week* in the City of Destin, and then presented the proclamation to Mr. Michael Burgess, Director, and Mr. James T. Hart, Deputy Director, of Public Works.

C. Utility Undergrounding Update - Utility Consultants of Florida

Mark Porter, Principal, Utility Consultants of Florida, presented the following information regarding the City of Destin Utility Underground Conversion Phase 1 Project:

- Florida Power and Light (FPL) Design
 - ❖ Design deposit submitted
 - ❖ Survey Data Collection has been taking place
 - Complete data will be submitted to the engineering department with FPL
 - ❖ Preliminary Layout
 - ❖ Easements
- On-going projects throughout the state
 - ❖ Town of Longboat Key (\$50 million undergrounding project)
 - Lots of similarities with the Destin project
 - Well under budget
 - Closed to completion. Well ahead of schedule. Originally projected at 7 years; condensed down to 3 years
 - ❖ Bradenton Beach
 - Recently completed CRA projects. Very complex project. Heavy corridor. Lots of businesses.
 - Conversion of all existing overhead utilities along the major CRA corridor
 - Well ahead of schedule and under budget
- Procurement Process
 - ❖ Will start moving forward once they receive the engineering deposit back from FPL
 - ❖ FPL binding cost estimate.
 - Includes cost for the respective communication carriers
 - ❖ Secure appropriate funding sources
 - ❖ Applicable credits
 - ❖ Qualified contractors/RFQ

Councilmember Destin inquired on the status of the other communication utilities attached to the poles, asking whether the other carriers are agreeable to taking their equipment down before the power lines are placed underground.

According, to Mr. Porter, they have been working with the other carriers and checking the accuracy of the information they are receiving from them; adding they will be pushing hard to make sure they are in sync with the other carriers.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ben Causton, owner of Rhodes Auto Repair and Towing , and Mr. Scott Lee, owner of Destin Towing, urged the council to raise the maximum fees for towing of vehicles and vessels, and storage of vehicles and vessels, in Destin; adding that the rates have not been raised since 2015. They also stated that raising the fees is a must as the price of fuels and insurance costs have increased very steeply over the years.

Councilmember Schmidt stated that he fully supports this request, noting that this item is on tonight's agenda under his name.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to direct the City Manager to work with staff and bring back updated changes to Resolution 15-02, Towing Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted "yes"; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

Ms. Madison Sullivan, a Destin resident and business owner, expressed her concern on the increased number of charters operating in Destin. On any given weekend, one could go to Joe's Bayou and witness illegal charters dropping off and picking up passengers. She was there for just 20 minutes this past Saturday and recorded two illegal boat charters from a distance operating right in front of the park attendant who took no action. She also witnessed similar incidents while at Dewey Destin Restaurant two weeks ago. She has previously called the Sheriff's Office while these illegal operations are happening on Crab Island. She was advised to take pictures and send it in. She feels there is city law against this illegal operation that is not being enforced. She owns a charter company and does everything the right way, and that it is not fair for other companies to take advantage of the system and get away with it.

Councilmember Braden stated it is not the responsibility of the park attendant at the boat launch to police this situation. It requires involvement from the Code Compliance Officers.

According to the City Manager, he has instructed the Parks and Recreation Director to work with her staff at the boat launch and educate them on the problem and what to look for so they could notify the Code Compliance Officers to immediately respond and take action.

The mayor noted that in his dealings with the US Coast Guard, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, is that they have to make a case that is going to stand up in a court of law. Taking pictures and submitting it to authorities is part of the process. According to the US Coast Guard, who briefed the council a few weeks ago, it takes time to conduct an investigation and make a case. But once they are caught, they pay a stiff penalty. Fines are now up to \$60,000. Just last week, an illegal pontoon operator was arrested, given tickets, and now has a pending court case.

Councilmember Schmidt recommends the city having some type of database to keep items being submitted by the citizens to identify repeat offenders and inform the park attendant so they could potentially deter this illegal operation.

Councilmember Hebert noted that some Joe's Bayou Boat Ramp attendant has reportedly told other citizens it is not their job to catch illegal operators. Since they have the control as they tell people where to launch their boats, they should be empowered to stop illegal operators from doing so.

Mr. John Stephens, a Destin resident and livery operator, noted that this same issue was brought up during the previous Okaloosa County Commission meeting. The discussion centered around the county potentially coming up with the overall solution to the problem. One of the things they talked about was hiring a law enforcement officer whose main responsibility is to enforce the law regarding this issue. The county plans to discuss enforcement actions at one of their meetings in May. He recommends having a city staff member attend that meeting.

Mr. Mike Abadie, a Destin resident and livery operator, stated that even though the Joe's Bayou Boat Ramp attendant is not a Sheriff's deputy and cannot arrest anybody, they could at least take pictures of the boat license number and turn them over to the proper authority. He stated that city regulations are being violated every day. A lot of these illegal boat operators are advertising online arranging for pick up points. He also stated that one of the things the county has instituted in their ordinance is a requirement to have brick and mortar location to operate. He recommends the city incorporating a similar requirement in their ordinance.

Councilmember Destin noted that in order to operate their boat commercially, they are required to have a State of Florida commercial sticker. Without it constitutes a violation. He also stated that when the city took over the Joe's Bayou Boat Ramp and started charging fees, they had a special rate for commercial boats, which is about \$1,000. Also, if they do not have the commercial sticker on their boat, the code should easily be enforced. He asked if this rule still applies or whether it is stricken from the ordinance.

The City Manager stated it is still available, but the previous council previously voted to allow launch and recovery of commercial vehicles on a daily basis and paying the daily fee.

Councilmember Destin recommends modifying the city ordinance as the first step, requiring a commercial sticker on boats in order to launch.

Mr. Abadie stated that livery vessel operators have a lot of enforcement ideas and would be glad to meet with city staff to share those ideas.

The mayor volunteers to meet with livery vessel operators to listen to their ideas.

Mr. Jimmy Perkins, a Destin resident and business owner, stated that legal operators are paying approximately \$10,000 more a year to operate legally. He stated that illegal operators are operating not just at Joe's Bayou but also on the harbor. Code Compliance officers need only to look online to determine the time and place where they plan to operate.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Authorization to purchase a Brush Chipper (12"), Florida Sheriff's Association Contract Pricing

- B. Boardwalk Repair and Replacement Services, authorization to award and execute contract
- C. Harbor Pump Update - May 2022
- D. Destin Little League Parade Approval
- E. Repair of Storm Sewer Pipe under Airport Road
- F. Approval of minutes of April 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- G. Quarterly Committee Attendance Report

Councilmember Hebert moved for approval of Consent Agenda items 3A thru 3F, as printed above, seconded by Councilmember Destin. Motion passed 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted "yes"; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

4. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- A. Solid Waste Franchise Negotiations with Waste Management, Inc.

The City Manager noted that the City of Destin is in the final year of a five-year solid waste services franchise agreement with Waste Management, Inc of Florida. This franchise agreement will expire on September 30, 2022. At the March 21, 2022 city council meeting, the council directed the City Manager to negotiate a renewal of the solid waste contract with Waste Management and to bring information back to council. Staff worked with representatives from Waste Management to structure proposed services very similar to current contract levels. The current contract and service levels have resulted in low number of complaints. Staff from Waste Management has provided proposed rates for a new franchise agreement for Destin.

Councilmember Bagby moved to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back to council a Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. in the form of an ordinance; and set the franchise fee at 6 percent; and for the franchise fee to be dedicated as a funding source for the parks and stormwater improvements. Councilmember Hebert provided a second to the motion.

Councilmember Bagby stated they have a lot of stormwater projects and parks improvements that need to be addressed in the city. They need to have a dedicated revenue source to cover those expenses.

Councilmember Destin expressed that he supports going forward with the motion with the exception of the 6 percent franchise fee. He recommends not setting the franchise fee at this time.

Councilmember Destin offered a substitute motion to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back to council a Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. in the form of an ordinance; and for the franchise fee to be dedicated as a funding source for the parks and for the stormwater improvements. Councilmember King provided a second to the substitute motion.

Councilmember Braden asked whether they have a dedicated revenue streams to address their stormwater issues.

According to the Finance Director, they do not have a dedicated revenue stream to address their stormwater issues at this time. What they have in the pipeline are two grant proposals – American Rescue Plan Act funding and Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax – that they would like to apply toward stormwater projects. Those projects will need to be brought before the council for review and approval before they can dedicate the funding towards stormwater.

Councilmember Schmidt stated that he does not feel it is necessary to set the franchise fee at this time. He also stated that even though Waste Management, Inc. is providing an excellent service to the city, he does not believe it is fair in any competitive market to not allow other companies to bid on the service to make sure they are getting the best value for their money.

Councilmember Bagby explained that they are not trying to avoid competition. The constraints are in finding another bidder who could provide the trucks, trash cans and other equipment in the time that this current bid will expire.

Councilmember Hebert stated that she does not feel a 6 percent franchise fee is asking for too much considering the level of service being provided by Waste Management, Inc.

The mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passes 4-3 (Council members Schmidt, Destin, and King voted “yes; Councilmember Hebert, Bagby, and Braden voted “no”; Mayor Jarvis cast a tie-breaking vote of “yes”).

B. Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax

Finance Director Krystal Strickland noted that at the January 27, 2020 Special Council Workshop, the city estimated it would receive \$12.8 million from the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax that was voted in for the 10-year period January 2019 – December 2029. Council moved to allocate this Infrastructure Surtax for the following uses:

- Beach Acquisition – 75% - \$9,600,000
- Underground Utilities – 10% - \$1,280,000
- Public Works/Safety Committee identified projects – 10% - \$1,280,000
- Other projects as designated by council – 5% - \$640,000

Ms. Strickland continued that in the fall of 2021, the city signed a new interlocal agreement with Okaloosa County confirming 12.5% of the Okaloosa Tourist Development District proceeds to be dedicated for tourism-related projects in Destin, estimated at \$20 million (\$1.5 million per year x 20 years). Given the respective expenditure limitations of these revenue sources, staff's analysis suggests that the undergrounding of utilities is a better use of the Infrastructure Surtax, and the Tourist Development dollars are a better fit for beach acquisitions. Consequently, staff proposes to change the allocation of the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax. In addition, staff now estimates the city will collect over \$16 million from the Okaloosa Half Penny. Staff recommends reallocating the usage of the Okaloosa Half Penny surtax to reduce the amount dedicated to beach and to increase the amount for undergrounding, and to change the last 5% from discretionary to stormwater.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to allocate portions of the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure surtax revenues as follows:

- **60% towards undergrounding utilities**
- **25% towards beach acquisition**
- **10% towards Public Works and Safety Committee initiated projects**
- **5% towards stormwater projects**

Councilmember King provided a second to the motion.

Councilmember Bagby recommends reversing the percentages for the last two items.

Councilmember Bagby offered a substitute motion to allocate portions of the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure surtax revenues as follows:

- **60% towards undergrounding utilities**
- **25% towards beach acquisition**
- **10% towards stormwater projects**
- **5% towards Public Works and Safety Committee initiated projects**

Councilmember Hebert provided a second to the motion.

Councilmember Bagby noted that when the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax was initiated, the council had to appoint a committee that oversaw the expenditure of this fund. The Public Works/Safety Committee was initially appointed by the council, which is why the 10% went towards the committee's-initiated projects. Subsequently, the council took back that responsibility. He added that Public Works/Safety Committee already receives gas tax money for sidewalks and roads. They already have dedicated streams and funding budget for most of their projects.

Councilmember Schmidt stated he was a member of the Public Works/Safety Committee prior to becoming a council member, and that he was under the notion committee is still responsible for overseeing the expenditure of the Okaloosa Half Penny Infrastructure Surtax and for making recommendations to council for their approval.

The City Manager will bring back some additional information that would clarify this issue.

Councilmember Braden asked if there has been some money allocated for stormwater improvements for Holiday Isle.

Public Works Director Michael Burgess noted there is a city-wide swale installation initiative in the stormwater master plan, and that there are two pilot programs or projects in Holiday Isle that will help shape future projects in that area and across the city.

The mayor asked for a vote on the substitute motion, which passes 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted “yes”; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

C. Shore at Crystal Beach Expansion - Project and Plans Update, Invoice Approval

Deputy City Manager Webb Warren noted that in October 2020, Okaloosa County executed an interlocal agreement with the City of Destin to improve beach access in the city by acquiring and developing 3 gulf-front parcels. The city had purchase 2 parcels and that the two parcels have been cleared of structures for public use. However, negotiations for the third parcel on 2968 Scenic Hwy have stalled.

The City Attorney provided a brief update on the acquisition process. He stated there is a 50/50 partnership with the county on this project. The process they have agreed to with the county is to essentially file an imminent domain case against the property. But, before they can file that action, there are some steps that have to be taken. This council has already passed a motion of necessity. The county is going to get an updated appraisal. And once these steps are completed, the City Attorney will draft the complaint for imminent domain and bring it to the council for approval.

Councilmember Hebert moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the city’s 41% of the portion of the county’s design services contract C19-2748-PW, task order 5 in the amount not to exceed \$111,725, seconded by Councilmember Bagby. Motion passed 5-1 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted “yes”; Councilmember Schmidt voted “no”; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

D. Announcements:

- Founder’s Day celebration, Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Destin Community Center
- May 16th at 6:00 PM – Regular City Council Meeting; May 17th at 5:30 PM – first City Council Budget Workshop

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Second reading of Ordinance 22-07-LC, which provides for amendments to Article 7 of the Land Development Code to provide minimum requirements for non-residential components in the Town Center Mixed-Use zoning district.**

The City Attorney read proposed Ordinance 22-07-LC by title, and then presented it to the city council on second reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL COMPONENTS IN THE TOWN CENTER MIXED USE ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened a public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Mike Steiner, former Destin resident and a real estate business owner, spoke against the 20 percent commercial requirement to an existing zoning ordinance. He stated it may result in some unintended consequences that may have to be considered before approving it. He continued that the previous proposal of 10 percent is much more reasonable allocation of commercial use. He urged the council to revisit this issue.

The Land Use Attorney explained it is still 10 percent for the zoning district. The ordinance is not site specific. It is for the entire Town Center Mixed-Use. The only areas that are 20 percent are the city's commercial corridor of the US Hwy 98 and Main Street at the request of council.

Having no further comments from the public, the mayor closed the public hearing portion of this item and turned the matter over to the city council for their discussion and consideration.

Councilmember Bagby moved to adopt proposed Ordinance 22-07-LC on second reading, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted "yes"; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

- B. First reading of Ordinance 22-06-LC, which changes the list of permitted uses in the Industrial zoning district to allow for one custodian or nightwatchman dwelling per industrial site and establishes maximum square footage for the dwelling unit.

The City Attorney read proposed Ordinance 22-06-LC by title, and then presented it to the city council on second reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA CHANGING THE LIST OF PERMITTED USES IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW ONE CUSTODIAN OR NIGHTWATCHMAN DWELLING PER INDUSTRIAL SITE; AMENDING TABLE 7-2 "TABLE OF ALLOWABLE USES"; ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR CUSTODIAN OR NIGHTWATCHMAN DWELLING IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened a public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed ordinance. Having none, the mayor closed the public hearing portion of this item and turned the matter over to the city council for their discussion and consideration.

Councilmember Bagby moved for approval of Ordinance 22-06-LC on first reading, as presented. Councilmember King provided a second to the motion, which passes 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted "yes"; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

Councilmember Destin recommends adding a language in the proposed ordinance that the person that will occupy the dwelling unit be an employee or independent contractor of the property owner or property manager.

- B. First reading of Ordinance 22-08-CN, which provides for extension of Ordinance 21-23-CN (Temporary Moratorium on Livery Vessel Permits), extending the temporary moratorium until December 31, 2022, and directing staff to develop recommendations for regulation of livery vessels.

The City Attorney read proposed Ordinance 22-08-CN by title, and then presented it to the city council on second reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA RELATING TO LIVERY VESSELS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF ORDINANCE 21-23-CN (TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LIVERY VESSEL PERMITS); EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022; DIRECTING STAFF TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATION OF LIVERY VESSELS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION OF MORATORIUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened a public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Cyron Marler, a Destin resident and former council member, argues that livery operators have been under restriction for nearly 4½ years, and that they are being punished for something that is not entirely their responsibility. He does not want to turn this into another crosstown connector which has been under discussion for nearly two decades and still has not started. He urged the council to lift this restriction on livery operators.

Having no further comments from the public, the mayor closed the public hearing portion of this item and turned the matter over to the city council for their discussion and consideration.

Councilmember Destin moved for approval of Ordinance 22-08-CN on first reading, seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 6-0 (Council members Schmidt, King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Braden voted “yes”; Councilmember Wagner was absent from the meeting).

6. COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, LAND USE ATTORNEY AND CITY ATTORNEY

A. Councilmember Braden

Councilmember Braden inquired as to the status of the property located at the foot of the Marler Bridge that was to be demolished.

Building Official Noelle Bell reported that they have received a quote from a company and that they are very closed to scheduling the demolition of the property.

B. Councilmember Wagner

C. Councilmember Destin

Councilmember Destin suggests conducting workshop sessions to discuss matters that usually contribute to long council meetings. He would like staff to provide some recommendations.

D. Councilmember Bagby

1) Quarterly Committee Attendance Report

Councilmember Bagby noted this report was provided to the council by the City Clerk. He has discussed attendance issues with the members that he nominated to the committees.

Next, Councilmember Bagby recommends assigning a Code Compliance officer at Joe's Bayou at least from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturdays to issue citations and to help discourage illegal operations taking place at that location.

E. Councilmember Hebert

1) TDC Update and Presentation

Councilmember Hebert provided the following presentation on behalf of the TDC Director Jennifer Adams.



Continue with the success from last year and bring back what worked.

Golf carts in Crystal Beach

Popsicle carts in Okaloosa Island

Sand stamps throughout entire destination

Storefront signage expand beyond Destin Commons to Ft. Walton Beach

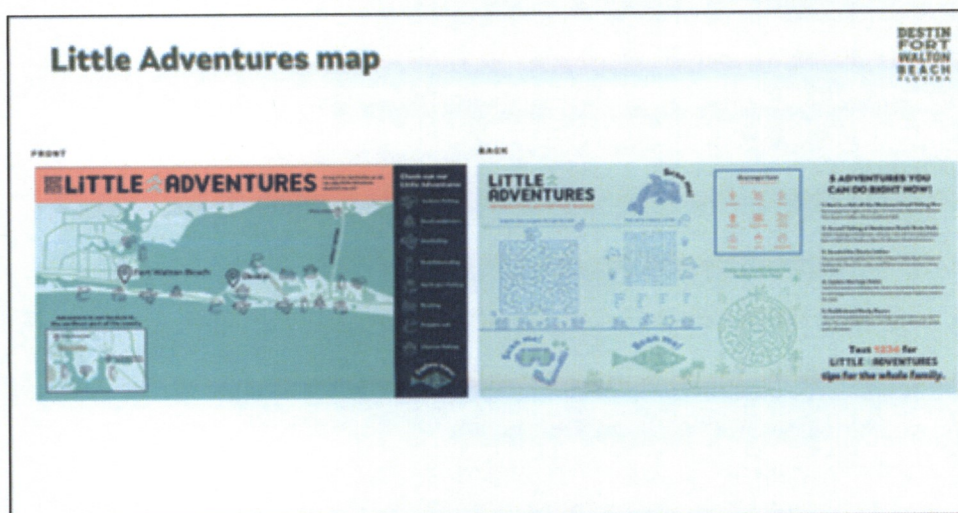
- Ads in the Sand – big stamp that is stamped into the sand to help create what is available – from golf cart rides in Crystal Beach Shores, popsicle carts in Okaloosa Island, storefront signage expand beyond Destin Commons to Fort Walton Beach that speak to the programs for the Little Adventures.

- ❖ Quite a success last year. They are being brought back this year
- ❖ Two council members have volunteered to be golf cart drivers



Wrap booths and hand out Little Adventure maps. Push notifications to send mom as they go through booths.

- As people come through the Mid-Bay Bridge, the toll workers will be handing out Little Adventures maps showing all the things children can do that are either free or at low costs



A map that shows all of the Little Adventures in one place. This map shows how close mom is to adventures and which adventures they can do right now. Includes QR codes to engage mom further. This will also live digitally on our website as well.

The map will be handed out at toll booths, Lodging partners, restaurants, welcome center, state parks, on golf cart rides and at popsicle carts

Water Safety Campaign



- Spearheaded by Councilmember Hebert.
 - ❖ Water safety brochure designed to align with the Little Adventures
 - ❖ Flag Warning System – includes color coded maps and what each color signifies
 - ❖ Instructions on how to swim out and swim away, and come back into the shore when caught in rip current



- Installation monument markers on the beach for public safety
 - ❖ Aligned with FDEP's R system placed every 500 feet starting on Okaloosa Island working its way to Destin
 - ❖ Allow for the accurate location of people involved in accident on the beach

Trash cans



- Encourage beach clean-ups in parks by adding Little Adventures trash cans to be placed on areas where they can be handled by a person rather than a big truck pick-up

BEACH

Adventure is close signage

Idea: Show families that they are never far from adventure with permanent signage.



- Permanent signage to be strategically placed to promote the Little Adventures
 - ❖ Above picture is at Beasley Park to promote the Gulfarium

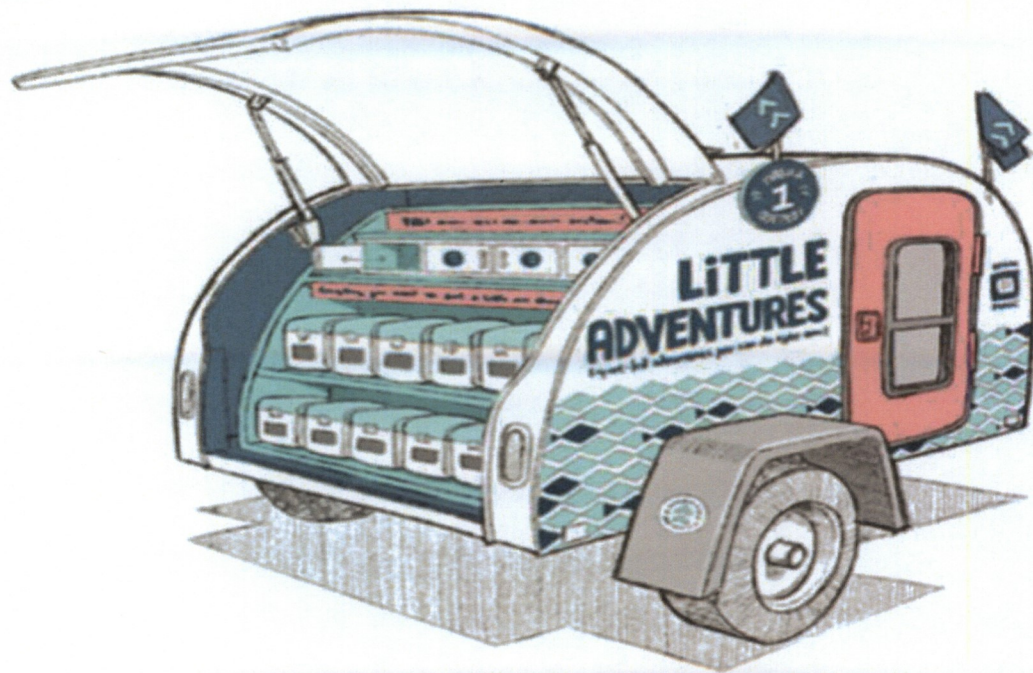


- Packs pair the water based partners with local restaurants
- TDC pays local pack partners 50% of the total costs
 - ❖ Keep the costs down for the moms and dads bringing the kids into town for events. TDC offsets the bulk of the costs
- Promotes the local economy and offers the Little Adventures to the moms who may not know the great things that are available rather than just to go to the beach
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- Little Adventures building at Crystal Shores. Another one called The Pop-up (below) should be ready in May.

Destination Stewardship



- Resembles little campers that can utilized throughout the county, in the parks and other locations
- F. Councilmember King
- G. Councilmember Schmidt
 - 1) Towing Resolution – Item discussed earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember Schmidt stated that even though he appreciates the mayor and livery operators' willingness to meet and discuss ways to control illegal charter operators in Destin, he believes they already have the means to control them and do not need any new ideas. For instance, they already have a person at Joe's Bayou who controls the boat launch at the boat ramp but has done nothing about it such as documenting repeat offenders; thus, allowing people to operate illegally.

The City Manager noted that a park attendant at Joe's Bayou has no authority to order anyone to disembark off their boat, issue citations, or arrest anyone. Their main responsibility is to make sure people are paying as they go through and maneuver their boat properly. He continued that Code Enforcement Officers can only issue citations, however, if an individual refuses to cooperate, their only option is to call a law enforcement officer to issue a trespass order.

Councilmember Schmidt suggests park attendants be afforded more training, more authority, and possibly an increase in pay. He continued that if they encountered an illegal operator who refuse to cooperate, to avoid an altercation, they could at least call the Sheriff's Department who should be able to dispatch an officer to the site in a matter of minutes.

The mayor stated that since they are rewriting their Land Development Code, they need to work with staff and attorneys to put stronger and more effective enforcement capability for their rules and regulations.

Councilmember Schmidt maintains that legislations are already in place to some degree. They just need to be enforced.

- H. Mayor Gary Jarvis
- I. Land Use Attorney
- J. City Attorney

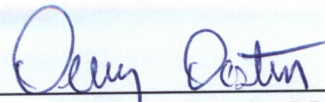
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Torey Geile, a Destin resident and business owner, urged the council to consider dedicating at least a percentage of parking places to either Destin residents or to those people with Florida license tags only in making the investment for the Shore at Crystal Beach expansion. He also noted that the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department has posse program where they issue uniforms, badges, and firearms, as well as issuing authority to detain people. He recommends making these prerequisites for the Joe's Bayou attendant position.

Ms. Marcie Bell, a Destin resident, noted that at times there are constructions that go on around the city that the city's Building Department does not know about because they are not permitted, which is why when she sees construction, she reports it to the city. Her biggest concern are the town home buildings as she lives in one of them. People do electrical work, plumbing work, and removal of structural walls without first requesting building permits from the city. These types of work could affect the entire building which could cause it to collapse.

Ms. Bell also alluded to the vote the council took earlier about dedicating the Waste Management franchise fee for stormwater improvements. She noted that Holiday Isle will not benefit from it as they are not currently included in the city's stormwater management plan.

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.



Dewey Destin, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Rey Bailey, City Clerk