

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 - 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, June 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

James T. Wood, Jr.
John Green
Tom Weidenhamer
Sam Perman
John Stephens
Marcie Bell

Members Absent

Staff

Rey Bailey City Clerk
Michael Burgess PW Director
JT Hart PW Deputy Director
Krystal Strickland, Finance Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 minutes was made by Committee member Bell with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Undergrounding Utilities Presentation – Marc Porter/Sheff Wright**

Mr. Burgess briefly introduced the presenters of the project to the members.

Ms. Strickland handed out a map depicting seven phases for the project noting that the initial phase will be Highway 98 from the Marler Bridge to Airport Road, explaining the reasoning being this corridor is the most critical since it's the ingress and egress to and from the city and the plan is to get the major businesses and restaurants online first, so that in the event of an emergency and the power is out, they can help support the communities needs for food and supplies. She then explained the next 6 phases and the locales of each.

Mr. Sheff Wright briefly explained the details of the project from his prospective and his duties.

Mr. Marc Porter presented a brief PowerPoint Presentation to the members detailing the project and the timeline.

A series of Q & A's took place amongst the members and Mr. Wright, Mr. Porter and Ms. Strickland regarding the timeline for each phase of work, how the substations would be connected and effected, and how the duct banks are planned to be protected from vehicular accidents, replacement of street lighting and how they're connected and a case scenario, if they were to get flooded. There was also a discussion on possible infrastructure rebates and cost savings for the city for replacing the old

equipment. The transmission lines and how those would be connected was discussed at length. Also, if private roads are included in the project and how the funding from a special assessment would have to be voted by the citizens before it can be endorsed for the final phase.

➤ **2022-2023 Work Plans**

After some minor corrections were noted to the document, Chairman Wood stated that both he and Vice Chairman Green would sign the document and then have the presentation scheduled to present to City Council.

Motion by Committee member Perman, seconded by Committee member Bell to approve the current 2022/2023 Work Plans. The motion passed 6-0.

➤ **Speed Hump Requests – Kelly & Hickory Streets**

Mr. Burgess explained that some residents of those street have approached the city concerning speeding and staff from the Engineering Division went to the location and deployed a speed monitoring device for a sample period. The analysis from that period showed that the highest speed on the roadway was 87 mph and met the requirements of the 85-percentile. He further explained that the cost would be near \$10k for 2 speed tables and signs.

Motion by Committee member Bell to recommend City Council direct staff to install 2 speed tables on Hickory Street with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

➤ **Stormwater Issues - Public Comments**

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment, with no one being present, he closed this public portion of the meeting.

➤ **Operational Update:**

- Purchase of a Utility Tractor w/loader and backhoe attachments
- 6 School Zone Beacons for DES was approved and purchased
- Two Variable Message Board were purchased -ARPA Funding
- Draft Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance went for 1st reading to Council

➤ **Project Updates**

- Construction of new offices space at the Maintenance Shop – Underway
- Sidewalk grinding/repairs are underway
- Installation of initial Gulf Shore Drive Swale are finished, and it worked perfectly
- Speed tables om Calhoun Avenue are complete
- Legion Drive sinkhole – complete
- US 98 Median Improvements are underway
- Pavement Assessment for 2022 is complete

- Sidewalk Assessment for 2022 is complete
- Signage Assessment for 2022 is complete

➤ **Emergency Management Update**

- Hurricane Season started June 1st and there is already a low pressure out in the Caribbean but looks to be heading westward.
- Trailer was purchased to house the new water pumps

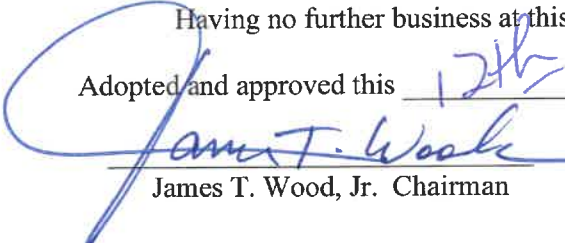
5. MEMBER COMMENTS:

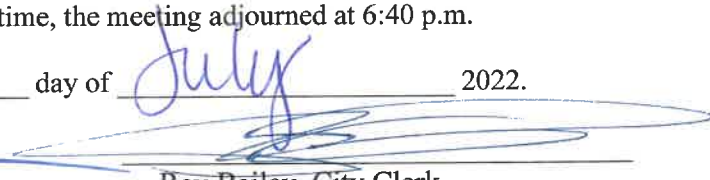
- **Committee member Green** – Reported that no one ever stops at the stop sign at Bayou Drive, Bambi and Indian Trail area. And feels that another sign with flashing lights should be installed there before a child get hit.
- **Committee member Bell** – Asked if the concrete curbing cut on Holiday Isle she reported about last month has been investigated yet. According to Mr. Hart he did take a look at it and has called in the concrete contractor to go look and come up with a solution to make that area safer. She then asked Mr. Burgess if he got a response regarding the flashing pedestrian signs. According to Mr. Burgess, the signs they inquired about are not FDOT approved signs. She inquired if the requests for We Love Our Children signs had a time limit. According to Mr. Burgess, there is not a limit, and anyone can ask for one to be installed anytime.
- **Chairman Wood** asked about their deadline for the surtax funds. According to Ms. Strickland they need to have their projects before the budget workshop on June 23m 2022 in order to get funded.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of July 2022.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Rey Bailey, City Clerk