

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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, July 12, 2022, 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.	Sam Perman	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
John Green		Michael Burgess PW Director
Tom Weidenhamer		
Marcie Bell		
John Stephens		
Curtis Smith		

**** Chairman Wood welcomed new member; Curtis Smith appointed by Councilmember Bagby.****

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 14, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting was made by Committee member Bell with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Half Penny Surtax Allocation Budgeting**

Mr. Burgess explained to the members how they need to make recommendations to spend the surtax funds. He spoke of how last year's allocations, staff purchased rapid flashing beacon systems, and six school beacon systems for the Destin Elementary School, and speed tables/speed humps were installed to improve the traffic calming for pedestrian safety. With that, there is about \$37k left for FY-22 to spend before the end of September. He then explained to the members the asphalt problem with the asphaltic contract holder not being able to obtain asphalt caused by the current shortage of train conductors to bring the necessary aggregate down to the area. As a result, most of the jobs that need it, are being set aside. However, staff is researching other options for the projects that need getting completed.

There was a discussion regarding getting the pedestrian crosswalks lit for all beach accesses in the city and how this has been an ongoing concern for this committee. Mr. Burgess explained how the ones he initially looked at were not FDOT approved, and it was determined they shouldn't

be installed for liability purposes for the city and he and his staff are still investigating other options.

Chairman Wood briefly spoke of alternative methods for speed humps since asphalt is so hard to obtain.

Committee member Smith mentioned that there are other options for speed humps and provided some examples that he has dealt with in the past and recommends bringing the options back for further discussion.

Regarding sink hole problems, Mr. Burgess explained to the members his reference to sink holes is not the same issues that south Florida has. The ones here are pipe issues, and there is about 40-80 feet of pipe on Airport Road that is in need of replacing because it was made out of Hardy pipe that is failing. He also mentioned how piping is now in the same situation that lumber was a couple years ago and currently, it is very expensive. Additionally, staff is in the process of determining if they would need to put the job out to bid.

Committee member Smith spoke of his experience with dealing with similar situation in SanDestin with replacing piping and he can offer staff some solutions.

Mr. Burgess explained the different types of thermoplastic for pedestrian crosswalks that can be put down and how the ladder type cost more but is highly visible.

Chairman Wood spoke of how he prefers consistency, and prefers the same design be used throughout the city. He then asked Committee member Smith if he was familiar with the stormwater project that Councilmember Bagby spoke of at the last Council meeting.

According to Committee member Smith, he is, and explained how Councilmember Bagby was referring to Four Prong Lake in Destiny East. He further explained how it will be a multistep project to get the exfiltration system addressed. He spoke of how the stormwater runoff west of the Crab Trap to just east of the Destiny East entrance on Scenic 98 is flowing directly into the lake without any retention or treatment. Additionally, FDOT added linear retention ponds that directs runoff into the lake with no treatment, which adds a massive amount of water to the lake. He also briefly mentioned the city's Grants and Projects Manager assisting him by researching financial assistance through grants.

Committee member Green spoke of 106 Benning Drive also has an old exfiltration system that is beyond cleaning and also needs to be replaced. He then talked about that the flashing beacon lights for the crosswalk at the Dog Park and how he feels they should be moved further on both sides of the road to alert the drivers someone is entering it to give drivers more time to slow for the pedestrians. He also feels the crosswalks for the roundabout should be relocated as well and is afraid someone is going to get hit and seriously hurt. He also mentioned there are streets between

Airport Road and Bayou Drive and streets between Kelly and Airport Road near Kell-Aire that don't have and need crosswalks.

Mr. Burgess explained that staff just finished a sign and pavement marker assessment and has listed all the ones missing stop bars and crosswalks. Additionally, he asked the members if they are out on the roads and see something that needs to be reported to please call them in or email him.

Chairman Wood spoke of several crosswalks that are dark and noted the one by the Fire Station on Airport Road has streetlights before and after on both sides of the roadway and asked if the lumens could be increased to improve the visibility of the crosswalk.

Committee member Smith spoke of how the stormwater drain on Scenic and Henderson Beach Resort is always backed up. Mr. Burgess stated he is aware of it and explained that the size of that system is too small for the pipe hunter they have, and staff has to rig an adapter to be able to get in there and clean it out as best as they possibly can. Additionally, with all the ongoing construction, that entire roadway's improvements are on pause until the construction for The Henderson is finished. Then all of it will be redone, including that inlet.

Chairman Wood suggest buying and stockpiling whatever is needed regardless if it is stop signs or Hawk Flashing Systems. Further noting that the decision for where they need to be installed can be decided later.

Committee member Stephens spoke of the pedestrian conflicts at the Stahlman Ave/Hwy 98 intersection where pedestrians are crossing at the same time the light is green for traffic and feels something needs to be corrected. Mr. Burgess noted that pedestrians have the right of way and drivers must wait until the way is clear.

The following is the list of projects identified by the committee for possible funding:

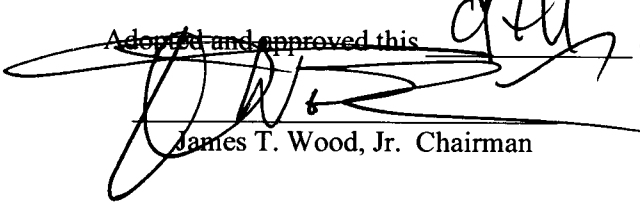
1. Quotes for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Systems for Crosswalks (RRFBs or HAWKs)
2. Quotes for in-ground pedestrian warning systems
3. Quotes for Flashing Stop Signs
4. Quotes for Speed Humps/Tables, composite systems, paver systems
5. Have staff work on standing up those traffic signs that are leaning, city-wide
6. Order thermoplastic for crosswalks, stop bars, etc., check for slip resistance specs
7. Install ladder style crosswalks at Main Street/Wild Oak and Kell-Aire intersections, others as needed
8. Contact FPL about LEDs on Airport adjacent to crosswalks, increase lumens, add LEDs to existing poles
9. Explore re-locating crosswalk locations at Indian Bayou Trail at Commons Drive

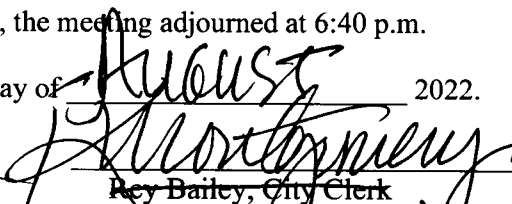
10. Explore re-configuration of median on Airport Road at Industrial Park Dr, close to DWU plant to facilitate left turns

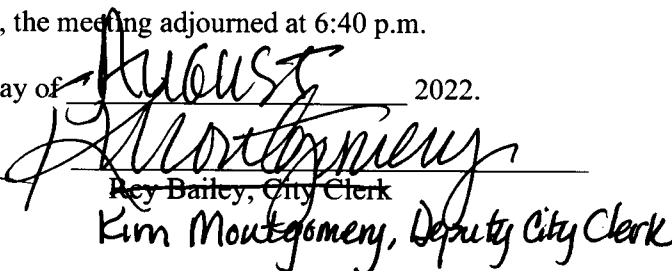
5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this 9th day of August 2022.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Roy Bailey, City Clerk


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk