

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 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 Bobby Wagner
Councilmember Jim Bagby
Councilmember Terésa Hebert

Councilmember Dewey Destin
Councilmember Torey Geile
Councilmember Matthew Sweetser

Destin City Staff

City Manager Lance Johnson
City Clerk Rey Bailey
Finance Director Krystal Strickland
Grants/Project Manager Jeffrey Cozadd
HR Manager Jaime Dittmer
Community Development Director Louis Zunguze

Deputy City Manager Webb Warren
Principal Planner Steve O'Connor
Public Works Director Michael Burgess
City Engineer Ryan Scott
City Attorney Kyle Bauman
Land Use Attorney Kimberly Kopp (virtual)

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bobby Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pastor Steve Farris of the First Baptist Church in Destin gave the invocation, which was then followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hebert moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Councilmember Bagby. Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted "yes"); Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

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

A. FP&L-Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mr. Charlie Driver, representing the Development Department of the FPL, discussed the details involving a proposed partnership with FPL and the City of Destin to install an Electric Vehicle charging station in the city. He provided the following information and data:



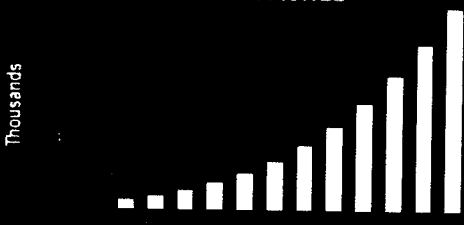
FPLEV EVOLUTION



Drive More Business with EV Charging

Rapid EV expansion

EVs in Florida



Year	EVs (Thousands)
2015	1.0
2016	1.5
2017	2.0
2018	2.5
2019	3.5
2020	4.5

Over **\$515 billion** in global investments

Florida **#2** in nation for EVs

Global EV market will increase **4x** by 2026 to **\$1 trillion**

25% of vehicles sold will be electric by 2030



Becoming an FPL EVolution partner benefits you and your community

89% of customers are satisfied with the service

43% of customers are satisfied with the price

77% of customers are satisfied with the location





Increase traffic without a capital investment:

- Attract new customers: 89% of EV drivers make a purchase at retail charging sites.
- Promote your location with dedicated FPL Evolution app.
- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability.
- No fees for equipment or installation; FPL manages construction, operation, and maintenance.
- No impact on your electricity costs.

FPL is uniquely positioned to be your premier EV charging partner

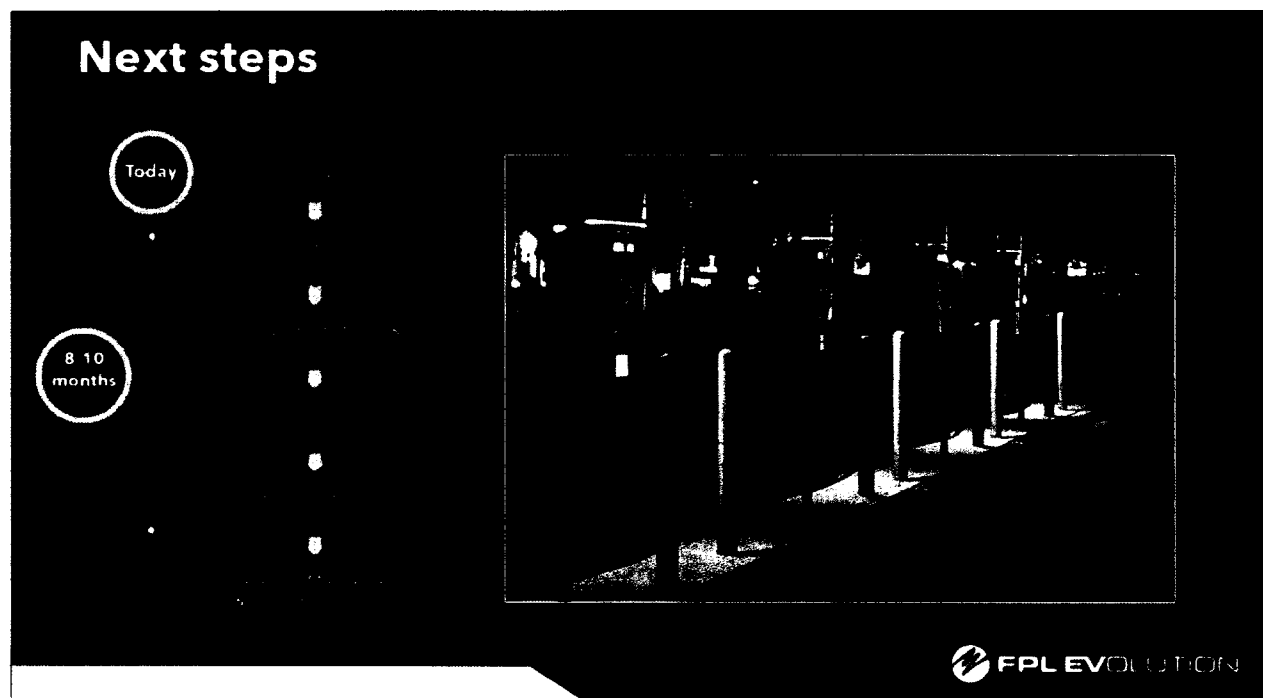
- More than three years of experience building 200-plus charging locations throughout Florida.
- FPL provides power equipment, signage, and striping.
- 10-year commitment.
- Option for 2 space expansion.

Seamless driver experience

- FPL Evolution app promotes your location.
- Mapping tools with charging locations, availability, amenities, and pricing.
- Initiate and pay for charging.
- Real-time charging status.
- Email and text notifications.
- Charge session history.
- Self-help FAQs.

Optimal site criteria							
Segment	Description	Siting Strategy	Criteria				
Highway	Highway corridors with high traffic volume and low competition.	Highway corridors with high traffic volume and low competition.	 Highway exits	 Safe	 24/7 Access	 Amenities	 Evolution
Metro	Metro areas with high traffic volume and low competition.	Metro areas with high traffic volume and low competition.	 Metro	 Safe	 24/7 Access	 Amenities	 Low income & underserved





Councilmember Destin noted that the city is headed in this direction, and that they have placed \$50,000 in this year's budget for a vehicle charging location.

Councilmember Hebert asked how long it would take to get the charging location set up and operable once they sign an agreement.

According to Mr. Driver, once they get through the agreement portion, the timeline to get the facility set up and operational is approximately 10 months.

Councilmember Geile asked who will be responsible for managing the site once it is in place; and who will be in charge of preserving the parking spots strictly for charging vehicles as well as regulating the length of time people could stay in those spots.

Mr. Driver noted that per the agreement, FPL will be in control of the physical assets and will be fully responsible for the long-term maintenance and reliability of the charging station. With regards to other issues such as parking, the city will have full management control from a policy standpoint.

Councilmember Bagby noted that ChargePoint which is a non-regulated provider offers a similar service. Their mode involves either the city buying or leasing the charging station. If the city chooses the latter, the city will pay ChargePoint a fixed price per month. ChargePoint would then update all the software since there have been a lot of changes over the last few years. He asked whether the contract with FPL will include compensating the city for the use of those spaces.

According to Mr. Driver, their contract does not provide for revenue sharing based on utilization due to their regulated nature as the provider. They have a fixed rate of 30 cents per

kilowatt hour, which has already been approved through the Florida Public Service Commission. He added this could be an opportunity to enhance utilization of the city's paid lot as the lot could potentially get some traffic during slower seasons.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Stephens, a Destin resident and livery operator, noted that he just attended a Coast Guard Recreational Safety Workshop in New Orleans, and that one of the things he learned that would work for the city is to have a dedicated and clearly visible parking spot for law enforcement officers at boat launch facilities. It gives the premise that law enforcement officers would be around to potentially check for DUI or other illegal operations. He urged the city to do the same.

Ms. Carolyn Jones, a Georgia resident, addressed the lien on her father's rental properties at the rate of \$250.00 per day since April 2019 due to not being registered as short-term rental properties. She stated that her father passed away early this year. Her father's physical health began to deteriorate in 2018 as well as his mental health and was hospitalized multiple times due to complications. They believe that due to his mental illness that came along with the physical one, her father was unable to address the lien issue with his rental properties of which his entire family was not made aware. They do not believe he was in his sound mind and body to be able to deal with that issue. She continued that they are trying to sell the properties and start paying off all the obligations accumulated by her father during his long illness. They were stunned to find out there were \$660,000 worth of fines levied on his properties, which is more than the equity built up in those properties. She is asking the city council to show mercy to her entire family by significantly reducing those fines and helping alleviate this burden so they could move on with their lives the best they can.

Mr. Shane Moody, President and CEO of the Destin Chamber of Commerce, noted that the Chamber Board, at their October meeting, passed a position to oppose any short-term rental north of US Hwy 98 that is closed to or within any historically long-term residential area. Even though homeowners' associations (HOA) prohibit this action, not every street or area in Destin is within an HOA. He continued that short-term rental developments put in near or within historically long-term residential areas north of US Hwy 98 always result in increased traffic, parking shortage, noise, trash, crimes, and so forth. The same things happen when existing homes located north of US Hwy 98 are converted from long-term to short-term rentals. As this happens, long-term residents located near or around this development try to sell their homes and move causing Destin to lose yearlong residents that support the businesses in the community for a 12-month period and reducing the local workforce which is already very low. Also, when their homes are purchased, they have the potential of becoming short-term rentals. He added that this is a quality-of-life issue for residents located north of US Hwy 98.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RFB 22-11-PW, Demolition, Salvage, and Removal of Three Structures and Appurtenances, authorization for City Manager to execute a Task Order
- B. Median Maintenance Contract, authorization to renew for 1 year
- C. Approval of minutes of November 7, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- D. Approval of minutes of November 28, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting

E. Draft Minutes of City Committees & Boards

Motion by Councilmember Hebert, seconded by Councilmember Destin, to approve Consent Agenda items 3A thru 3E, as printed above, passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

4. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

A. Resolution 22-10 and TRIP Supplemental Agreement

According to the City Manager, the city requested that FDOT consider allocating additional funding for the city’s crosstown connector project due to the increased property values in recent years. The FDOT agreed to a supplemental funding agreement for \$1.8 million. Approval of Resolution 22-20 and the supplemental agreement to the TRIP agreement with FDOT will allow the city to be reimbursed by FDOT up to an additional \$1.8 Million for the property acquisition costs associated with completing the crosstown connector.

Councilmember Hebert moved to approve Resolution 22-10, seconded by Councilmember Destin.

According to Councilmember Destin, they still do not have a solution to the US Hwy 98 and Stahlman intersection issue. He asked staff to present the result of the Stahlman Intersection Study to the council as soon as it is received from FDOT.

Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

B. 2023 PAWS Contract

The City Manager stated that the animal control services for the City of Destin was previously provided by the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) for a 3 fiscal year contract. That contract expired this year. The original FY 2023 proposed contract from PAWS had a significant increase from the previous contract. When this item was brought forth for council approval, the council directed staff to further negotiate the contract with PAWS. Staff feels that the newly negotiated contract with PAWS is fair. This contract is substantially cheaper than any other per capita cost in Okaloosa County. He recommends council’s approval of the proposed contract.

Councilmember Destin moved to approve the 2023 calendar year PAWS contract, seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

C. Ordinance 13-12-CN, Disposal of City Property, trade-in of surplus vehicles and Equipment

According to the City Manager, the city council passed an ordinance that limits staff's ability to dispose of city vehicles and equipment. Pursuant to the current ordinance, surplus city equipment must be publicly auctioned either in-person or online. City staff received a trade-in offer on the city's existing Street Sweeper. Acceptance of this offer would currently conflict with the current ordinance. He recommends the council consider modification of this ordinance.

Councilmember Hebert moved to direct the City Manager to bring back an ordinance that allows for more flexibility in disposal of city surplus vehicles and equipment for first reading in January 2023. Councilmember Destin provided a second to the motion, which passes 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted "yes"; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

D. Resolution 22-21 - Publishing the dates of the regular city council meetings in calendar year 2023

The City Manager noted that due to the intensive budget season and holidays, the city council previously directed city staff to proposed regular meeting schedules for an upcoming calendar year tailored to address these potential limitations. Proposed Resolution 22-21 specifies the dates the city council will hold its regular meetings for the calendar year 2023.

Councilmember Hebert moved to adopt Resolution 22-21, amending the proposed meeting date in December 2023 from December 4th to December 11th. Councilmember Bagby provided a second to the motion, which passes 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted "yes"; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

E. Appointment of Committee/Board Members

The city council made the following appointments to various city's standing committees and boards:

NAME	COMMITTEE/BOARD	NOMINATED BY:
Cyron Marler	Board of Adjustment	Councilmember Bagby
Richard Hoey	Harbor & Waterways Board	Councilmember Bagby
Jan Best	Harbor CRA-AC	Councilmember Bagby
Todd Burr	Local Planning Agency	Councilmember Bagby
Lisa Mason	Parks & Recreation Committee	Councilmember Bagby
Lockwood Wernet	Town Center CRA-AC	Councilmember Bagby
Curtis Smith	Public Works/Safety Committee	Councilmember Bagby
Casey Jones	Harbor CRA-AC	Councilmember Geile
Guy Tadlock	Harbor & Waterways Board	Councilmember Geile
Tom Weidenhamer	Board of Adjustment	Councilmember Geile
Tom Weidenhamer	Public Works/Safety Committee	Councilmember Geile

Jim Wood	Public Works/Safety Committee	Councilmember Sweetser
Dorothy Robinson	Town Center CRA-AC	Councilmember Geile
Nikki Johnson	Town Center CRA-AC	Councilmember Sweetser
L'Rena Anderson	Parks & Recreation Committee	Councilmember Sweetser
Isaac Birch	Parks & Recreation Committee	Councilmember Geile
Jay Purut	Local Planning Agency	Councilmember Geile

F. Appointment of Council Representatives to Various Local and Regional Committees and Boards

The following representatives from various local and regional committees and boards provided a brief overview of their respective boards and committees and how they correlate with the City of Destin:

Mr. Ken Wampler, Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, spoke on behalf of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council.

Mr. Nathan Sparks, Executive Director, Economic Development Council (EDC), spoke on behalf of the EDC Policy Board.

Mr. Austin Mount, Chief Executive Officer for the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC), explained the missions of the ECRC, Okaloosa-Walton TPO, Okaloosa County Public Transit Cooperative, and Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority.

Following the presentation, the city council appointed the following members of the council to be the city's representatives to the various local and regional committees and boards:

LOCAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES	APPOINTEES
Economic Development Council (EDC) Policy Board	<u>Primary:</u> Mayor Wagner
Northwest Florida League of Cities	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Sweetser <u>Alternate:</u> Councilmember Hebert
Okaloosa-Walton TPO	<u>Primaries:</u> Mayor Wagner & Councilmember Geile <u>Alternate:</u> Councilmember Hebert
Okaloosa County League of Cities	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Sweetser <u>Alternate:</u> Councilmember Schmidt
Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Sweetser <u>Alternate:</u> Councilmember King
Okaloosa County Public Transit Cooperative	<u>Primary:</u> Mayor Wagner

Tourist Development Council (TDC)	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Hebert <u>Alternate:</u> Councilmember Destin
Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority (RUA)	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Sweetser
Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC)	<u>Primary:</u> Councilmember Bagby

G. Announcements

The City Manager made the following announcements:

- Wednesday, 6-7 PM – picture taking with Santa Claus at the Destin Library
- Tuesday, January 3, 2023 – next regular city council meeting
- Draft versions of Chapters 1 and 2 of the Land Development Code to be posted on the city’s website for public review and comment beginning January 2023
- The City of Destin will be hosting the FDOT Grant Workshop on January 24, 2023, in the City Hall Annex Council Chambers, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Individuals will need to register online to be able to participate
- The Destin United Methodist Church, Destin Church of Christ, and the First Baptist Church of Destin for their assistance in changing the venue for the city’s Christmas Parade
- Christmas Parade will be broadcast on Channel 6 in Cox Cable. Time to be posted on the city’s website tomorrow.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. John Bath of Scope Construction LLC is requesting approval of a Conditional Use application (22-33-CU). This project includes construction of 3 long-term multi-family (townhome) dwelling units. The subject property is located at 1100 Quail Circle (Parcel ID: 00-2S-22-4530-0000-0010)

The City Attorney asked whether the mayor or any member of the city council has been involved in any ex-parte communications regarding this matter. Each mayor and council member announced they have not been involved in any ex-parte communications regarding this project.

Next, the City Attorney sworn in the following individuals for testimony:

Principal Planner Steve O’Connor
City Engineer Ryan Scott
Rodney Bath – Property Owner/Applicant
John Bath of Scope Construction LLC

The Land Use Attorney entered into evidence the staff report and agenda item dated November 22, 2022. There were no objections from the applicant.

The Land Use Attorney stated that the burden is on the applicant to prove that they have met the criteria set forth in the Land Development Code; adding that since this is a Conditional

Use application, the focus will be on Section 7.12.10C of the Land Development Code. The Land Use Attorney outlined the following criteria as provided in the staff report.

1. Land Use Compatibility
2. Sufficient size, site specifications, and infrastructure to accommodate the proposed use.
 - Based on the concept provided by the applicant, vehicular access to the properties is being proposed from the Airport Road public right-of-way.
 - During the pre-application phase and during the application review, staff identified a safety issue concerning access from Airport Road. Corner lots fronting on streets with different classifications as defined in LDC Article 8, Table 8-1, must be accessed from the street with lower classification. The City Engineer has opined that this access is a danger to public safety. The project is required to comply with the design standards per LDC Section 8.04.00 – *Access Management*. Staff is recommending a condition that no vehicular access or curbside trash pick-up be located along Airport Road to mitigate any negative safety impacts if this project is approved, based on safety concerns and requirements listed in LDC Article 8.
3. Proper use of mitigative techniques
4. Hazardous Waste
5. Avoid over proliferation of uses
6. Compliance with applicable laws and ordinances

The Land Use Attorney stated that the council will need to consider whether the above criteria are met after listening to the applicant. She also noted that this project was presented to the Local Planning Agency on September 22, 2022, and that the Agency recommended denial of the conditional use based on the identified safety concerns for access.

The Land Use Attorney informed the council that their options are to either deny Conditional Use 22-33-CU, or approve Conditional Use 22-33-CU with the following conditions:

1. The site shall not have vehicular access from the Airport Road right-of-way.
2. There shall be no curbside trash pick-up operations that occur on or along Airport Road.
3. Subject to a Major Development Order approval.
4. Subject to all local, state, or federal permits as applicable.

Mr. Rodney Bath, applicant, presented the proposed project and addressing the safety issues that have been identified. He testified that due to the characteristics of his property, access to and from that property is feasible solely through the Airport Road right-of-way. He stated that they have done their due diligence and have done all the right things and felt there are no legitimate danger to persons accessing the property and to commuters and pedestrians on Airport Road. He also stated that he even went to Waste Management headquarters and submitted his

site plan, and that that they offered no safety concerns over the site plan. He urged the council to approve the Conditional Use for the project.

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

Councilmember Hebert requests the City Engineer's opinion regarding the safety concerns that have been identified.

The City Engineer opined that access to and from Airport Road poses a danger to the public's safety.

Councilmember Destin asked staff to verify that the city obtained grant from the state to place some skid resistant on Airport Road including in front of where the project is being proposed.

According to the city's Public Works Director, they placed a high friction surface treatment to the curve area on Airport Road due to safety concerns and a high volume of vehicular accidents, but it does not go as far as the location of the proposed project.

Councilmember Destin asked whether this area is suitable for single family homes if there is a safety concern regarding high volume of vehicular traffic.

The city's principal planner noted that a single-family home is a permitted use in this zoning district and therefore it would be allowed access directly off of Airport Road.

Councilmember Destin asked how they could legally deny a property owner access to a public road in this case.

The Land Use Attorney explained that a single-family home is permitted by the code and will automatically be allowed in this zoning district. It would presumably be less impactful. The proposed project has a separate criteria which is why approval of Conditional Use is required. She added they are comparing one unit versus 3 units and potentially 2 cars versus 6 cars.

Councilmember Bagby pointed out it is not just one or 2 trash cans, but potentially 6 trash cans for both regular and recyclable. He stated that he does not have a problem with anyone building a single-family home in that area because that is what is permitted there, but he believes that building 3 town homes will negatively impact that area due to increased traffic and trash among other things.

Councilmember Sweetser asked whether the applicant plans to rent or sell the 3 townhomes once they are built.

According to Mr. Bath, he plans to live in one of the town homes but undecided at this point on what to do with the other two; adding it would depend on the market condition.

Councilmember Sweetser inquired as to the result of the applicant's conversation with the homeowners association for Quail Run which is located behind their property.

Mr. Bath stated that the homeowner's association manager has not been very amenable to a cooperative discussion.

Councilmember Geile noted that Waste Management looks at the safety issue based on the safety of their equipment and incident liability; whereas, the city council and staff are obligated to look at the public safety and welfare. These are very different safety standard and criteria. He also stated that this issue was thoroughly reviewed by their Local Planning Agency whose members were appointed by this council and they have to trust they are doing their job very effectively or they need to appoint other people to that committee. He added that the applicant can build a single-family dwelling on this parcel without any problem.

At this time, the city's Principal Planner read the following provisions from the Land Development Code Article 8.04.02(b): *Corner lots fronting on streets with different classification as identified in Article 8 shall be accessed in the street with the lower classification.* He stated that Airport Road is an arterial road, Quail Circle is a residential road, and therefore per the LDC it shall be accessed. He added that a single-family residence is permitted and can be approved on this lot even with access off of Airport Road.

Councilmember Hebert moved to deny Conditional Use 22-33-CU; seconded by Councilmember Geile. Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted "yes"; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

- B. First reading of Ordinance 22-18-PC - Amending Comprehensive Plan: 2020, providing for the adoption of a small-scale amendment to the comprehensive plan future land use map to include a change in the Future Land Use designation of a parcel of land located east of the Destin Airport, from Low-Density Residential (LDR) to Institutional (IN)

The City Attorney read proposed Ordinance 22-18-PC by title

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 2020; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO INCLUDE A CHANGE IN FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF THE DESTIN AIRPORT, AS DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "A", CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 24.98 ACRES, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) TO INSTITUTIONAL (IN); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PARCEL ID NO.00-2S-22-0000-0046-0030).

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 22-18-PC on first reading; seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

- C. First reading of Ordinance 22-19-LC - Amending the official Zoning Map as referenced in the Land Development Code, Section 7.12.01(A)2, Zoning Maps, to include a change in the zoning designation of real property located east of the Destin Airport, from Low Density Residential-Village (LDR-V) to Institutional (INST) (PARCEL ID NO.00-2S-22-0000-0046-0030)

The City Attorney ready proposed Ordinance 22-19-LC, and then presented it to the council on first reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AS REFERENCED IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 7.12.01(A)2, ZONING MAPS, TO INCLUDE A CHANGE IN THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF THE DESTIN AIRPORT, AS DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT “A”, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 24.98 ACRES, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL-VILLAGE (LDR-V) TO INSTITUTIONAL (INST); PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT; 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.

Motion by Councilmember Hebert, seconded by Councilmember Destin, to approve Ordinance 22-19-LC on first reading passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

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

- A. Councilmember Sweetser
- B. Councilmember Geile

Councilmember Geile complimented the city’s Recreation Department for putting on a very successful Christmas Parade.

- C. Councilmember Destin
- D. Councilmember Bagby

- 1. Legislative Sponsor; Beach Front Parks in Crystal Beach

Motion by Councilmember to appoint himself as the legislative sponsor for beachfront parks in Crystal Beach was seconded by Councilmember Hebert and passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

Next, Councilmember Bagby noted a change in insurance regulations, particularly on pontoon boats. Not only that pontoon operators have to insure that boats but they also have to insure their people, which according to some pontoon boat operators will put them out of business. He asked city staff to come back with a recommendation on a resolution at the second meeting in January 2023 with regards to either providing support or recommending changes to the new state insurance regulations on pontoon boats.

Finally, Councilmember Bagby moved to have Public Works/Safety Committee look at possibly changing the traffic pattern out in Crystal Beach, specifically on Dolphin Street going south to Luke Street making it a one-way street. Councilmember Destin seconded the motion, which passes 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

E. Councilmember Hebert

1. Senior Leadership Compensation

Councilmember Hebert moved to direct the City Manager to bring back an appropriate pay raise for senior leadership for compensation; seconded by Councilmember Destin.

Councilmember Destin recommends bringing forward the pay raise recommendations for senior leadership resulting from the wage study that was conducted early this year.

Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

2. Finance Department New Position

Councilmember Hebert moved to authorize the City Manager to hire a short-term part time temporary service contract to assist the Finance Department in the interim, and then bring back at the first meeting in January 2023 the budget authorization amendment to fund two full time positions for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Councilmember Destin provided a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Sweetser voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt and King were absent from the meeting).

F. Councilmember King

G. Councilmember Schmidt

H. Mayor Wagner

Mayor Wagner requests the topic, “Smoke free parks and beaches in Destin” be placed under his name on the next council meeting agenda.

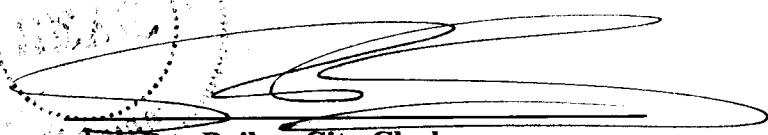
- I. Land Use Attorney
- J. City Attorney

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

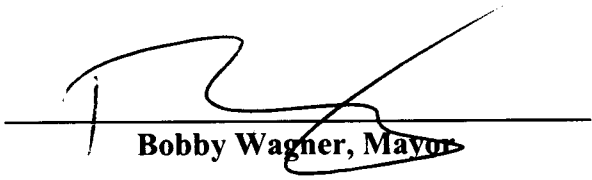
ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:



Rey Bailey, City Clerk



Bobby Wagner, Mayor