

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 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		JT Hart PW Deputy Director
John Stephens		Ryan Scott, City Engineer
Curtis Smith		
Marcie Bell		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 13, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting, as written was made by Committee member Weidenhamer with Committee member Green providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

• First and Fourth Street Improvements – Ryan Scott

According to Mr. Burgess, former Council member Cyron Marler approached him about his concerns he has for the alignment of the First and Fourth Street intersection explaining that back when G&S Boats operated out of the nearby property they used to own and manufacture charter boats, they needed the road to be configured the way it was, in order to be able to haul them to Joe's Bayou. But now, there are view concerns heading to Benning Drive. He then asked Mr. Scott to provide additional information.

According to Mr. Scott per the city code, a 115-foot minimum intersection separation between center line to center line is required to safely maneuver 90° turns, as well as adding the ability to add roadside swales and make the crosswalks and sidewalks safer.

Mr. Burgess informed the members that the plan is to incorporate this project into others in the immediate area in order to keep the cost down.

- **OCSO – Consolidated Real Time Crime Center – Sgt. Jason Fulghum**

Sgt. Fulghum explained to the members the plan is to get permission to access public cameras throughout the city to monitor for public safety. That way, if there is trouble or a crime being committed, the word can get out so that officers in the immediate area can take action a lot faster. He explained currently, they have access to 93 cameras in Destin through businesses and HOAs with varying access and, currently they are only doing this during the daytime hours but will eventually it will turn into a 24-hour real time crime monitoring center, as it grows. He then explained his reasoning for the presentation is to get their recommendation for the program to be taken to City Council for their approval to all city cameras. Additionally, there is technology that works with the real time crime system called the Fusus System that works with Epic IO and will allow the cameras to alert the Real Time Crime Center where they can interact with the operators during an event and give exact locations and what's happening.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Stormwater Public Comment - None**

- **Public Services Report**

- **Ongoing vacancy in the Public Services Dept.**
- **Stormwater Maintenance Technician - is a newly created position**
- **Operational Update:**
 - Continuing Services Contract Renewals
 - Median Improvements – Harbor Blvd.
 - Variable Message Boards have been ordered
 - School and Pedestrian Crossing have been ordered
 - Restriping of Luke & John is complete except for 60-ft of an area where there is ongoing construction to be finalized when its finished
 - Dump Truck purchase - is to be determined
 - Palm Trees removed in the Caribbean Dunes ROW and Shirah Street ROW under the utility lines by FP&L
- **Emergency Management**
 - Several weeks still to go in hurricane season
 - New Loader with Backhoe is in for any needs that may arise from storm events
 - Brush Chipper has also arrived

- **Member Comments**

- **Committee member Smith** – Questioned if the city has any ordinances against panhandling in the city. Mr. Burgess suggested that he contact the Code Compliance Department regarding this subject. Committee member Smith also mentioned the stormwater system between Four Prong Lake and the Crab Trap and how he wants to make sure to keep the momentum on this subject, so that there is a standard to when the lake gets to a certain elevation and a possible threat to the surrounding residences, there is a plan of action in place.

- **Committee member Bell** – Thanked staff for the grass that was put in at the corner of Gulfshore Drive at Destin Pointe and addressed the following concerns:
 - Asked about the status of the purple lights along Hwy. 98. Mr. Burgess explained FPL is aware of them and will replace them when they can.
 - Reported there is a palm tree on Gulfshore Drive on the sidewalk at Shoreline Townhomes that was hit in a vehicle accident that needs to be removed.
 - Waste Management dumpster in the ROW that belongs at East Pass Marina needs to be moved behind their fence on to their property.
 - Broken concrete located at 1 Norriego Drive in the ROW that is part of the sidewalk and needs repairing. Adding that she witnessed a lady trip on it. Mr. Burgess explained that they have a double driveway at the residence that is busted. He has contacted the owner of the property owner a few times and they have not returned his call. Committee member Bell stated she would bring this up at the HIA meeting.
 - The paid parking located at the end, and the one area where people parallel park and asked if the sign out there could be relocated to that area to keep people from parking in that one area that is not large enough for a car. Mr. Burgess stated that he would discuss this with the Deputy City Manager and see if they can come up with a solution.
 - The pedestrian flag system that St. Augustine Beach created for people that are crossing at pedestrian crosswalks to use to be more noticeable while in the crosswalk. She feels it a great, inexpensive way to get the pedestrians safely across the streets and be seen.
 - The need for temporary restroom access for Norriego Point until the permanent facilities are built by the State. She spoke of how she is looking for support from this committee to take to City Council. Pointing out that if the city holds private property owners to provide the same, then why doesn't the city do so also at a beach the public has access to?
- **Committee member Green** – Asked if there is a way to have the road stripped at Industrial Street and Airport Road and remove the median. According to Mr. Burgess, staff is already looking at that entire area to redesign.
- **Chairman Wood** – Reminded the member to be sure they are looking at their assigned areas for items of concern. He mentioned how he accesses the local Next Door site and people were commenting on areas of the city that need attention.

➤ **Public Comment - None**

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this

day of

2023

James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk