

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

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

Staff

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Michael Burgess PW Director
JT Hart PW Deputy Director
Ryan Scott, City Engineer

Mayor Bobby Wagner

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No Minutes for this meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Updates from local Airport Staff – The representatives did not show up for the meeting, so this was not discussed.

B) City Speed Hump Policy – To be discussed at end of New Business.

C) Stealth Speed Monitoring Device – Mr. Burgess explained that his department has one and with the uptick of requests for speed tables staff needs to have another one on hand and is requesting a recommendation for funds to be set aside for the purchase of another device.

Motion by Chairman Wood to recommend City Council approve the purchase of one stealth speed monitoring device for \$6,250.80 with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

D) Flashing Pedestrian Crosswalk and other enhancement proposals, locations – Mr. Hart explained staff has ordered six (6) new devices and once they're delivered and staff has assembled them, they will be ready to be deployed to the preferred locations. Chairman Wood stated that he would like to have one installed at Main Street and North Lakeside Drive. The others can be installed at Scenic 98/Barracuda, Scenic 98/James Lee Park (west end), Scenic 98/James Lee Park/Crab Trap Restaurant, Scenic 98/James Lee Park (east side) Scenic 98/east of Tarpon Street.



Motion by Chairman Wood recommends to have staff install the flashing pedestrian Crosswalk devices at the following locations, Scenic 98/Barracuda, Scenic 98/east of Tarpon Street, Scenic 98/James Lee Park (west end), Scenic 98/James Lee Park/Crab Trap Restaurant, Scenic 98/James Lee Park (east side) and Main Street and North Lakeside Drive. Committee member Perman provided the second. The motion passed 6-0.

E) Residential Speed Limits – Chairman Wood questioned why most residential streets are posted 30-mph and feels they should be 25 and asked, what needs to be done to change them. According to Mr. Burgess, according to the State Statutes, anything otherwise posted would have to be changed through the adoption of an ordinance. He informed the members that the cost for the sign and posts are about \$150.00 apiece, and if they wanted an ordinance to change the speed limit all over the city, it would have to be advertised twice in the local paper before it can be adopted on second reading.

Committee member Green does not agree with spending the money and changing the signs and the speed limit because no one pays attention to the signs or drives the speed limits.

F) Lola Circle Speed Reduction – Mr. Burgess explained one of the homeowners on this street has requested the have the speed limit established at 25 and a “We Love Our Children” sign to be installed at the entrance to the roadway, adding that street does not have a posted speed limit.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend to City Council approve the installation a sign at the entrance of Lola Street for the neighborhood with one being a posted speed limit sign for 25 mph and the other being a We Love our Children, the motion passed 6-0.

Speed Hump Policy – After a brief discussion regarding the draft Speed Hump Policy and the different the scenarios that can be affected by the required percentages, **Chairman Wood made the motion to table the discussion to their next meeting in July. Committee member Green providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

➤ **Stormwater & Floodplain Management Issues - Comments from the Public**
There was no public comment.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

➤ **Public Works and Emergency Management Update – JT Hart**

Mr. Hart provided the members with the following:

Departmental Update:

Currently have two vacancies -

- Maintenance Technician (vacant for over two years, advertised)
- Facilities Maintenance Technician (vacant over 6 months, advertised)

Operational Update:

Recent & Upcoming Council Agenda Items

- May 1 – Regular City Council Meeting/Approved/Authorized
 - Recently reviewed Linear Park concept road design on hold
- Jun 5 – Regular City Council Meeting/Approved/Authorized
 - Resurfacing of Community Center & OCSD parking lots
 - Resurfacing/Restriping of Vintage Circle/Court

Project Update:

- US98 Median Improvements (SR293 to County Line), imminent
- Staff/contractor working on repairing sidewalk hazards.
- Crystal Beach Dr. restriping US 98 to Luke – complete
- H&T Resurfacing of Scenic 98 (west loop – Cobia) – complete
 - Resurfacing/Restriping of Vintage Circle/Court – scheduling
- H&T Main St speed hump installation laid out – scheduling
- Tymco 600ss Street Sweeper purchase approved – processing
- 6 Pedestrian crosswalk light sets (12 total) – ordered
- Final CTC property acquired
- Harbor Pump Hydrogate – ordered
- Traffic accident occurred at Airport Rd crossing 7 Jun – requested report
- ZIIC is, hopefully temporarily, having manpower issues
- GovDeals City Surplus Auction yielding positive returns
- New Dump Truck – mid-late 2023

Emergency Management Update/Operational Update

- Updates to Disaster Preparedness Plan begun in March of 2023
- Hurricane Season officially began 1 June

****Mr. Burgess informed the members that the July meeting is the same night as a budget hearing and will need to be rescheduled. The decision was to have it on July 18th.**

9. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Member Comments:**

• **Committee member Bell** – In reference to the locations of the message boards, she requested to have one installed on Gulf Shore Drive alerting people there are no restrooms on Norriego Point. She also spoke of an active construction site on Gulf Shore Drive and how the workers have continually parked their vehicles on the sidewalk, which is a safety issue for

pedestrians. She feels they need to work on codes to make them stricter to prevent these type issues from constantly happening. The Chairman suggests that when the members see these kind of issues to bring it to staff so that they can be better prepared to discuss the issue at these meetings. He also stated that he would see what he can find out and they can discuss further at their next meeting.

Committee member Bell did state that she has been in contact with the Building Department about the ongoing problems at this construction site, and how she feels there needs be a tighter ordinance created for staff to be able enforce.

- **Chairman Perman** – Spoke of her continued concerns she has about the different types of electric transportation being used throughout the city and the need for new policies, because she is seeing all the different types in the bike lanes, on the sidewalks and in the streets and no one seems to know the proper operating procedures.

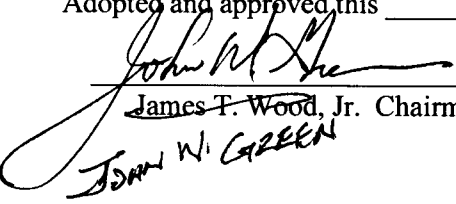
Chairman Wood explained there is a workshop scheduled for July 13th for some of the topics she is concerned about.

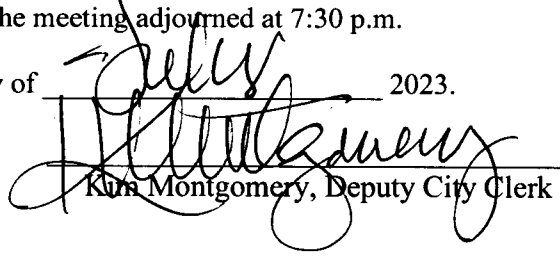
Committee member Bell spoke of the State Statue for bicycle light requirements. As well as helmets requirements for a certain age group that is never enforced and feels this committee should address this in the future.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 18th day of July 2023.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk