

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
John Green	James T. Wood, Jr.	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Tom Weidenhamer	Marcie Bell	Michael Burgess PW Director
John Stephens		JT Hart PW Deputy Director
Sam Perman		Ryan Scott, City Engineer
Curtis Smith		

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion to change the order of the day to hear the public comment first was made by Committee member Stephens with Vice Chairman Green providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 9, 2023 Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Committee member Stephens, seconded by Vice Chairman Green, the motion passed 5-0.**
- June 14, 2023 Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Committee member Stephens, seconded by Vice Chairman Green, the motion passed 5-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol McIvor

Mrs. McIvor, 4718 Sea Star Vista explained the HOA has received the approval from City Council to assist in the grant funding for the necessary boring under Scenic Hwy. 98 and thanked staff and the committee members for their assistance in making that happen, as it is crucial for several homeowners in both neighborhoods.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Committee Volunteer Member Training - Sandy Trammell

Mrs. Trammell mentioned to the members that she would prefer to present after item C, City Mobility Plan Review so that the others would not have to sit through her presentation.

Motion by Committee member Stephens to change the order of the agenda to have Lamar Advertising to be pushed up ahead of Sandy Trammell's Committee Volunteer Member Training, with Chairman Green providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

B) Lamar Advertising Proposal

Mr. Stephen Stanford, 5728 Sparkleberry Lane, Pensacola, Florida Lamar Advertising spoke to the members about his company, who currently has 12 billboards combined in the city and county, with one already being digital. He explained their intention is to convert them all to digital, and there are currently four located in the harbor district. He spoke of how also, as part of the agreement, they would allow the city to have one of the screens on their signs to push information out to the citizens. He mentioned how their signs helped the people out tremendously in wake of the Hurricane Ian storm event and afterwards once power was restored to them.

In discussion, Committee member Perman spoke of the Aqua Alerts that were implemented after a person was never recovered from going out into the Gulf of Mexico on a paddleboard. She also stated that to her, one of the billboards should stay in the Harbor District for that very reason and to get information out to the citizens and tourists that are living and staying in the west side of the city.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend to City Council to support the plan to remove the indicated signs as presented, support the use of digital signage and the city being able to use the last slot, based on the number of sold slots.

Committee member Perman amended the motion to add, **retain one sign in the Harbor District specifically the one next to the Destin Bridge located on 1 Harbor Blvd. Committee member Weidenhamer provided the second to the amended motion.**

Committee member Stephens stated that he has concerns because now it sounds like they are adding an additional sign to the agreement and feels that should be a decision by Council and Lamar to figure out.

Committee member Smith stated that since they are just recommending to City Council, they should leave the decision up to Council on which sign is left in the western part of the city, since that is the densest part of Destin.

Vice Chairman Green made an amendment to the amended motion that the consideration by the Public Works Safety Committee is that it is a safety concern and a publication opportunity to notify the locals in west Destin, with Committee member Weidenhamer. The motion passed 6-0.

The motion reads, "To support the plan to remove the indicated signs as presented, support the use of digital signage with the city being able to use the last slot, based on the number of sold slots. To retain one sign in the Harbor District by consideration of the Public

Works Safety Committee, because it is a safety concern and a publication opportunity to notify the locals in west Destin.”

C) City Mobility Plan Review

Regarding the Linear Park development plans, Mr. Scott spoke of how staff needs to streamline the project and asked the members if they would be onboard with working with the Town Center CRA Advisory Committees and the Parks & Recreation Committee to have workshops to fast track this, in order to implement everyone’s ideas so they can start on the design for the plans. The members agreed.

He then informed the committee that staff and the consultants, 3TP Ventures, are working to implement the Mobility Plan as part of the new LDC rewrite, which will eliminate the current MMTD Plan, as well as the Transportation Impact fee and create a new Mobility Impact fee. He explained that staff will be sending out an email, asking them to rank what they feel is the most important to the least before their next meeting in August and discuss them at that meeting prior to staff presenting it to Council. Additionally, a public workshop is scheduled on August 29th at 5:30 PM on the subject. He then provided a short presentation on the draft Mobility Plan and what is needed throughout the city.

D) Committee Work Plan Review – Sandy Trammell

Mrs. Trammell explained to the members the importance of understanding the framework of how to create their annual workplans and how they should be filled out, which they are all should be familiar with doing. She then touched on the following:

- Committee Handbook
- Code of Ethics
- Robert’s Rules of Order
- Government in the Sunshine
- Work Plans

E) Committee Work Plan Review – Mr. Hart asked for the members to review the workplans and they will be discussed at their next meeting.

F) ADA Transition Plan for Pedestrian Facilities, Draft Report and

Mr. Burgess explained Council was updated on the status at their June 11, 2023, meeting by Baskerville Donovan, who broke out into groups and performed a citywide sidewalk and pedestrian infrastructure surveys in the city in 2020, to identify deficiencies in the network. Additionally, staff is working on a transition plan for all the pedestrian facilities in order to bring them up to code with the ADA Act. The teams identified the following:

- Cross slopes
- Running Slopes
- Size of curb ramps

- Openings in gaps of sidewalks
- The clear Width
- Detectible Warning Devices

Priority Locations:

- Priority One
 - Government Buildings
 - Public Transportation
- Priority Two
 - Beach Access Locations
 - Recreational Facilities
- Priority Three
 - All other locations

Mr. Burgess explained this is a very large undertaking and most likely will take about 10 years or so to get it all updated.

Motion by Committee member Smith, seconded by Committee member Stephens to support staff's work on the ADA Transition Plan.

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

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

➤ **Public Works Update (May/Jun 2023)**

• **Departmental Update**

Vacancies:

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

❖ **Operational Update**

Recent & Upcoming Council Agenda Items

- Jun 5 – Regular City Council Meeting/Approved/Authorized
 - Resurfacing of Community Center & OCSD parking lots
 - Resurfacing/Restriping of Vintage Circle/Court
- Jun 20 – Regular City Council Meeting/Approved/Authorized
 - Voted for Lamar Advertising Presentation to be rerouted through committees.

❖ **Project Update**

- US98 Median Improvements (SR293 to County Line) – imminent
- Resurfacing/Restriping of Vintage Circle/Court – scheduling
- H&T Main St speed hump installation – complete
- Tymco 600ss Street Sweeper purchase approved – processing
- 6 Pedestrian crosswalk light sets (12 total) – ordered
- New Dump Truck – Oct 2023

❖ **Emergency Management Update**

➤ **Operational Update**

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

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ **Stormwater Public Input**

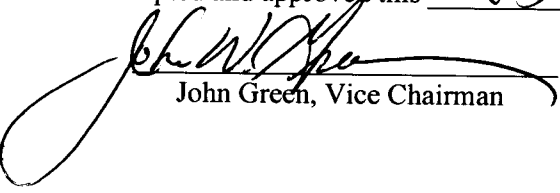
There was no one in the audience to speak on the matter.

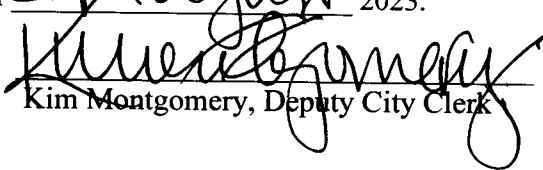
➤ **Member Comments: None**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 15th day of August 2023.


John Green, Vice Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk