

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: September 12, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting was made by Committee member Perman with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Main Street Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Councilwoman Terésa Hebert

Councilwoman Hebert spoke to the committee members about how she feels that the cross walk at the Main Street Park needs to be raised. She explained how she runs daily and constantly witnesses people standing at the flashing signal trying to cross over to the Main Street Park and how people driving through that general vicinity are going too fast and don't stop for pedestrians like they are supposed to, and how dangerous it is for those people trying to cross.

Chairman Wood asked Mr. Burgess if the crosswalk has been repainted. According to Mr. Burgess it was done about 2-3 weeks ago.

Committee member Smith asked if a speed study has been conducted yet, Mr. Burgess stated that one has not been done for this general area.

Committee member Green recommends a speed study be done for the area adding that he lives in the general vicinity and sees how everyone drives too fast through the area of concern.

Committee member Smith also spoke of his concern of the sidewalk connection and how it would need to be addressed for ADA compliance standpoint for tripping hazards as well as

stormwater drainage.

Committee member Weidenhamer made the motion to have a raised speed table installed at the pedestrian crosswalk at Main Street and North Lakeside Drive with Chairman Wood providing the second. In discussion, Committee member Smith asked staff to look closely at the area for safety purposes of the sidewalk tying into the raise pedestrian speed table.

Committee member Green amended the motion to add, to have the Engineering Department review the request to ensure that all the requirements for the installation of a speed table are met, to include ADA sidewalk connection and stormwater. The motion passed 6-0.

B) Re-Surfacing Projects for FY24 (consideration and recommendation to Council)

- Legion Dr - Airport to Beach
- Main Street - US 98 to Airport
- Calhoun Ave - US 98 to Cross
- Matthew Blvd by The Henderson to Scenic 98 and a short section John by the church.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend City Council approval of staff's recommendations to resurface Legion Dr Airport to Beach, Main Street US 98 to Airport, Calhoun Ave US 98 to Cross, and a short section of Matthew Blvd and John Avenue. Committee member Green provided the second and the motion passed 6-0.

C) Sidewalk Rehab Update

Mr. Burgess briefed the members on the recent sidewalks rehabilitation project that were repaired.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A.) Four Prong Lake Drainage Pump – City Engineer, Ryan Scott

Mr. Scott explained that he is still waiting for Gator Boring to submit the plans for the review process as well as obtaining the necessary temporary construction easements as well as easements through the County's property to be able to maintain the pipe.

B) ADA Plan Update

Mr. Burgess explained that the ADA Plan was adopted by Resolution by City Council and Baskerville Donovan is compiling the data set and transferring it to GIS for an Asset and Management System Database. When the repairs are made, the information can be added to the database, and all of this should be ready to implement by the end of the calendar year.

Public Works and Emergency Management Update

C) Stormwater Rehab Update:

Mr. Burgess briefed the members on the current status of the projects.

1. Juanita Avenue
2. Calhoun Ave at Hickory Street
3. Benning Drive at Bay Ct
4. Benning Drive at Sibert
5. 541 Sibert Avenue

Four remaining roads:

1. Country Club at Cahaba
2. Indian Bayou Dr at Welaka
3. Okeechobee Ct
4. Pahokee Lane

D) Stormwater/Floodplain Management Issues from the Committee or Public

Chairman Wood opened the public portion of the meeting for comment. With no one coming forward, he closed this portion of the public for the subject.

E) Dolphin Pointe Condominiums – Removal of Public Parking

Mr. Scott explained to the members that this is back before them because the applicant has determined that they also need to vacate a portion of the city right-of-way they have always maintained which this would also allow for them to add a gate within the maintained area.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend the City Council approve the removal of the public parking spaces along the northwest right-of-way of Moreno Point Road, with the understanding that Dolphin Point will request a Vacation of right-of-way through the Vacation of right-a-way process outlined in the Land Development Code at a later date, with Committee member Perman providing the second.

In discussion, Committee member Green asked if the gate is going across the road or just the grass.

Alisa Belcher 30 Moreno Point Road explained that it will be attached to fencing and close across the roadway.

Committee member Smith spoke of the importance of providing enough turnaround for cars that travel towards their property and realize they can't access it and have to go back in the opposite direction. **With no further discussion, Chairman Wood called for the vote, and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.**

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Speed Study Analysis**

Mr. Scott informed the member staff is looking to gathering information to implement information into a database for the public to view on GIS Map. The information gathered for a speed study analysis is then implemented to get a better overall picture of issues in the city.

6. DISCUSSION:

➤ **Committee Member Discussion and Updates:**

A) Chairman Wood – Explained the 30% Design Plan for the Linear Park will be presented to them as well as the Parks & Recreation and the Town Center CRA Advisory Committee so that they can get a recommendation to Council before the end of the year and keep the project going smoothly.

B) Committee member Green – Asked if the streetlights along Airport Road are the LED lights similar to the ones that are Highway 98. Adding that it seems like they are not illuminating the roadway as they should on the residential side of the roadway, especially when it's raining.

➤ **Public Comment**

Mr. Russell Hendrick, 537 Sibert Ave. explained that a speed analysis was done on his street, but in September, which is the slowest time of the year. He explained that during the summer, people pulling boats and trailer fly down the roadway and the traffic is horrendous. In the study there was a vehicle clocked at over 60 mph. He and his neighbor across the street have put out signs alerting the public to slow down and asked staff to look into the area more closely. Adding that there are now 25 children that live on the street and spoke of how important it is to slow the traffic down in the immediate area because he feels that the average speed is about 45-55 mph.

Mr. Burgess explained the process for the hump policy and what the percentiles are that need to be met in order to qualify for them to go before City Council for approval. He additionally informed Mr. Hendrick that the area did not meet the threshold from the analysis.

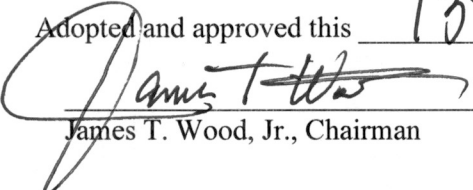
Chairman Wood informed staff that he would like to have another speed study analysis set up for the general area when the season start back up at the end of February in order to get a fair analysis done when there is heavier traffic going through the area. Mr. Burgess stated that he would schedule it.

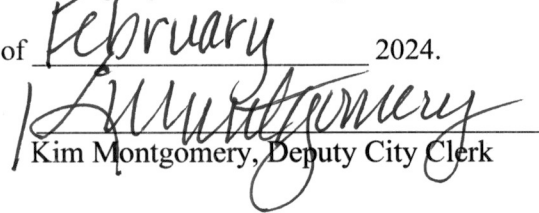
Committee member Perman suggested having the We Love Our Children signs erected in the general vicinity for something to possibly help right away.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this 13th day of February 2024.


James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk