

**REGULAR MEETING
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
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 Torey Geile

Councilmember Johnny King

Councilmember John Stephens

Councilmember Dewey Destin

Councilmember Jim Bagby

Councilmember Terésa Hebert

Destin City Staff

Interim City Manager Louis Zunguze

Principal Planner Steve O'Connor

Senior Planner Daniel Butler

City Engineer Ryan Scott

Public Information Director Tamara Young

City Attorney Kimberly Kopp

City Clerk Rey Bailey

Accountant Kamila Merrell

Code Compliance Troy Williams

Finance Director Krystal Strickland

IT Director Andy Peters

Grants/Projects Manager Jeffrey Cozadd

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Councilmember Bagby, seconded by Councilmember Hebert, to approve the agenda passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes"; Councilmember Schmidt was absent from the meeting).

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

A. Lamar Advertising Presentation

Mr. Stephen Sanford, Vice President/General Manager of Lamar Advertising, noted that since the proposal that they presented in June 2023 regarding the 11 billboards in the City of Destin, Lamar Advertising acquired another billboard company called Bill Salter Outdoor. With this acquisition, Lamar gained 700 billboard structures, two of the structures were within the City of Destin. He stated that the current proposal addresses the 11 structures within the City of Destin which Lamar initially proposed. The proposal is to take down 5 billboard structures and

keep the remaining 6 which they would convert to digital structures. The 11 structures have been in the city for decades and will continue to remain for decades regardless of the council's decision tonight.

Mr. Sanford, presented the following information:

Independent Engineering Analysis of Lamar Structures in Destin

Re: Billboard Longevity – Lifespan
13 locations – Destin, FL

Mr. Sanford,

As you know, Bennett & Pless is a 60-year-old structural engineering company. Our history is that of a single discipline; one of the largest purely structural engineering firms in the southeast with 8 locations throughout the region. We have been involved in the billboard and tower industry for approximately 50 of our 60 years. As I understand, you have 13 locations in the Destin, FL area and want our professional input regarding their longevity and lifespan.

To start the conversation, it is important to realize that steel does not deteriorate or break down without external forces, such as water, oxygen, etc. By far, water and oxygen combine to cause the biggest battle, rust. However, with maintenance, it is easy to provide a barrier to prevent water and oxygen from reaching the steel and causing damage. In fact, many of our older billboards and towers are in very good shape regardless of the location. To summarize my professional opinion, with proper maintenance, billboards constructed with steel really do not have a limited lifespan and can last longer than anyone can accurately predict.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Ireland, PE (Florida PE License #85084)
Principal
Bennett & Pless Inc.

City of Destin Digital Advertising

- One slot on six (6) digital panels to be used by the City of Destin
- All artwork and schedule changes are to be provided at no cost.
- Market Value of 6 digital slots for a year = \$180,000.

Partnering with Lamar (Lannie Corbin, City Manager, City of Niceville)

“This partnership has greatly benefited our city since 2003, and I believe it would be valuable for Destin to consider a similar arrangement.”

“Since the establishment of the cooperative agreement, Niceville has experienced significant advantages:

- Community Engagement and Information Dissemination
- Aesthetically Pleasing and Well-Maintained Infrastructure
- Support for Non-profits”

Partnering with Lamar (Richard A. Rynearson, Mayor, City of Fort Walton Beach)

“For over fifteen years, Lamar’s billboards have helped increase visibility about various events throughout the City of Fort Walton Beach, which contributed significantly to our ongoing public awareness campaign.”

“(Lamar)... have been very responsive to the City’s marketing needs and the Public Relations Division uses your services for all city departments to promote events and public safety messages and alerts.”

“Lamar Advertising has loyally represented the City’s marketing initiatives that have provided prosperous results that Fort Walton Beach continues to savor. I offer my recommendation that the City of Destin use your services for their advertising and marketing needs that will surely have a positive impact on their great city.”

Partnering with Lamar (Kevin Guthrie, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management)

“The Florida Division of Emergency Management thanks you for your generosity and service during Southwest Florida’s time of need in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. With so many families and businesses displaced, Lamar Advertising serves as a reassuring and familiar presence in the community to provide residents with the information they need to begin their recovery.

The Division is grateful for partners like Lamar Advertising that care for their communities, and we will not forget the dedication and kindness you have shown to Floridians during this difficult time.”

Lamar Destin Pensacola EMS Messaging

6,054

Plays of Amber Alerts have run locally on Lamar Digital Displays in 2023

3,135

Plays of FEMA Emergency Messages have run locally on Lamar Digital Displays in 2023

AMBER ALERTS

- Lamar partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in 2007.
- Amber Alerts are posted within seconds of being activated and removed within seconds of being canceled.
- Amber Alerts display on locations in the targeted zip codes provided by NCMEC.

FEMA ALERTS

- Our partnership with FEMA began in 2012.
- At that time, we mostly provided information to the public after a major Hurricane or other severe act of nature.
- In January of 2022, we implemented a fully automated alert system using FEMA's Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS).
- Since then, local weather warnings, civil emergency messaging, traffic incidents, public safety alerts, etc. are posted automatically in the target areas based on the FIPS codes of each display.
- FEMA Alerts run for as long as the alert is active on the FEMA website.

FBI ALERTS

- Since 2009, Lamar has worked with both the National FBI office as well as the Regional offices around the country.
- The FBI reaches out to Lamar with the information needed for the creative.
- This information is confidential until made public.
- Once the creative is reviewed and approved by the FBI, we reach out to the specific Lamar plants servicing the targeted area(s) provided by the FBI.
- In more severe cases and at the direction of the FBI, we will ask for nationwide coverage where space is available.

DIGITAL BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

— ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF —

On February 6th, William Boyette and Mary Rice came into Escambia County and brought fear into our community after allegedly murdering a Beulah mother-of-two, Kayla Crocker. They committed this crime after allegedly murdering two women in Santa Rosa County and one in Baldwin County, Alabama. On February 7th, William Boyette and Mary Rice's weeklong crime spree was ended in Troup County, Georgia. Their capture was due in part to the exploitation of these suspects through the sharing of their photos on billboards across the Northwest Florida region, Alabama and into Georgia.

Lamar Advertising, and specifically, Account Executive Mitch Esser, Sales Manager David McDuff and General Manager Randy Oxenham, went above and beyond the call for help in the ECSO's pursuit of Boyette and Rice. Photos of Boyette and Rice were not only posted on our contracted billboards, but also on electronic billboards throughout the region that were donated by Lamar Advertising. They assured us they would do everything, including posting their photos throughout the nation, if need be, to capture Mary Rice and William Boyette.

For their cooperation in pursuit of these killers, and keeping the safety of our community as a top priority, Randy Oxenham, David McDuff, Mitch Esser are awarded this Civilian Service Medal on this 23rd day of March, 2017.

DIGITAL BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

"The cases with the random killings like the Boyette case are the ones you fear. Protection of the public is my responsibility and we knew we could instantly change the digital billboards that we had with Lamar, so that's what we did. Lamar understood the problem we had on our hands and were behind Law Enforcement 100%. Lamar volunteered their services to help in every way to capture William Boyette." - **Sheriff David Morgan**

"The tip that led to the apprehension of Boyette and Rice came from a driver that saw the suspect's car description on the digital billboard. To say that Lamar Advertising was a small part of capturing William Boyette would be an understatement. The real time response with these digital billboards is within 10 minutes. With All the different forms of media we use, there is no other media with a response that quick." - **Sheriff David Morgan**

"Not only were our digital billboards pivotal in capturing Mary Rice and stopping William Boyette, but they are also a phenomenal tool to help the community know what is going on. I would highly recommend advertising on digital billboards with Lamar Advertising, to any Law Enforcement Agency around. This is an important tool to add to the toolbox!" - **Sheriff David Morgan**



Councilmember Geile spoke in favor of the proposal from Lamar Advertising stating that digital signage could be a very useful tool for public safety as well as for city staff putting information out to the public.

Councilmember Geile moved to accept Lamar Advertising's proposal to remove 5 billboards and convert 6 billboards to digital; seconded by Councilmember King.

Mayor Wagner pointed out that out of the list of letters of support for Lamar Advertising, he could only find two that are from inside the City of Destin, which led him to believe that the businesses that would benefit from advertising do business outside of the city and are looking to advertise within the city. He expressed his non-support for the proposal.

Councilmember Destin declared that he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest as one of Lamar's billboards is located on his property making them his tenant.

Councilmember Hebert recommends removing one of the two newly acquired billboards since they are located very close to each other anyway, and it could help in their effort to beautify Destin with their undergrounding project.

Mr. Sanford stated that Lamar should be able to accommodate that request. They would remove 6 billboards, convert 6 billboards to digital, and one will be static.

Mayor Wagner asked whether the code allows maintenance on the structures.

The City Attorney explained that the code does not allow maintenance on the structure part, but only on the sign itself.

Councilmember Bagby noted that this matter was only scheduled for presentation and not to be voted upon. They could either continue this matter to the next council meeting or allow public input before they vote on it tonight.

Councilmember King noted that he supports the proposal for the sake of public safety, but he would prefer to see both newly acquired billboards removed.

Councilmember Stephens offered a substitute motion to accept the proposal to remove 6 billboards, to convert 6 billboards to digital, and one will be static; seconded by Councilmember Hebert.

Councilmember Bagby noted that he was never in favor of billboards even during his earlier terms as council member because it was never part of the council's vision for the city which is undergrounding the utilities and getting rid of visual clutter.

At this time, the mayor opened the floor for public comments with regards to the matter being considered.

A Destin resident spoke in favor of Lamar's proposal stating that getting rid of some of the billboards and making the others digital is a good deal considering that these billboards will not go away any time soon as they are built to last for a long time.

Ms. Sandy Trammell, a Destin resident, stated that she was also a member of the council when this subject matter first came about. They needed the billboards then because they did not have the various modes of communications that they have now. She would prefer to have all billboards throughout the city removed.

Ms. Tammy Weidenhamer, a Destin resident, commented that having all the digital billboards can be quite distracting for motorists driving back and forth on Hwy 98, which will not be helpful considering all the accidents they have had on that highway.

Mr. Scott Remington from Lamar Advertising noted that according to the sign ordinance, no signs can be structurally altered to increase its life, however, every year they could do repairs to the structure as long as repairs and replacement do not exceed 25 percent of the value of the structure.

The City Attorney read the following statement from the sign ordinance: *"No non-conforming sign shall be structurally altered to prolong the life of the sign, but work may be done in any period of twelve (12) consecutive months on ordinary repairs, or on repair and replacement of non-structural components to an extent not exceeding twenty-five (25) percent of the current replacement cost of the non-conforming sign."*

Mr. Remington also stated that the signs have lived through at least 4 hurricanes, and they will not fall over as they are structurally sound; adding that this is the only chance that this council or future council will have the chance to reduce the number of signs in the city.

Having no further comments from the public, the mayor closed the public comments portion and sent the matter back to the council for further discussion and a vote on the motion on the floor.

Councilmember King offered a motion to table this item to afford more time to review and consider the information they received tonight; seconded by Councilmember Hebert.

Some members of the council would like to have further discussion on this issue, and a motion to table would not allow it.

Councilmember King withdrew his motion to table to allow further discussions on this matter.

There were various proposals made as to which billboards to be removed and which to convert to digital.

Councilmember Hebert expressed that not accepting Lamar's proposal and waiting for the billboards to fall apart may be the wrong move as it may not happen for at least another 50 years.

Councilmember Geile agreed emphasizing that if they reject Lamar's proposal, all the existing billboards will remain at their current condition.

There were some questions as to the type of maintenance that is allowed on the signs.

According to Principal Planner Steve O'Connor, the city should allow maintenance of the signs otherwise, it could be considered negligence. However, based on tonight's conversation, the focus seemed to be on the pole that holds up the sign when the term structure is used. The pole may be the main structure, but there are other structural elements to the billboard sign. There is a structure behind the sign face, which if damaged or destroyed cannot be replaced.

Councilmember King moved to table this matter to the next council meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

The mayor called for a vote on the substitute motion made by Councilmember Stephens, which passed 3-2 (Council members Hebert, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes"; Council members King and Bagby voted "no"; Councilmember Destin abstained from voting; Councilmember Schmidt was absent from the meeting).

The City Attorney noted that tonight's council approval was a philosophical approval and not a contract approval. The proposed contract has not had a legal review, and so it will be dealt with accordingly and then it will be presented to the council.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Reimbursement for Mayor Bobby Wagner for expenses incurred while attending the Florida League of Mayors and Legislative Actions Days from January 28 – February 1, 2024, in Tallahassee, Florida.
- B. Reimbursement for Mayor Bobby Wagner for expenses incurred while attending the Florida League of Cities Leadership Class I from February 8-10, 2024, at Orlando,

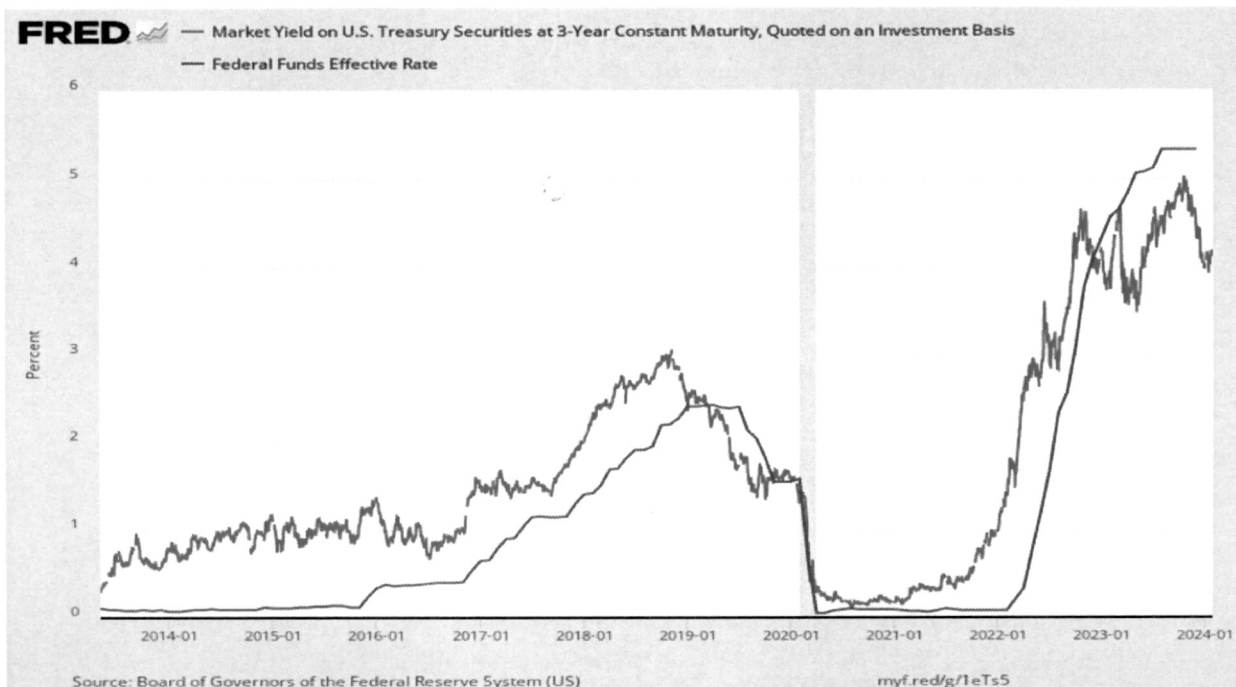
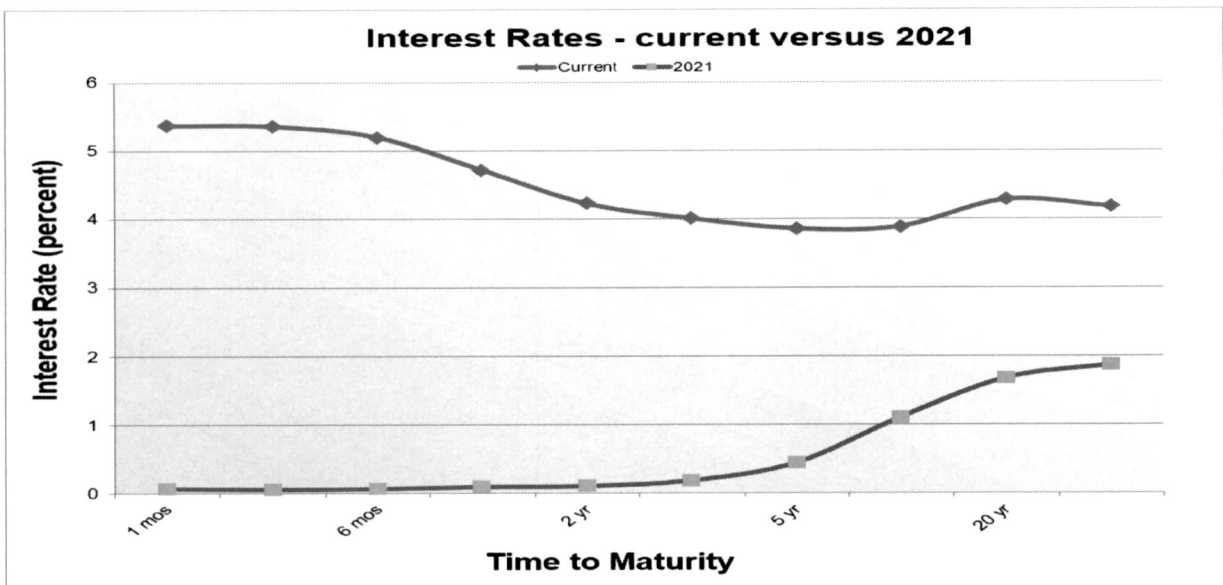
Florida.

C. Approval of minutes of January 22, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Hebert, seconded by Councilmember King, to approve Consent Agenda items 3A through 3C, as printed above, passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted “yes”).

4. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

A. Raymond James Presentation - Current Interest Rate Environment



Performance Analysis Summary



The Cumulative Return is charted above.

	QTD 9/30/23 12/31/23	Last 12 Months 12/31/22 12/31/23	Last 3 Years* 12/31/20 12/31/23	Since Inception* 5/03/13 12/31/23
City of Destin	3.09%	4.73%	(0.57%)	1.02%
ICE BofA 1-Yr US Treas	1.80%	4.83%	1.23%	1.13%
S&P 500 Total Return Indx	11.69%	26.29%	10.00%	12.81%
Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bd	6.82%	5.53%	(3.31%)	1.44%

Inception Date: 5/3/13

**Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.*

The city's financial advisors from Raymond James explained the current interest rate environment and how the city's strategy reduces risk and increases safe keeping of their funds.

B. Quarterly Investment Report - Informational Only.

The current quarterly investment report with schedules showing the current status of the city investment accounts with Raymond James. The Raymond James report included a listing of investments by type with their book and market values as of the report date, as well as portfolio activity during the period.

C. Mobility Plan - Project Priority List

According to the City Engineer, staff have been working with 3TP Ventures, Inc. to create a Mobility Plan for the city to adopt and update the Transportation Concurrency requirements (Transportation Impact Fees) as part of the new Land Development Code rewrite project. After an intensive review and analysis of the city's streets, intersections, and sidewalks, a draft version of the projects to be included in the plan was presented to the public during a public workshop held on August 29, 2023. Staff also presented their recommendations and received feedback from Public Works/Safety Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Local Planning Agency. Staff is requesting city council direction on the priorities prior to bringing the draft Mobility Plan forth for adoption.

Mr. Tim Whaler of 3TP Ventures, Inc. presented the following information:

Mobility Plan Purpose

1. Ensure proper maintenance of the transportation network through 2050.
2. Identify and address safety issues.
3. Increase options for walking and biking.
4. Establish an up-to-date mobility fee that supports project implementation.

Key Transportation Issues

1. Safety
2. Level of Service
3. Network Connectivity

Categories

1. Cross Town Connector (*7 projects*)
2. New Street Connections (*7 projects*)
3. Bicycle/Pedestrian/Multi-Use Paths (*32 projects*)
4. Community Parking (*3 projects*)
5. Intersection Enhancements (*16 projects*)

Prioritization Process

1. Staff benefit score
2. Public input
3. Advisory committee input

Phase	Estimated Total Cost	Project Types			
		Sidewalk, Bike and Path	New Street Connection	Community Parking	Intersection Enhancement
Phase 1 2024 – 2032	\$61.8 million	2	3	1	2
Phase 2 2033 – 2041	\$40.2 million	21	7	1	6
Phase 3 2042 – 2050	\$48.0 million	9	4	1	8
Total	\$150 million	32	14	3	16

 CITY OF DESTIN FLORIDA Recommended Mobility Projects by Phase								
PRIORITIZATION INPUTS					PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS		PROJECT DETAILS	
Benefit Score	Public Input Score	Committee Input - Top Projects			ID	Project	Cost Estimate	Phase
		LPA	PW/PS	Parks				
5	5	Y	Y		NC-4	98 Palms Boulevard	\$ 9,149,623	1
3	5	Y	Y		MU-1	Powerline easement (west) Multi-use Path	\$ 10,000,000	1
1	5	Y	Y		NC-5	Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard	\$ 844,581	1
5	5		Y		IS-1	Stahlman Avenue at Zerbe St & Harbor Blvd	\$ 135,828	1
N	5				CC-4	Azalea Drive Extension	\$ 9,632,529	1
1	5	y	y		IS-8	Calhoun Avenue at Sibert Ave	\$ 19,399	1
5	5	y	y		CP-1	Zerbe Street Public Parking Lot	\$ 31,772,869	1
1	5	Y	Y	Y	SW-9	Indian Trail Sidewalk	\$ 278,099	1



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Recommended Mobility Projects by Phase

PRIORITIZATION INPUTS					PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS		PROJECT DETAILS	
Benefit Score	Public Input Score	Committee Input - Top Projects			ID	Project	Cost Estimate	Phase
		LPA	PW/PS	Parks				
5	3	y	Y	Y	CP-2	Marler Street Public Parking Lot	\$ 18,442,179	2
5	5		y	Y	MU-3	Gulf Shore Drive Multi-use Path	\$ 557,162	2
1	5		y	Y	BL-8	Indian Bayou Trail Bicycle Lanes	\$ 541,324	2
3	5	Y	y		IS-11	Main Street at Kelly Street	\$ 240,253	2
1	5				SW-12	Main Street Sidewalk	\$ 269,815	2
3	5				SW-13	Restaurant Row Sidewalk	\$ 58,460	2
5	5	y	y		MU-6	Powerline easement (east) Multi-use Path	\$ 1,941,257	2
3	3		y		MU-2	Gulf Shore Drive Multi-Use Path	\$ 298,017	2
1	1		y		SW-10	Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard (northern) Sidewalk	\$ 222,801	2
3	1	y		Y	SW-11	Mountain Drive Sidewalk	\$ 674,700	2
5	1		Y	Y	BL-4	Beach Drive Bicycle Lanes	\$ 573,455	2
3	1		y	Y	BL-7	Scenic 98 (west)/Restaurant Row Bicycle Lanes	\$ 2,286,414	2
1	1	y	y		MU-7	West of Twin Lakes	\$ 286,485	2
5	1	y	Y		IS-3	Legion Drive/Airport Road at Main Street	\$ 631,990	2
N	3				CC-7	Commons Drive	\$ 1,130,271	2
5	1		y	Y	BL-1	Sibert Avenue Bicycle Lanes	\$ 600,696	2
5	1	y	y		IS-4	Airport Road at Commons Drive	\$ 66,983	2
N	3				CC-2	Stahman Avenue	\$ 2,327,859	2
3	1			Y	SW-2	Sibert Avenue Sidewalk	\$ 419,030	2
1	1		y		SW-4	Zerbe Street Sidewalk	\$ 103,606	2
3	1			Y	BL-5	Gulf Shore Drive Bicycle Lanes	\$ 257,042	2
1	1		y		IS-6	Benning Drive at Sibert Ave, 1st St, and 4th St	\$ 1,201,471	2
N	3				CC-1	Stahman Avenue	\$ 276,915	2
N	3				CC-5	Legion Drive	\$ 1,116,415	2
5	1	y		Y	NC-3	Indian Bayou North Extension	\$ 1,857,605	2
1	1	y	y	Y	NC-7	John Avenue	\$ 866,882	2
3	1		y		SW-1	Sibert Avenue Sidewalk	\$ 105,269	2
3	1	y	y		IS-2	Stahman Avenue at Azalea Dr	\$ 123,159	2
3	1	y			IS-5	Commons Drive at Indian Bayou Trail	\$ 38,798	2
1	1				SW-8	Hickory Street Sidewalk	\$ 79,613	2
1	N/A				SW-14	Town Hall Pedestrian Access	\$ 100,763	2
3	N/A				MU-8	Indian Trail - Destin High School Multi-Use Path	\$ 1,312,697	2
5	1		y	Y	MU-5	Dolphin Street/Regatta Bay Boulevard Bicycle Lanes and Multi-use Path	\$ 453,504	2
3	1				NC-1	Pine Street	\$ 743,042	2
1	1				SW-5	Pine Street Sidewalk	\$ 31,082	2

 CITY OF DESTIN FLORIDA Recommended Mobility Projects by Phase								
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Benefit Score	Public Input Score	Committee Input - Top Projects			ID	Project	Cost Estimate	Phase
		LPA	PW/PS	Parks				
1	1	y	y		CP-3	Crystal Beach Parking Lot (FPL easement)	\$ 1,501,500	3
5	1	Y	Y	Y	NC-6	Sunchase Boulevard	\$ 17,313,901	3
3	1				BL-9	Crystal Beach Drive Bicycle Lanes	\$ 352,036	3
3	1		y		BL-10	Scenic 98 (east) Bicycle Lanes	\$ 9,673,289	3
5	1		y	Y	MU-4	Crystal Beach Drive Multi-use Path	\$ 408,154	3
N	3				CC-6	Airport Road	\$ 4,143,607	3
1	1				BL-3	Stahlman Avenue Bicycle Lanes	\$ 360,417	3
3	1		y		BL-6	Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard (N) Bicycle Lanes	\$ 185,377	3
N	3				CC-3	Azalea Drive	\$ 8,725,686	3
5	1				BL-2	Forest Street Bicycle Lanes	\$ 85,215	3
1	1		y		IS-7	Stahlman Avenue at Kelly Street	\$ 1,062,945	3
1	1		y		SW-6	Stahlman Avenue Sidewalk	\$ 123,461	3
1	1	y	y		IS-9	Calhoun Avenue at Kelly St	\$ 20,668	3
3	1	y	y		IS-10	Main Street at 98 Palms Blvd	\$ 566,135	3
1	1		y		IS-12	Scenic 98 East at Matthew Blvd	\$ 791,371	3
3	1				IS-15	Gulf Shore Drive at Moreno Point Rd	\$ 9,217	3
1	1				IS-16	Gulf Shore Drive at Norriego Rd	\$ 9,217	3
3	1	y	y		NC-2	Sailfish Drive	\$ 619,202	3
3	1				SW-3	Sibert Avenue Sidewalk	\$ 255,506	3
3	1				SW-7	Stahlman Avenue Sidewalk	\$ 169,656	3
1	1				IS-13	Scenic 98 East at Shirah St	\$ 791,371	3
1	1		y		IS-14	Scenic 98 East at Pompano St	\$ 791,371	3

Next Steps

1. Endorse prioritization recommendation/Seeking final city council feedback tonight before adoption.
2. City Council adoption of Mobility Plan as soon as final comments are addressed.
3. Calculate proposed Mobility Fee.
4. City Council adoption of Mobility Fee.

Councilmember Destin expressed concern with all of the projects totaling over \$150 million being grouped together as a priority and base their transportation impact fee on that amount; adding that \$150 million is about ten times the amount they project to spend undergrounding the utilities.

Mr. Whaler clarified that the Mobility Plan represents all of the needed projects in the network, not necessarily all the projects that should be included in the mobility fee because it is geared only towards the ones needed for future development. He added that all of the projects will go through the Capital Improvements Program, and so this prioritization is a generalized prioritization.

The City Engineer added that things are broken down into 3 phases, and that fees can be looked at and recalculated after each phase is completed. At this time, they need the council's

direction as to what phase 1 should look like and then staff would come back with a fee schedule.

According to Councilmember Bagby, they can switch priorities around and even group these priorities into several phases, but they need to have the money to do all these improvements. They need to identify the revenue stream to do the projects that the public and their committees considered the priorities.

Councilmember Destin moved to direct staff to schedule a council workshop within the next 6 weeks to obtain feedback from the public on the proposed priority list of projects and to get the Public Works/Safety Committee's opinion with regards to the list; seconded by Councilmember Bagby. Motion carried 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes").

D. TDC FY25 Expenditure Plans for the promotion of tourism

The city's Projects, Grants and Contracts Manager announced that the TDC has asked municipalities to request their allocation of the 12.5% set aside through the submission of Expenditures Plans. After TDC review, they plan to bring the recommended projects to the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners for approval and inclusion in their FY25 budget. The FY25 funding allocations available for Destin are \$1,996,987. Expenditure Plans must comply with the Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County, the Tourist Development Plan, and the Florida State Statute. The City of Destin' portion of the "12.5% set aside" funds are committed to Destin, and cannot be used for other TDC projects.

After some discussion, Councilmember Hebert moved to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the Expenditure Plans for the following projects:

- **Advance Funding Agreement Payment - \$750,000 (this is a required annual payment due to the TDC as documented in the interlocal agreement between the city and county for beach park development.**
- **Crystal Beach Park Development - \$1,000,000 (to meet requirements of Beach Development Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County)**
- **Beach and Boardwalk Operations - \$700,000.**

Councilmember King provided a second to the motion, which passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes").

E. US-98 & Palms Street Intersection Improvements – For Information Only.

The City Engineer announced that FDOT is in the process of designing the US-98 and Palms Street Intersection Improvements project and has reached out to city staff to ask questions or provide comments. The intent of this project is to add an eastbound right-turn lane, shift the westbound left-turn lane to provide better sight distance for motorists, add a new traffic signal, and provide pedestrian signals and lighting for crosswalk. Additional right-of-way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur in Spring 2025. City staff will compile any comments/suggestions from the committee and city council and respond appropriately.

F. City of Destin Vulnerability Assessment DEP Grant Agreement 23LN64 – Amendment #1

The city's Projects, Grants and Contracts Manager informed the council that this Vulnerability Assessment funded by the FDEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection will identify critical assets the city has that are at risk of sea level rise and flooding. Critical assets include transportation and evacuation routes, critical infrastructure, critical community and emergency facilities, and natural, cultural, and historic resources.

He stated that the city submitted an additional funding request on August 10, 2023. FDEP notified the city on December 18, 2023, that the additional funding request was approved and an additional \$156,000 was awarded. With the additional funding, the study will now provide a Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment and an initial Adaptation Plan, providing an initial framework for the city, and guidance for next steps, post the study's completion. Additional funding will also provide sufficient resources for a second round of public engagement to allow the community to be educated on the results of the study. Additionally, this funding allows the city to work independently of the county's study. While Okaloosa County was also awarded a similar county-wide grant last year, to the City's knowledge, this work has not yet commenced. The final Critical Asset database will be submitted to DEP so that the County has consistent information for their database submitted to DEP. The results of the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment can be used to inform the existing county Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and be utilized during the planning process of future county LMS Plan updates.

Councilmember Bagby moved to authorize the City Manager to accept the FDEP Grant Agreement 23LN64 – Amendment #1 and to execute this agreement and return it to the FDEP for their execution. In addition, the council to adopt the proposed budget amendment to increase grant revenue and grant expenditure by \$156,000 for FY 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hebert and passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted “yes”).

G. Pickleball Courts - Budget Amendment

The City Engineer noted that staff presented the 30% pickleball plans to City Council on February 5, 2024, at which time the council directed the City Manager to work with staff and Jenkins Engineering to move forward to 60% plans with Option 4, which is 4 courts, all uncovered, with one set of bathrooms; and for staff to bring back at least two recommendations as to the source of funding for the additional \$25,160 in the 2024 budget. Staff came up with the following 2 options:

Option 1: Section 3.14 (a) of the City Charter allows council to make supplemental appropriations for the year if revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget become available. As of January 31, 2024, the General Fund demand deposit accounts at Trustmark have earned \$45,044.34 more in bank interest than was anticipated and budgeted. Staff recommend applying this excess earned funds towards the \$55,160 estimated need for the pickleball project and management thereof, with the remaining needed balance of \$10,115.66 coming from general fund and unreserved fund balance.

Option 2: Fund the additional need 100% from the General Fund balance.

According to the Finance Director, another option came up right before this council meeting started. The city has budgeted \$60,000 to conduct stormwater mitigation at Clement Taylor Park. That money was Okaloosa Half-Penny Infrastructure Surtax money that the council committed to stormwater projects, and pickleball is not a stormwater project. However, because it was a council commitment to spend those dollars on stormwater, the council also has the power to change their mind and reallocate those funds to a Parks and Recreation project instead, specifically, for pickleball courts since it is no longer needed for the stormwater project.

Councilmember Bagby moved to approve a budget amendment taking the money from the stormwater project at Clement Taylor Park that is no longer needed and apply it to this project for the anticipated construction costs along with the inclusion of Matrix into the project team. Councilmember Hebert provided a second to the motion, which passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted “yes”).

H. Operations Financial Report - Informational Only

I. Capital Project Status - Informational Only

J. TDC Monthly Report - Informational Only

K. Announcements

1. The city received a notice of concern from a citizen about the navigational light on the Jetty East from East Pass to the Gulf. The city staff has reached out to the U.S. Coast Guard, and they are working to remedy the situation.
2. The SRS kickoff meeting with staff on the Town Center CRA design is scheduled for this Friday, February 23rd.
3. The city council strategic visioning session is scheduled for Thursday, February 29th.
4. The public is invited to the inaugural Destin Hall of Fame Induction that will take place on Friday, March 1st, at 10 AM at the Destin Community Center. Sixteen boat captains will be honored.
5. The Destin Library is conducting a 10-week small business workshop starting Thursday, March 7th and will go on every Thursday evening for 10 weeks. The workshop is free and interested individuals are being encouraged to register.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Panhandle Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Ramanada LLC, is requesting approval for a Major Development Order, which includes the construction of a 64-unit boutique hotel, along with the associated site infrastructure, as well as a separate overflow parking lot for the SunDestin condominiums. The subject project is located at 1035 Highway 98 East (Parcel ID: 00-2S-22-0000-0024-001C), totaling approximately 9.18 acres.

The City Clerk Sworn in the following individuals for testimony:

- Principal Planner Steven O'Connor
- Senior Planner Daniel Butler
- Jim Slonina, Project Engineer, Panhandle Engineering, Inc.

The city's Principal Planner presented a brief overview of the project as outlined in the staff report. He stated that the development is providing an overflow parking lot to the Sundestin Condominium as part of an original parking agreement back in 2003. The agreement has been amended based on this development. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties detailing that both parties agree with the agreement and the development of this project. Staff have also received an updated photometric plan to reflect the revision to the lighting plan in response to the Memorandum of Understanding.

The mayor opened a public hearing to receive comments for or against the proposed development.

Attorney Brian Montague, representing the Sundestin International Condominium Owners Association Inc., confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties involved has been signed and they have no objections to the development as long as the following conditions are met.

- Acceptance of the changes to Sheet 12 of the plan that increases the thickness of the accessory parking pavement detail from 4 inches to 6 inches.
- Acceptance to the photometric component to reflect the revision to the lighting plan upon review by city staff to make sure it meets the code requirements.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the applicant and SunDestin Condominium Association to be notarized and recorded on February 21st.

Councilmember Hebert moved to approve the project contingent upon acceptance of the following conditions:

- **Changes to Sheet 12 of the plan that increases the thickness of the accessory parking pavement detail from 4 inches to 6 inches.**
- **Changes to the photometric component to reflect the revision to the lighting plan upon review by city staff to make sure it meets the code requirements.**
- **The Memorandum of Understanding between the applicant and SunDestin Condominium Association to be notarized and recorded on February 21st.**

Motion seconded by Councilmember King and passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes").

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

A. Councilmember Stephens

- 1) Appointment as council representative to Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative.

Councilmember Stephens moved that he be appointed as primary representative to the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative with Councilmember King remaining as the alternate; seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes").

B. Councilmember Geile

Councilmember Geile asked staff to figure out a way to get the public to attend more meetings, to disseminate more information to the public so they could be more proactive and more involved in the city's decision-making process.

C. Councilmember Destin

D. Councilmember Bagby

E. Councilmember Hebert

Councilmember Hebert asked staff to provide an update to residents of the Waste Management trash and debris, recycles, and bulk pick-up schedule.

F. Councilmember King

G. Councilmember Schmidt

H. Mayor Wagner

1) Appointment as Linear Park Project Sponsor

2) Appointment as council representative to the Okaloosa County League of Cities

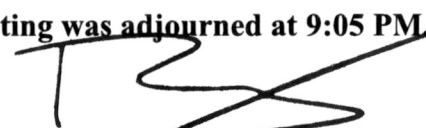
Motion by Councilmember Hebert, seconded by Councilmember King, to appoint Mayor Wagner as the Linear Park Project sponsor and as the council representative to the Okaloosa County League of Cities passed 6-0 (Council members King, Hebert, Bagby, Destin, Geile, and Stephens voted "yes").

I. City Attorney

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.



Bobby Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rey Bailey, City Clerk

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>DESTIN, DENZY</i>	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>CITY COUNCIL</i>
MAILING ADDRESS 	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: ☒ CITY ☐ COUNTY ☐ OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY <i>DESTIN</i>	COUNTY <i>OKALOOSA</i>
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>FEBRUARY 20, 2024</i>	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
MY POSITION IS: ☒ ELECTIVE ☐ APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on other side)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Dewey Destin, hereby disclose that on 2/20, 2024:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- ☒ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

2/20/24
Date Filed

Dewey Destin
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.