

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

John Green
Sam Perman
Tom Weidenhamer
Curtis Smith
Marcie Bell
Tammy Weidenhamer

Members Absent

James T. Wood, Jr.

Staff

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

*Vice Chairman Green welcomed new member Tammy Weidenhamer to the committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **May 14, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting was made by Committee member Bell with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Draft Destin Design Manual – City Engineer Ryan Scott**

The City Engineer, Mr. Scott presented the Design Manual to the members for their review and discussion. The members and staff discussed LSV parking spaces and how they can now be for either two LSV's or one car in certain areas of the city. Additionally, there was discussions regarding making the parking lot islands 8-feet instead of 9-feet, and a speed tables/speed humps sign language discussion, the radius for cul-de-sacs was also briefly discussed. Regarding bollards, Vice Chairman Green suggests they be installed 3-feet down with 4-feet up. There was a discussion about how artificial turf that has been installed in various areas of the city, in stormwater drainage areas and are causing issues specifically, the material is not percolating as it was represented it would, and why the material is even allowed in swales. Mr. Scott explained it was passed with an ordinance by the City Council. He then informed the members that this document would come back to them again for a recommendation, because it is tied to Article 6.

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

➤ Monthly Update

- Deputy Director position is still vacant, and it has been 9 months for that vacancy.

➤ Operational Update

- The Median Maintenance Continuing Services Contract is currently out for bid.
- U.S. 98 Median Improvements from Airport Road to the County line is currently being landscaped and should wrap up soon.
- Dump Truck will finally be delivered after three years of waiting.
- New vehicles for Parks & Recreation and Code Compliance have been delivered, with an exception of a few that should be coming in soon.
- The sidewalk in front of the gazebo at Destiny is scheduled and should be repaired imminently.
- Hurricane season started June 1st.
- Reported some minor flooding issues in the Snapper/Juanita area and how staff is identifying and addressing certain properties where swales that have been filled in. Also, the Heritage Run Flood pump that got hit by electricity in a recent rain event.

Committee member Bell spoke of a drainage pipe at the end of Durango that does not drain into anything, and recognizing that it's a private road, when it rains, it floods in that area by about 3-4 feet deep. Mr. Burgess stated that if it is a percolation pipe it should drain out into the harbor

➤ Emergency Management/ Operational Update

- Hurricane Season starts June 1st and there is already a concern out there.

➤ Stormwater/Floodplain

Vice Chairman Green opened this item to the public to speak on any issues they may have, with no one coming forward, he closed the public on the topic.

➤ Tarpon Beach Access Plans

Mr. Scott provided the members with the 90% plans. There was discussions regarding the way the parking lot is striped for parking and the entry. Mr. Scott informed the members that at this point, there can be no changes, however, they may be able to at permitting, for anything minor.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Member Comments:

- **Committee member Smith** – Spoke of how the striping and arrows are worn off

and how confusing it is for many that are not familiar with the turn and straight lanes at Commons, and although he knows it's not in the city, he feels that the county needs to be informed. According to the City Engineer, the county has plans to resurface the roadway and restripe after the summer tourist season. Committee member Smith also suggested someone from the city should try to entice the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department to enforce the LSV parking spaces to keep people from parking their cars in them.

- **Committee member Perman** – Mentioned the repeated issues with Dolphin Street and how now, there are more people crossing Scenic Hwy 98 at the Tarpon Street to the beach access.

- **Committee member Tom Weidenhamer** – Spoke of how he has had a lot of people speak to him about how concerned they are with all of the electric bicycles on the roadways about how they are afraid they are going to hurt or kill one of them one day, and how it's a huge safety concern because they are not following road rules.

- **Vice Chairman Green** – Informed the committee's new member Tammy Weidenhamer about area assignments and how area 6 of the city is her assigned area, if she is agreeable, that used to be John Stephens assigned area and briefly explained what she needs to look out for and report to staff, anything crucial, or at their monthly meetings if they're not. He then reported locations of potholes at NE corner of Mars and Planet, and Harbor Lane and Planet – there is a dip in the road at the manhole. Harbor Lane and Indian Trail the asphalt has failed.

- **Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer** – Questioned if there are green lights within the button that is activated at the pedestrian crosswalks, mainly the one at the Emerald Grand when people activate the crosswalk signal, the button lights up green to let them know it's been activated. Mr. Burgess stated that he would mention this to Mr. Randy Showers, who is the traffic engineer with the County, since the county maintains lights along Highway 98 to the Okaloosa/Walton County line.

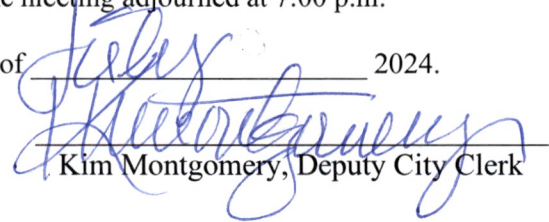
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 9th day of July 2024.


~~John Green Vice Chairman~~

James T. Wood, Jr.
Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk