

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex Chambers, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

James T. Wood, Jr.
Tom Weidenhamer
Curtis Smith
John Green
Marcie Bell

Members Absent

Tammy Weidenhamer

Staff

Rey Bailey, City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

A request was made to move agenda item 7A (4) to be heard right after approval of minutes.

Motion by Committee member Marcie Bell, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer, to approve the agenda as amended, passed 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 8, 2025

Committee member Green moved for the approval for the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes as written with Committee member Smith providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

***Chairman Wood left the meeting at 5:32 PM with Vice Chairman Green taking over the meeting.**

5. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

A. Marcie Bell

1) Sidewalk on Durango Road

Committee member Bell explained how in her assigned area of the city, Gulf Shore Drive, as depicted in a map she provided in their attached agenda item, proposes for a sidewalk to be installed on the west side of Durango Road from Gulf Shore Drive.

Mr. Bodi explained the east side is lined with driveways and unsuitable for sidewalk placement and the west side contains green space where a sidewalk would connect to an established school bus stop and crosswalk.

Committee member Bell stated that the sidewalk would enhance pedestrian safety as residents currently along this area have to walk in the street, and have requested for the sidewalk to be installed at the Holiday Isle Board meetings. A map and a letter of support from the Holiday Isle Improvement

Association was submitted.

Vice Chairman asked for any public input.

Ms. Elke Redmond, Resident 157 Durango Rd., which is the private portion of the road stated that she has advocated for the sidewalk, citing long-standing safety issues in the general area such as poor drainage, the area lacks reclaimed water, understanding that is a Destin Water Users issue, and the road shows visual lack of neglect. However, her main concern is the amount of people, women in particular, that walk their dogs, and children that walk to the bus stop with no sidewalk for everyone's to safely traverse.

After a brief discussion regarding the needs for the immediate area a determination was made that the approximate cost for the concrete for the sidewalk installation would be about \$10k, not including the engineering and utility relocation costs.

Motion to by Committee member Smith, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer to request for Engineering staff to create a schematic and cost estimate for the Durango Road sidewalk and recommend the City Council fund the project through the city's sidewalk funds. In discussion, it was agreed that if City Council should not agree with using the sidewalk funds, then to have the cost for the sidewalks taken from their gas tax budget. **The motion passed 4-0.**

2) Speed Bumps and Crosswalks on Gulf Shore Drive in city planning area – Holiday Isle, between the Destin Pointe stop sign and city's Norriego Point Park

Committee member Bell spoke of how this has been an ongoing "ask" for her for quite a while. She spoke of the need to have safer pedestrian crossing at Gulf Shore Drive and Durango Road in the form of a rapid flashing beacon light and would like to have the committee's backing to address City Council to get their approval to use the gas tax funds for the purchase.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer, to recommend the installation of a rapid flashing beacon at the intersection of Durango Road and Gulf Shore Drive for safety purposes of all walkers, pedestrians and dogs.

Christine Remm – 135 Durango Road asked for clarification how the flashing beacon light would be operated. Committee member Smith explained how the signal is operated by pedestrians wanting to cross and the signage that will be installed.

With no discussion, **Vice Chairman Green called for the vote and the motion passed 4-0.**

6. NEW BUSINESS:

ROADWAY PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

- Milling and repaving will begin on 1st–5th Streets and Avenues, and Mimosa.
- Changes being evaluated for near future resurfacing projects to include Airport Road, Regatta Bay, and Spring Lake Drive, in certain sections, and not the entire roadway.
- Discussion emphasized the importance of distinguishing between pavement failures: potholes, sinkholes, and utility strikes.

- Staff reviewed FDOT's Flexible Pavement Condition Survey Handbook and phasor rating system that was provided in the agenda packet.
 - Crack width, base stability, drainage, and overall deterioration are key evaluation criteria.
 - Past crack sealing attempts were discontinued due to public and Council concerns over aesthetics.
- Ultimate Goal is to have all streets paved in the next 10-years to enable a regular paving schedule before they get to a zero on the phasor rating scale .
- Two alleyway streets were identified as Reddin Brunson Rd. and Willow St.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS

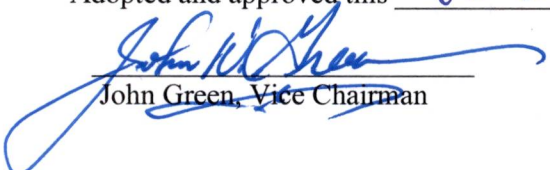
Vice Chairman Green opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

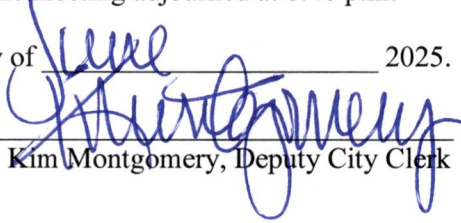
9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 10th day of June 2025.



 John Green, Vice Chairman



 Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk