

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, June 10, 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

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 13, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025 meeting as written was made by Committee member Weidenhamer with Committee member Green providing the second. Motion passed unanimously.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer, to approve the agenda, the motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Projects Update:

- Crosstown Connector – The Engineers for Phase 1 of the Stormwater portion of the project and the Certified Engineer Inspector (CEI) will be going before Council at their next meeting for award of the contracts.
- Morgan’s Sports Center Bathrooms and Batting Cages – two sperate projects, the bids came in too high for the batting cages, therefore staff is looking to see if it can be done by the city’s continuing services contractor.
- Clement Taylor Park – Currently, nothing new to report.
- Norriego Point – The project is delayed however, may get finished by the end of July.
- Hwy 98 Utility Undergrounding is on track and somewhat ahead of schedule.
- Tarpon Street Beach should be starting construction soon.

6. MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

➤ **Chairman Wood**

- Area Reviews: focused on damaged utility pedestals identified and Century Link was repairing some that have been damaged for quite a while, in his neighborhood.
- Encouraged other committee members to turn in their reviews if they hadn't already.
 - Mr. Bodi Reported to the Chairman his items of concerns that he had previously reported:
 - Utility Pedestals: Ten utility pedestals identified and will be repaired/replaced.
 - Intersection Vision Triangles: Vegetation cut back at one intersection; at another, the stop bar was moved 15 feet to improve visibility.
 - Private Property Issues: Code Compliance has been notified about private property maintenance issues.
 - Pavement and Striping: Issues identified in various areas (Indian Trail, Harbor Lane, Bayou Drive, Mars, and Planet) will be addressed during upcoming repaving over the next 3 years.

➤ **Vice Chair Green**

- Acknowledged only 10% of his area has been reviewed, however, he will complete and submit them for the next meeting. Reported concerns about several road cracks in his area, Mr. Bodi explained adjusting the approach to road cracks by potentially removing a foot or two of damaged roadway and adding a stripe before the crack worsens, however they've received feedback from the public that most do not prefer this method. Future crack sealings and asphalt will have Kevlar fibers used in asphalt for durability.

➤ **Committee member Bell - Rapid Flashing Beacons on Gulf Shore Drive**

- Requested for a flashing beacon at the crosswalk on Holiday Isle where a pedestrian may have recently hit. The location is near where the five-lane road narrows to two lanes, just before the Holiday Isle sign.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Chairman Wood to recommend City Council use \$10k to install a rapid flashing beacon lights at the crosswalk on Gulf Shore Drive where the five lanes merge to two lanes, before the location of the Holiday Isle sign, at the west side of the Oceania Condominiums. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Wood questioned their discussion at last month's meeting regarding the rapid flashing beacon at Gulf Shore Drive and Durango, and if there will be sidewalks installed. According to Mr. Bodi, they would be installed on the public side of the roadway, with the funding coming from the sidewalk fund. Committee member Bell mentioned she would like for this to be readdressed if Council did not approve the funding to be allocated for the sidewalks.

➤ **Committee member Smith**

Asked staff the exfiltration system in Scenic 98 at the Crab Track has been cleaned recently. Mr. Bodi explained the systems are cleaned annually. Committee member Smith stated the reasoning for him asking is because he has noticed cracking in the pavement near Crab Trap, that potentially could be due to issues with the exfiltration system. Mr. Bodi agreed to investigate further and will provide additional details of what was determined.

Committee member Smith spoke about his motion he made at last month's meeting regarding the speed limit for eBikes and feels that it needs to be readdressed and changed to 15 mph for straightaways. According to Chairman Wood, there is currently not an ordinance in place for speed limits for eBikes but he would bring this up at the next Council meeting and see if he gets any input from City Council.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS

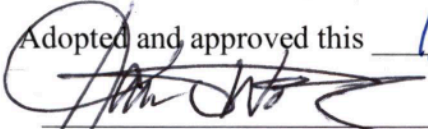
Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of August 2025.


John Green, Vice Chairman
James T. Wood


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk