

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Green called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex Chambers, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

John Green
Tom Weidenhamer
Marcie Bell
Tammy Weidenhamer
Andrea Ansley

Members Absent

James T. Wood, Jr.
Curtis Smith

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir
David Prichard, CD Director
Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. 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 with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Introduction - David Prichard, Community Development Director

Mr. Prichard provided the members with his past career experience.

B) Introduction - Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

Mr. Tomasek provided the members with his past career experience.

➤ Introduction and welcome new member: Andrea Ansley.

C) Work Plan Presentation - Chairman John Stephens HCRA Advisory Committee

➤ Camera Systems Installed City Wide

- Camera is now installed at city properties and recently installed at Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park, facing the harbor where transient slips are located.

Mr. Stephens explained his proactive approach to presenting his work plans to all relevant committees before City Council's review, in order to expedite approvals and address questions early on. The plan is to eventually have the cameras installed in as many city facilities and parks as possible, especially in the high pedestrian areas. Once setup, they can be connected to OCSO

Realtime Monitoring System.

System Details:

- Cameras will be integrated with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office through their Fusus Connect system.
- Real-time access: Deputies can immediately access camera feeds without needing to contact business or city staff when a situation occurs.
- Private businesses or residents (e.g., using Ring, Arlo, etc.) can opt in to integrate their own security systems with the Sheriff's system using a small connection box.

Mr. Stephens personally uses this system at his business, Luther's Pontoon.

Technical Notes:

- Turing Sky-Shield brand cameras.
- City's IT department maintains access.
- Code compliance officers do not have live access; only the Sheriff's Office and City IT department does.

Possible Locations:

- Focus on Harbor CRA district, especially:
 - City Boardwalk
 - Additional camera suggestions:
 - North side of the park between park walkways
 - Potential expansion toward the county line was suggested but noted being outside of Mr. Stephen's Harbor CRA's purview for his workplan.

Mr. Stephens noted to the members that the Harbor CRA District's fund balance is currently financially constrained due to the One Harbor Boulevard acquisition. However, the Parks & Rec-related nonprofit group expressed interest in possibly funding park cameras.

Funding and Next Steps:

- Funding not committed yet, Stephens suggested possibilities:
 - 2026 Public Safety budget allocations
 - Grants
 - Destin Parks Foundation support

Motion to accept this work plan as presented to move forward in support of without committing any of our specific funds until we have further information in reference to the cost was made by Committee member Bell, with Committee member Tom Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

D) Paving Reprioritized - Airport Rd West & Regatta Bay Blvd Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Director

Mr. Bodi informed the members that a reallocation of the final round of paving for 2025 to focus on critically deteriorating roadways segments:

- Airport Road: From Main Street to the airport curve
- Regatta Bay Boulevard: North of Windstar, between two paver sections.
- These roads are rapidly degrading and were described as “scrub board” condition near the fire station.

➤ **Postponed 2025 Projects:**

- Five roads will be deferred to FY 2026:
 - Gulf Shore Drive (Sandpiper Cove to the dead-end)
 - Misty Way
 - Sea Hills Drive
 - Spanish Moss Trail
 - Spring Lake Drive

➤ **Stripping Update:**

- Delayed by weather and materials.
- New thermal markings will be applied once pavement cures.
- Sidewalk at Durango Drive:
 - Project has advanced in the 5-year CIP and is awaiting further review.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer, seconded by Committee member Ansley to redirect the funds to the improvements to Airport Road and Regatta Bay. The motion passed 5-0.

6. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Bell** asked the status of the beacon flashing lights on Gulf Shore Drive. According to Mr. Bodi, the P.O is ready, however, the Finance Dept. is still dealing with the FY-26 Budget as well as a big software conversion from Munis to Aclarian and staff is just waiting for the purchase order to be approved so they can be ordered.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

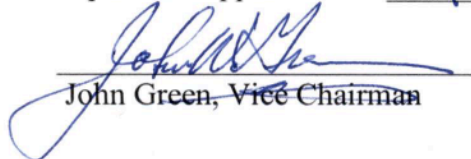
Vice Chairman Green opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

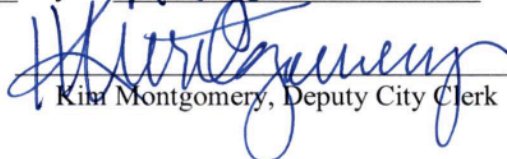
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of August 2025.


John Green, Vice Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk