

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 4, 2025  
5:30 PM  
CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Council of the City of Destin met at an executive session with the following members and staff present:

**Council Present**

Mayor Bobby Wagner  
Councilmember Terésa Hebert  
Councilmember Sandy Trammell  
Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

Councilmember Dewey Destin  
Councilmember Jim Bagby  
Councilmember Rodney Braden  
Councilmember Torey Geile

**Staff Present**

City Manager Larry Jones  
City Clerk Rey Bailey  
City Attorney Kimberly Romano Kopp  
Litigation Attorney Erik A. Krebs, Esq.

**Others Present**

Liz Reyes, Court Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. EXECUTIVE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION: Pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the City's Special Counsel will be seeking the advice of the City Council regarding settlement negotiations and/or strategy related to litigation expenditures concerning the pending litigation:

*Ida K. Broski v. City of Destin, Okaloosa County, and Destin Water Users, Inc., 2023 CA 000978 (Okaloosa County, Florida Circuit Court 2023)*

**Mayor Wagner convened the meeting and announced that:**

*"This session of the Destin City Council is hereby convened as noticed by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, The Daily News, on Friday, August 1, 2025.*

**The City Attorney states as follows:**

*"Pursuant to §286.011(8), Florida Statutes, at this time, I would like to request that we adjourn to executive session so that I, the attorney of record for the City of Destin in:*

*Ida K. Broski v. City of Destin, Okaloosa County, and Destin Water Users, Inc., 2023 C A 000978 (Okaloosa County, Florida Circuit Court 2023)*

may receive the Council's advice regarding the strategy to be used in this case and the type of expenses to be incurred."

The entire session would be recorded by a court reporter, the transcript would be filed with the City Clerk, and available to the public at the conclusion of the litigation discussed today. A copy of the published notice of this executive session is hereby identified as Exhibit A and will be attached to the transcript of this executive session.

In addition to the Mayor and City Council members in attendance tonight, the following individuals will participate in the session:

**Attorneys for the City:**      **Eric A. Krebs, Esq.**  
   **Warner Law Firm, P.A.**  
   **P.O. Box 1820**  
   **Panama City, FL 32402**

**Kimberly Romano Kopp, Esq., LEED AP**  
**Romano Kopp Law, PA.**  
**P.O. Box 445**  
**Destin, Florida 32541-0445**

**City Manager**                      **Larry Jones"**

**The City Attorney (Cont.)**

"At this time will the mayor and council members in attendance please identify yourselves for the record?"

The following members of the city council each announced their presence:

Mayor Bobby Wagner  
Councilmember Rodney Braden  
Councilmember Sandy Trammell  
Councilmember Dewey Destin  
Councilmember Jim Bagby  
Councilmember Terésa Hebert  
Councilmember Torey Geile  
Councilmember Kevin Schmidst

**The City Attorney (Cont.)**

"I estimate that this executive session will take approximately 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Council will reconvene the public hearing, accept any motions if applicable, and the mayor will end the session."

**Mayor Wagner states that:**

*“At this time, we will recess the public portion of tonight’s meeting and convene the executive session.*

Individuals whose names are not listed in the published notice left the room and the executive session was convened at 5:34 PM.

Once the closed session ended and the City Clerk returned at 5:48 PM, Mayor Wagner states:

*“We will now reconvene the public portion of this meeting and I will accept any motions from the council.”*

**Councilmember Bagby moved to accept the City Attorney’s advice and authorize entering into a settlement agreement; seconded by Councilmember Hebert. Motion passed 4-3 (Council members Hebert, Bagby, Destin, and Trammell voted “yes”; Council members Schmidt, Geile, and Braden voted “no”).**

**ADJOURNMENT:**


**Having no further business at this time, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.**

**ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2025**

**By:**

  
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**Bobby Wagner, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Rey Bailey, City Clerk**