

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, August 12, 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.
John Green
Tom Weidenhamer
Marcie Bell
Tammy Weidenhamer
Curtis Smith

Members Absent

Andrea Ansley

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Dir
Robert Tomasek, City Engineer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer, seconded by Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer to approve the agenda as presented, the motion passed 6-0.

4. MINUTES:

- **JUNE 10, 2025**
- **JULY 8, 2025**

Motion to approve both the minutes of June 10, 2025 and July 8, 2025 meeting as written was made by Committee member Bell with Committee member Tom Weidenhamer providing the second. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) eBike Update - Jim Wood

- Reviewed presentation previously provided to City Council in July.
- Ordinance proposal includes:
 - Speed limit regulation for e-bikes (originally set at 12 mph).
 - Adding e-bikes to prohibited commercial rentals list.
 - Zoning restrictions for e-scooter/e-bike rentals.
 - Noted existing law already prohibits commercial rental space for e-scooters.

Technical & Safety Concerns:

- Class distinctions of e-bikes (Class 1 & 3 require pedaling; Class 2 can operate throttle-only).
- Overpowered vehicles (5,000-watt battery units) being sold as “e-bikes” though they exceed the legal definitions.
- Accident data limitations due to inadequate reporting forms (no “e-bike” checkbox).
- Local issues: speed-related vision triangle hazards, rider noncompliance at crossings, bi-directional sidewalk travel.

Discussion Points:

- Enforcement challenges for speed limits.
- MUTCD requirements for speed limit signage in 5 mph increments (cannot post 12 mph) as previously recommended.
- Potential necessity for regulatory signs (stop/yield) if speed limits are posted on multi-use paths.
- Concerns about cost, safety and uniformity across municipalities.
- Registration sticker proposal was deferred to a future phase to avoid complicating ordinance passage.
- Decision to wait until after the **OCHIP meeting** (Oct. 1, Niceville Community Center) for potential countywide standards.

Next Steps:

- Staff to research MUTCD requirements and provide guidance on signage for sidewalks with speed limits and provide clarification on MUTCD compliance, sign placement requirements, and definition of “bicycle facility.”
- Ordinance to move forward focusing on rental prohibition; speed limit inclusion pending further review.

B) Speed Hump Request - Marcie Bell

- Citizens have approached her with concerns over speeding from Durango-Gulf Shore Drive split toward Noriego Point Park.
- Limitations are due to driveway density and absence of sidewalks on north side.

❖ Recommendation:

- Install three raised crosswalks in the public parallel parking zone, including:
 - End of parallel parking section.
 - Midpoint of parking section.
 - Near cul-de-sac close to Osteen Beach access.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer to support installation of three raised crosswalks as speed calming measures, motion passed 6-0.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS:

➤ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

- Maps were distributed outlining resurfacing schedule for next fiscal year.
- Clarified project adjustments:
 - Airport Road (east-west segment) and Regatta Bay segment moved forward.
 - Gulf Shore Drive, North Lakeside, and Misty Way were deferred to early next year's schedule.
 - Committee member Bell stressed she wants assurance that the deferred Gulf Shore Drive portions will occur early in next fiscal year and won't get bumped.
- Coordination with Destin Water Users was suggested to assess possible old utility pipes before resurfacing certain streets (Evergreen/Primrose area) to ensure that they won't get damaged.
 - Mr. Bodi explained there should not be any issues, since this is just resurfacing.
- Notices to Proceed have been issued for Tarpon Beach on Scenic 98, Phase 1 of the Pickleball Courts and Clement Taylor Park and should be under construction soon.

7. MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Smith** – Provided update on Four Prong Lake project and how currently they are awaiting contractor bids. He also mentioned how in the future; any repaving projects should also include the turn lanes within the project area, noting that there are several in Crystal Beach that are noticeably mismatched. Additionally, on their assigned area map, it's still is not showing him being reassigned to Crystal Beach, and it needs to be updated.
- **Chairman Wood** – Reported sidewalk issues on Main Street where they may need to be shaved down to prevent any tripping hazards and there are vision triangle obstructions from overgrown vines turning out of Sugarloaf Apartments; staff will follow up with code compliance and utilities since the poles are actually on the private property and not the right-of-way.
- **Committee member Bell** – Questioned the status of the flashing beacons workorder. According to Mr. Bodi, there was a delay in the P.O. process because of the changeover to the new accounting system and it may be 6-8 weeks out. Committee member Bell also reported that some sidewalk flooding is taking place in several areas along Gulf Shore Drive where after the rains, people are having to walk out into the roadway. As well as vision triangle obstructions. Staff will go out and investigate to determine what the issue are that are causing the flooding and report back with the solution.
- **Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer** – Mentioned various items from potholes and drainage issues to restriping needs on the entire roadway of Kelly Street and she would create a report to submit. She also raised concern about storm drain maintenance needed at Bend Arrow Drive/Wildcat Circle.

7. STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

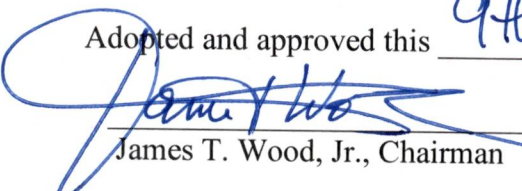
Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the topic.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this 9th day of September 2025.


James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk