

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, September 9, 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
Andrea Ansley
Tammy Weidenhamer
Curtis Smith

Members Absent

Staff

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Committee member Ansley, seconded by Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer to approve the agenda as presented, the motion passed 7-0.

4. MINUTES: August 12, 2025

Motion by Committee member Bell to approve the August 12, 2025 minutes as written, with committee member Tom Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 7-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

❖ Vision Triangle at 662 Harbor Boulevard (Grand Harbor Entrance)

- Staff reported receiving a letter from the Grand Harbor HOA requesting the relocation of a traffic signal control box at the intersection of Beach Drive and Highway 98. The HOA indicated that the box obstructs visibility when exiting Grand Harbor and creates a potential traffic hazard.
- **Mr. Bodi explained the following:**
 - The intersection is signalized, and the control box that operates the signal operation is located in a very limited space of the right-of-way.
 - Relocation would likely require acquisition of an easement and coordination with FDOT.
- **Mr. Billy Mayfield, Grand Harbor HOA President,** explained the HOA values the traffic light but is requesting the consideration of moving the box to improve safety of their ingress and egress to the property.

- He noted some tree trimming had already occurred, but more could be done, and the HOA would likely approve an easement if relocation required use of their property.
- Acknowledged that FDOT would make the final decision.
 - Committee member Smith observed that trimming overhanging limbs and vegetation near and south of the box could significantly improve the line of sight, without relocation of the box.
- Concern expressed about visibility for bicyclists in the adjacent bike lane.
- Staff explained FDOT's land acquisition process is rigorous and time-consuming; relocation would be expensive due to fiber optic replacement.
- Discussion included whether HOA would be willing to contribute financially if relocation were approved.
- Property right-of-way lines were reviewed; box placement appears to predate Grand Harbor development.
 - Committee member Green stated that he would be willing to assist them with measuring the angles.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Ansley to recommend City Council direct staff to contact FDOT to find out whether the relocation of the signal box is feasible, while simultaneously encouraging the HOA to trim vegetation to improve the visibility. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

❖ **FY26 Road Resurfacing Projects**

• **Staff Report: Joe Bodi Deputy Public Works Director**

- Presented maps and cost estimates for all paving projects totaling ~\$4.2M.
- Budget available is \$3.3M.
- Milling costs represent roughly one-third of project costs; some roads may not require milling, which will create savings to offset shortfall.

• **Committee Discussion:**

- Priority given to projects deferred previously, including Misty Way/Wild Oak and Gulf Shore Drive.
- Discussed timing and traffic impacts.
- Confirmed that existing speed humps will be replaced on Misty Way (four total).
- Questions raised about whether new speed humps could be added to Gulf Shore Drive; staff will review council minutes to confirm prior council direction.
- Confirmed City Engineer (Robert Tomasek, former traffic engineer for Shreveport and TXDOT) will determine milling needs on a case-by-case.

Motion by Committee member Bell, seconded by Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer to recommend approval of repaving project list, subject to budget

adjustments and case-by-case milling decisions. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Smith** – Spoke of the 4-Prong Lake project has obtained a \$1M grant, however, they are still short about \$5M.
- **Committee member Bell** – Inquired why the bus stops were being removed on Gulf Shore Drive.
 - Mr. Bodi informed the members those are being removed since Easy Rider will no longer be servicing Holiday Isle.
- **Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer** – Questioned how the city gets reimbursed when staff has to go and clean up certain areas in the city.
 - According to Mr. Bodi, with the new property maintenance code in place, staff now can bill the property owner.
- **Chairman Wood** – Reminded everyone of the Okaloosa County Health in Partnerships (OCHIP) meeting is on October 2, 2025, in the Board Chamber of the Okaloosa County Administration Building, located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL. 32548 and he would be addressing the eBikes once again after that meeting. He also reminded the members of their deadline to get information to staff in order to publish the agenda in a timely fashion.

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.

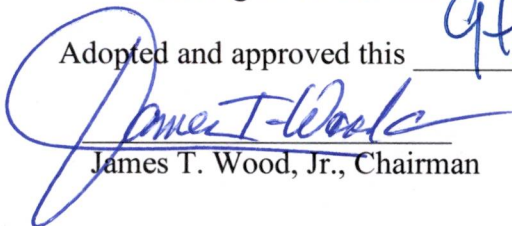
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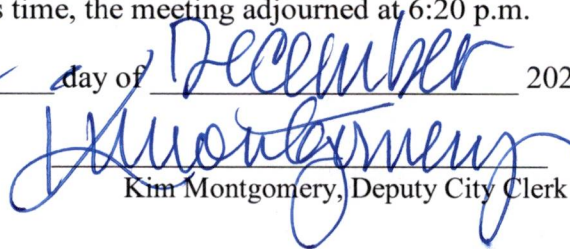
Mr. John Stephens Chairman for the Harbor CRA and Vice Chairman for the Harbor & Waterways Board requested to have his Mooring Ball Work Plan item added to their next meeting agenda for discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 9th day of December 2025.


James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk