

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 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 Torey Geile

Councilmember Terésa Hebert

Councilmember Sandy Trammell

Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

Councilmember Jim Bagby

Councilmember Rodney Braden

Staff Present

City Manager Larry Jones

City Clerk Rey Bailey

City Attorney Kimberly Romano Kopp

Litigation Attorney Eric A. Krebs, Esq

Others Present

Racheal Callahan, 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:

**F129 v. City of Destin (2023-CA-003643), in the Circuit Court
of Okaloosa County, Florida.**

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 Wednesday November 26, 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:

F129 v. City of Destin (2023-CA-003643), in the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, Florida.

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 Pro Tem and City Council members in attendance tonight, the following individuals will attend the session:

Attorneys for the City: ***Eric A. Krebs, Esq.***
Warner Law Firm, P.A.
P.O. Box 1820
Panama City, Florida 32401

Kimberly Romano Kopp, Esq., LEED AP
Romano Kopp Law, PA.
P.O. Box 5524
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:

Councilmember Rodney Braden
Councilmember Sandy Trammell
Councilmember Jim Bagby
Mayor Bobby Wagner
Councilmember Terésa Hebert
Councilmember Torey Geile
Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

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 convened.

Once the closed session ended and the City Clerk has returned, the Mayor states:

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

Motion by Councilmember Bagby, seconded by Councilmember Hebert, to direct council to proceed directly to summary judgement, passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.

ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

By:



Bobby Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rey Bailey, City Clerk