



**AGENDA  
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026  
5:30 PM  
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A) February 10, 2026 Minutes**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS Rapid Flashing Beacon Potential Placement - Beach Dr near Sandpiper Cir and 101 Matthew Blvd**
  - A) Rapid Flashing Beacon Potential Placement - Beach Dr near Sandpiper Cir and at 101 Matthew Blvd**
- 6. CURRENT BUSINESS**
- 7. DISCUSSION**
  - A) A)**
    - 1. Chairman Jim Wood**
    - 2. Vice Chair John Green**
    - 3. Tom Weidenhamer**
    - 4. Marcie Bell**
    - 5. Curtis Smith**
    - 6. Tammy Weidenhamer**
    - 7. Andrea Ansley**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - STORMWATER FLOODPLAIN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

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**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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  
Curtis Smith  
Andrea Ansley  
Tammy Weidenhamer

**Members Absent**

Marcie Bell

**Staff**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by Chairman Wood, with vice Chair Green providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

➤ **January 13, 2026**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting was made by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer with committee member Ansley providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **POTENTIAL PLACEMENT OF FLASHING BEACONS**

Mr. Bodi provided the members with an overview regarding safety observations and school-age pedestrian routes.

- Staff requested committee consideration of Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs) at two existing mid-block crosswalk locations to improve pedestrian safety.
- Rationale emphasized:

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- School-age pedestrian routes
- Bus stop activity (middle school/high school/younger crowd noted)
- Limited street lighting at both locations
- Improved safety across collector roads identified in Land Development Code Article 8.03

### ❖ **Location 1: Azalea Drive at Melvin Street (crossing Azalea)**

- Clarification made that the crossing is across Azalea Drive, not across Melvin Street.
- Crosswalk type: mid-block.
- Road classification:
  - Azalea Drive identified as a major collector (per LDC Article 8.03).
  - Melvin Street referenced as a minor collector.
- Context/conditions:
  - At least two bus stops nearby (including youth/school use).
  - Minimal street lighting present.

### ❖ **Location 2: Benning Drive at Maltezos (mid-block crossing Benning Drive)**

- Crosswalk type: mid-block crossing Benning Drive.
- Road classification:
  - Benning Drive identified as a major collector (per LDC Article 8.03).
- Context/conditions:
  - At least two bus stops nearby (high school and middle school referenced).
  - Existing crosswalk on east side of Benning Drive.
  - No sidewalk on the west side of Benning Drive.
  - Children walking to Destin Elementary cross at this location to access the existing sidewalk network.
  - Street lighting present but described as limited/minimal.
- Staff estimated each RFB at approximately \$9,800 per location (noted as “about \$10,000”).

### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

- Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer asked if RFBs are push-button activated?
  - Staff confirmed **yes**, push-button activated.
- Do they run for ~30 seconds?
  - Staff indicated they run for whatever duration is programmed/set.
  - Committee member Ansley described frequent personal travel through the area during school commute times and emphasized:
    - Heavy pedestrian/bus stop use during peak school hours

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- Concern about lighting and limited warning measures
- Support for improvements
- Mr. Bodi provided the following information for this concern:
  - The Maltezos & Benning area is anticipated to change due to improvements in elementary school access, with that location becoming part of an entrance/access point for the elementary school.
  - Agreed that the intersection may need updating due to future growth for the elementary school.

❖ **Budget/Finance Discussion (Discretionary Fines Program)**

- Chair discussed discretionary funds used for these safety improvements:
  - Noted that three RFBs associated with FY25 were installed but not yet paid and would therefore be paid out of FY26.
  - Noted a prior FY25 expenditure of \$61,000 for Commons and Airport Road intersection (described as pedestrian-related improvements).
  - Chair estimated current-year commitments/expenditures and remaining balance within a program total of approximately \$100,000 per year.
- Question raised whether the funds “roll over”:
  - Chair indicated the funds do not roll over (“use it or lose it” concept was stated).

**Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend City Council approval for placement of RFBs at Azalea Drive at Melvin Street at the mid-block crosswalk across on Azalea Drive, and Benning Drive at Maltezos the mid-block crosswalk. With funding to be paid using Public Works and Public Safety discretionary fines. Committee member Ansley provided the second. The motion passed 7-0.**

Committee member Ansley questioned if the Maltezos/Benning school access be at that intersection or further north?

Mr. Bodi stated it will be a four-way intersection at that location and there is a 200-foot right-of-way extension for Maltezos across the street, then transitioning from public street to private driveway at the elementary school property line.

- Question: Is it designed, and will it be a four-way stop?
  - Staff stated it is designed.
  - Staff stated no four-way stop proposal at that point.

➤ **CITY PROJECTS:**

- Staff noted the city has multiple projects moving through several phases (design, construction, procurement).

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- Vice Chair Green asked about work occurring near Bayou (repaving/milling activity):
  - Questioned why milling occurred when temperatures were around 30°F, and why roadway openings occurred during rainy/freezing weather.
  - Member referenced seeing exposed areas (dirt) suggesting roadway failure.
- Mr. Bodi stated the city asked the contractor the same question and did not receive a satisfactory answer.
- Staff indicated conversations had occurred with the contractor emphasizing:
  - Monitoring weather conditions
  - Ensuring work is weather-appropriate

**6. CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

➤ **ANNUAL REPORT**

The members briefly reviewed the final version of their Annual Report and Work Plans that will be presented to the CRA Board at their next scheduled meeting.

- Chair directed members to the annual report/work plan documents within the meeting materials, noting all the typos will be corrected prior to the presentation.
- Chair stated:
  - On February 17, 2026, the Chair will appear before City Council to brief:
    - Results from the FY2025 plan, and
    - The new FY2026 plan
  - The Chair intends to highlight key accomplishments rather than recount every motion/status item unless asked by Council.

❖ **FY2026 Work Plan Format**

- Chairman Wood explained the following format changes:
  - Prior goals/objectives were concise
  - Current format uses city-provided sheets and is significantly longer with some repetition.
  - Chair stated the plan may be refined next year but is adequate for this year's Council briefing.
- Chair requested a motion to approve the FY2026 plan so he and Vice Chair Green could sign the cover sheet for inclusion in the Council packet/presentation.

**Motion by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer to approve the FY-2026 Work Plan and Annual Report with Committee member Tammy Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

➤ **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 Stormwater/Floodplain Public Comments.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

❖ **Chairman Wood - E-Bike Ordinance Update**

- Chairman Wood explained the following status of the E-Bike Ordinance Process:
  - City of Niceville passed their e-Bike ordinance.
  - State-level activity:
    - A Senate bill and a House bill were mentioned as being drafted/written.
    - Discussion referenced e-bike classes (1, 2, 3), with Class 3, there are discussions of separating Class 3 and potentially treating them as electronic motorcycles, requiring driver’s licenses and related requirements, pending legislative action.
  - Additional ordinance concepts referenced:
    - Where sidewalks exist on both sides of a roadway, riding direction rules similar to roadway travel (same direction as traffic) were described as a key element.
    - Crestview ordinance noted as being different and focused more on downtown sidewalk obstruction issues such as bikes blocking business entrances.
  
- **Legion Drive/Main Street Traffic Light**
  - Reported that the traffic light at this intersection is not tripping until the initial car pulls over the white line.
  - Mr. Bodi explained that the Engineering Dept. has been informed of the issue.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman

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Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

