

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex Chambers, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
James T. Wood, Jr.	John Green	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Marcie Bell	Tammy Weidenhamer	Joe Bodi, Deputy Public Works Director
Tom Weidenhamer		
Curtis Smith		
Andrea Ansley		

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda with no changes was made by Committee member Bell, with Committee member Tom Weidenhamer providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **February 10, 2026**

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting was made by Committee member Tom Weidenhamer with Committee member Ansley providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **PLACEMENT OF FLASHING BEACONS**

Mr. Bodi explained to the members this is a request from a citizen for flashing beacons to be installed at:

- Beach Drive near Sandpiper Circle
- 101 Matthew Boulevard near the church

Staff explained that installation would require approximately 2 to 3 weeks to prepare a purchase order,

- 8 to 12 weeks for fabrication and delivery,
- 1 to 2 weeks for assembly and installation after arrival.

Staff also noted the flashing beacon system would be solar-powered and could be relocated later if necessary.

The members discussed how the Beach Drive crosswalk focused on heavy student use, and with the ongoing Destin Elementary School renovations, and concern for increased pedestrian traffic was expressed when the new school entrance opens. The members agreed the flashing beacon was warranted for safety.

The members also discussed whether the Beach Drive crosswalk landings should be widened to meet current standards. Staff confirmed the existing 5-foot sidewalks would be widened to 10 feet, with required ADA detectable warning surfaces included.

Motion by Committee member Ansley, seconded by Committee member Bell to recommend the installation of rapid flashing beacons located at both crosswalks at 101 Matthew Blvd at Village Baptist Church and Beach Drive and Sandpiper Circle. The motion passed 5-0.

On a separate motion by committee member Bell, and seconded by Committee member Ansley the members recommends upgrading the Beach Drive crosswalk to current FDOT standards, for a mid-block crosswalk, including:

- **10-foot landing areas,**
- **10-foot crosswalk striping and**
- **associated ADA improvements.**

During discussion of the Beach Drive area, the Committee Smith member raised concerns about vegetation encroaching onto the sidewalk near school board property. Mr. Bodi stated a prior work order had been completed and agreed to inspect the area again and trim vegetation as needed. Committee member Ansley mentioned that the debris was not removed at that time and asked to ensure that it is cleaned up properly. The mention of this concern being the school boards responsibility was briefly discussed and bringing it to their attention.

Members discussed the school zone signage and flashing school lights on Beach Drive, expressing concern that the current placement may not be appropriate once the new school traffic pattern is in effect. Mr. Bodi stated coordination with the school board would be needed, but members indicated the matter should be addressed before the next school year.

Discussion regarding realigning the crosswalk at DES once the new construction is finished. Mr. Bodi explained that it would need to be collaborated with the school board. Chairman Wood stated that this obviously needs to be done. The members all agreed to place this on the April agenda for further discussion. **With no further discussion the Chairman called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.**

Committee member Bell questioned if they should do the same at the Village Baptist Church. According to Committee member Smith, he drives that road almost daily and does not feel it is needed.

➤ **Committee Questions/Discussion**

Committee member Bell asked about the schedule for completing Holiday Isle side street paving, specifically mentioning Veracruz and Osceola, and indicated she would send him a follow-up email inquiring about it. She also asked about the timing for paving Gulf Shore Drive. Mr. Bodi explained that Gulf Shore Drive is expected to be included in the fourth paving group, along with Misty Way.

Committee member Smith raised concern about rotated stop signs near Grand Caribbean/Pompano Street along Scenic 98, noting they appear angled toward Scenic 98 and may create confusion. Mr. Bodi stated that he would create a work order for staff to go out and inspect all such signs in the area and adjust them as needed.

6. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

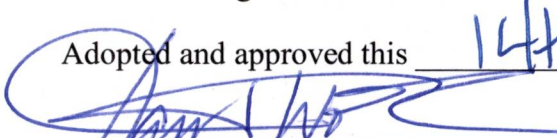
➤ **STORMWATER/FLOODPLAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

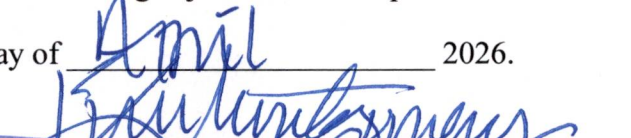
Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comments on this item. With no one coming forward, he closed the public discussion on the Stormwater/Floodplain Public Comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 14th day of April 2026.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk