

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 18, 2026  
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5:30 PM**

The Council of the City of Destin met at an executive session with the following members and staff present:

**Destin City Council**

Mayor Bobby Wagner  
Mayor Pro-Tem Teresa Herbert  
Councilmember Jim Bagby  
Councilmember Rodney Braden

Councilmember Dewey Destin  
Councilmember Chatham Morgan  
Councilmember Sandy Trammell  
Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

**Staff Present**

City Manager Larry Jones  
City Clerk Lisa Wallace  
City Attorney Kimberly Kopp

**Others Present**

William G. Warner, Esq.  
Justina Turner, Esq.  
Amber Rodriguez, 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:

*Chandler, Lennox v. City of Destin, 2025-CA-0694, (Circuit Court of Okaloosa County)*

**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, May 13, 2026.*

**The City Attorney stated 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:*

*Chandler, Lennox v. City of Destin, 2025-CA-0694, (Circuit Court of Okaloosa County)*

*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 and City Council members in attendance tonight, the following individuals will participate in the session:*

***Attorneys for the City:***

***William G. Warner, Esq.  
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Panama City, Florida 32401***

***Justina Turner, Esquire  
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Panama City, Florida 32401***

***Kimberly Romano Kopp, Esq., LEED AP  
Romano Kopp Law, P.A.  
P.O. Box 445  
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:

Mayor Bobby Wagner

Councilmember Rodney Braden

Councilmember Sandy Trammell

Councilmember Dewey Destin

Councilmember Jim Bagby

Councilmember Terésa Hebert

Councilmember Chatham Morgan

Councilmember Kevin Schmidt

**The City Attorney (Cont.)**

*“I estimate that this executive session will take approximately 15 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 was convened.

Once the closed session ended and the City Clerk returned at 5:44 PM, Mayor Wagner states:

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

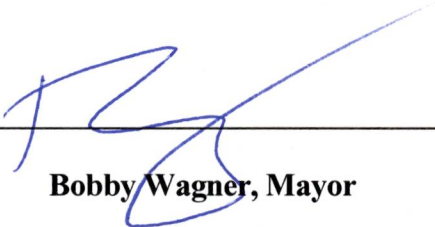
**Councilmember Bagby made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hebert, to accept the recommendation and authorize a settlement offer in the amount of \$17,500. The motion passed 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

**ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026**

**By:**

  
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**Bobby Wagner, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Lisa Wallace, City Clerk**

