

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Ramswell called the Public Works/Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.; which was followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Anthony Ramswell
Tom Weidenhamer
Jim Wood, Jr.
Mike Parker
Kevin Schmidt

Staff

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Joe Bodi, Engineering Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 10, 2019

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer seconded by Committee member Wood; the members voted 5-0 to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes as written.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Airport Road Safety Improvements**

According to Mr. Bodi Council directed staff to come up with some interim measures for improvements until the project could get accomplished; such as putting down thermoplastic letters that say, "Slow Down" before entering the curve on each side of the roadway.

Committee member Wood asked how large the letters would be. According to Mr. Bodi they would be 8-feet long and cover almost the entire width of the roadway with 24-feet between "Slow" and "Down." He then asked what the cost would be. According to Mr. Bodi, staff will be able to perform the work and the cost is approximately \$1,600.00 for all the letters.

Committee member Schmidt asked if the letters would eventually be effected by what FDOT plans to do to the curve for the safety improvements. According to Mr. Bodi, staff will ensure that the words are put down far enough away from the area, so they won't have to be redone.

Motion by Committee member Weidenhamer, seconded by Chairman Ramswell to recommend to City Council to support the installation of the thermoplastic pavement marking letters "SLOW DOWN" on Airport Road. The motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

➤ **Sidewalk Funding Update – Tim Pietenpol**

According to Mr. Pietenpol; he was asked to come speak to the committee regarding how staff determines where and how they select the locations to perform the repairs for sidewalks in the city; based on the amount of available funding. He further explained that staff is constantly in the field identifying

necessary repairs and any sidewalks that are raised above a quarter inch, which becomes a tripping hazard; gets placed on the list for repairs. Once the funding is available, they are given to the continuing services contractor to perform the repairs until the funds are spent. He explained that the list is ongoing and is constantly updated with either the repairs being done or when new damages are identified. Adding that certain areas get prioritized that are heavily trafficked by pedestrians and bikers, such as Airport Road as an example.

Committee member Wood spoke of how the fifteen years he has known Mr. Pietenpol, there have been lists kept for repairs and how the city staff has never been able to catch up. He mentioned how with the new gas tax funds the city now has the means to catch up and feels it usually; he would like to see those funds used towards the sidewalks until all of them are caught up including all the truncated domes. Then they could start looking at other issues; once the funds are replenished.

Motion by Committee member Wood to recommend the City Council provide, in addition to the \$100k already set aside, to add another \$420k so the sidewalk list and the truncated domes can get finished and up to standard.

Committee member Schmidt asked Committee member Wood if he meant for the additional \$420k to come out of the ½ cents gas tax initiative. According to Committee member Wood, that is correct.

The Chairman called for the vote and the motion passed 4-1 with Committee member Schmidt dissenting.

5. BICYCLE SUB COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following was discussed:

- Bike helmet fitting course – The Chairman stated he plans to get with the Sheriff's Dept to find out when the next course takes place so they can all get certified.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Committee member Wood –

- Mentioned how off deputies were needed for the Seafood Festival traffic control but found out that the only way the event could get the assistance is if the off duty deputies would volunteer their personal time. He spoke of how he does not agree with that at all and found out that there was only one available for Friday night only and there was no one else for the rest of the weekend because there were no more volunteers. He also spoke of how he plans to go speak with the TDD to find out if there is any information to get out to the tourist on the proper ways to cross the busy Highway. He also spoke of the \$50k Edward J. Burn Grant that the city has gotten in the past and how that may be a way to help fund the necessary needs.

The Chairman stated that he would contact the City Attorney and find out what he recommends regarding the necessary funding sources needed to get more off duty deputies to man the intersection and cross walks in the general vicinity of the Seafood Festival.

Committee member Parker suggested using the Marler Parking Lot parking funds as another means to pay off duty deputies to work the event.

Committee member Parker - Nothing to report

Committee member Weidenhamer – Nothing to report

Vice Chairman Schmidt – Asked about the status of the following:

Chairman Ramswell – The Chairman spoke of three streetlights on Indian Bayou Trail area before Country Club Drive are not working. However, he could not get the numbers off the identification markers because they were placed too high. He provided the exact location to the Engineering Assistant.

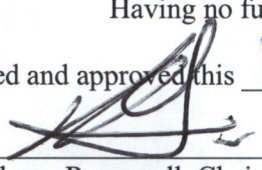
7. OLD BUSINESS:

Public Services Report –

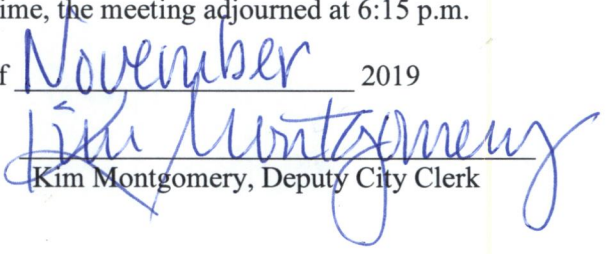
Committee member Wood questioned if Council has decided anything regarding the scooters. According to the Engineering Assistant, they directed the Land Use Attorney and the Community Development Director to come back with an ordinance.

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of November 2019



Anthony Ramswell, Chairman



Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk