



**AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021
5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) February 9, 2021 Minutes**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Update on Beach Management & Beach Safety for 2021 Season**
 - B) Purchase of two 6" Self-Priming Pumps, Council recommendation, Surtax Funding**
- 5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - A) 2021 Work Plan - DRAFT**
 - B) Public Works & Emergency Management Update**
- 6. DISCUSSION**
 - A) Anthony Ramswell - Chair**
 - B) Jim Wood - Vice-Chair**
 - C) Marcie Bell**
 - D) John Green**
 - E) Sean Hickey**
 - F) Sam Perman**
 - G) Tom Weidenhamer**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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considered at such meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Sec. 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Ramswell called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. With the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Anthony Ramswell
Jim Wood, Jr.
Sam Perman
Tom Weidenhamer
Richard Hickey
Marcie Bell
John Green

Staff

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Michael Burgess PW Director
JT Deputy PW Director

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 12, 2021*

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting as corrected, was made by Committee member Wood with Committee member Weidenhamer providing the second. A roll call vote of 7-0 was taken and the motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **2021 Work Plans**

Mr. Burgess explained to the members spoke of the draft 2021 work plan which includes their Mission Statement, when they meet, compliance with the Sunshine Law, as well as their goals, and objectives. He also went over an Annual Meeting Plan to have a representatives attend their meetings and discuss what services they provide to the city and how they communicate with one another to better serve the needs of the community.

- **Beach Partner's Meetings**

Mr. Burgess informed the members of the Beach Partner's meeting, which is not an official meeting of the city. Explaining it is comprised of city staff members, beach vendors, Okaloosa County beach cleaning staff and Turtle Watchers who get together and discuss ways to better coordinate with each other in the early morning hours prior to the beach goers coming on the beach.

- **Spring Break**

Mr. Wood spoke of wanting to keep the committee on more of a professional basis and learn from issues that may or may not have worked in the past and how to improve on them from past experiences.

The members also discussed when Spring Break starts and how it may be impacted by Covid-19. Committee member Perman spoke of how there are a lot of people in the area and how tourist season has not slowed down one bit from the virus.

The rest of the remaining months were briefly discussed for having representatives attend their meetings throughout the year.

- **Area Map Assignments**

Mr. Burgess reviewed the area map assignments with the members, what their responsibilities are, and assigned areas to the new members. The following area assignments:

Area 1 – Calhoun Ave/Joe’s Bayou W., Weidenhamer

Area 2 – Holiday Isle, Bell

Area 3 – Indian Bayou CC/Morgan’s/County Line, Hickey

Area 4 – Legion/Azalea/Mountain/Kelly-DES, Ramswell

Area 5 – Misty Way/Industrial Park/Twin Lakes, Wood

Area 6 – Kelly St./Indian Trail Dr./Green

Area 7 – Scenic 98 to Walton County Line, Perman

The Chairman spoke of walking the crosswalks in his area at night and spoke of how they are poorly lit or no lighting at all. Also, the Destin Elementary School needs to have better flashing light systems and better lighting as well. According to Mr. Burgess the flashing lights should all be working and the times they come on are set by schedule from the Okaloosa County School Board. The Chairman spoke of how he feels they should have a longer run time.

Committee member Bell spoke of flooding issues on her street and spoke of certain property owners are still pumping water from their property on Destin Point and asked if Holiday Isle is being addressed regarding flooding.

According to Mr. Burgess, staff is aware of the situation and the City Engineer is looking in the issue.

Committee member Perman asked what the final decision was regarding Dolphin Street. According to Mr. Burgess, other than adding the speed humps or speed tables; a three-way stop was suggested to be added at John Street, as well as keeping the road narrow, which generally keeps the speed down. He explained that the solution is yet to be determined but is being investigated by the City Engineer.

- **Public Works Project Update**

Mr. Burgess provided the members with the following project updates:

- Finish resurfacing and restriping of Beach Drive from Kelly Street to where it turns into Calhoun Ave to Cross Street.
 - NFWF Drainage Project for Calhoun Avenue/Cross Street is ongoing and complete at the Cross Street portion. The second portion on Calhoun should be finalized shortly.
 - Staff performed a street light survey and found 146 streetlights out which have been forwarded to Gulf Power and at this time, all but about 10 have been replaced.
 - Gulf Power Tree Trimming is underway.
 - Christmas Lighting – Staff is working together to come up with a better Christmas lighting plan. As well as they are waiting to get permission to hang banners on the Gulf Power poles.
 - Coordinating with adjacent property owner to rebuild the beach at Leonard Destin Park from Hurricane Sally is under way.
- **Project Updates**
 - Demolition of Three Structures and Pertinences has been approved for the contractor/vendor and should commence in about three weeks and be finished by summer.
 - Community Center roof has been repaired for the heavy leaks and there are just a few minor ones that are being investigated.
 - 3-way stop sign at Kelly & Main Street is finished and everyone seems to be coming to complete stops.
 - Preconstruction meeting on Zerbe/Calhoun Pedestrian Improvements to that ends at Clement Taylor Park with the construction beginning Monday 2/15.
- **Emergency Management Updates**
 - Process has begun with the Department Heads to update the city's Operating Instructions for Emergency situations such as Tropical Storms and Hurricanes.

6. DISCUSSION:

- **Committee member Bell** – Mentioned for the record that most of the issues with the nonpaying garbage pickup accounts have been corrected since she mentioned this at their last meeting. She also mentioned a standing water issues at Isla Blanca Condominiums and how it's not being regularly pumped. Mr. Burgess mentioned their storm sewer inlet close to the intersection on their property that collects run off from their driveway/parking lot is the issue and how they have been approached by the city on how to remedy the situation however, they are not willing to come into compliance with the driveway requirements to remedy the problem.
- **Vice Chairman Wood** – Thanked staff for the new stop signs at a couple locations at Winn Dixie. Mr. Burgess explained that it was most likely the Engineering Department working with the property owners on those and a few other issues. Mr. Wood also asked if the city is still waiting on the funding for the for the Pedestrian Safety Study for Stahlman Ave. and Highway 98 that relates to the Destin Connector. Mr. Burgess explained that Volkert is wrapping up the technical memorandum for the study at the intersection. And the PD&E Study being advertised by FDOT for the RFQ and how they should be selecting a vendor sometime in March. Also, the 30% plans for the Cross Town Connector are getting close to be finalized. Emphasizing how currently there

are a lot of moving parts for that area at this time.

- **Committee member Perman** – Spoke of all the work that is taking place at James Lee Park that esthetically affects the city, even though that is a County Park.
- **Committee member Hickey** – Spoke of the recent flooding on Commons Drive and asked if there is a city plan prior to the Hurricane Season to get all the city inlets and stormwater basins cleaned. Mr. Burgess explained that the city does have one in place and added that the flooding he is referring to happened near Home Depot in unincorporated Okaloosa County. He spoke of how city staff assisted the Sheriff's Department with cones and signage until the County could get out there and pump the standing water off the roadway. He then spoke of several other pump out/standing water issues that have recently take place in the city.
- **Committee member Green** – Thanked Councilmember Overdier for appointing him to the committee.
- **Committee member Weidenhamer** – Nothing to report.
- **Chairman Ramswell** – Spoke of Kudos to his wife, Prebble Ramswell for the success of the Destin High School that breaks ground tomorrow and is planned to be open by August.

➤ **Public Comment:**

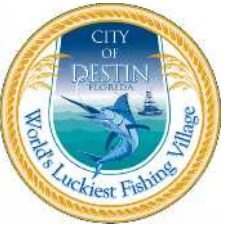
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Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Anthony Ramswell, Chairman

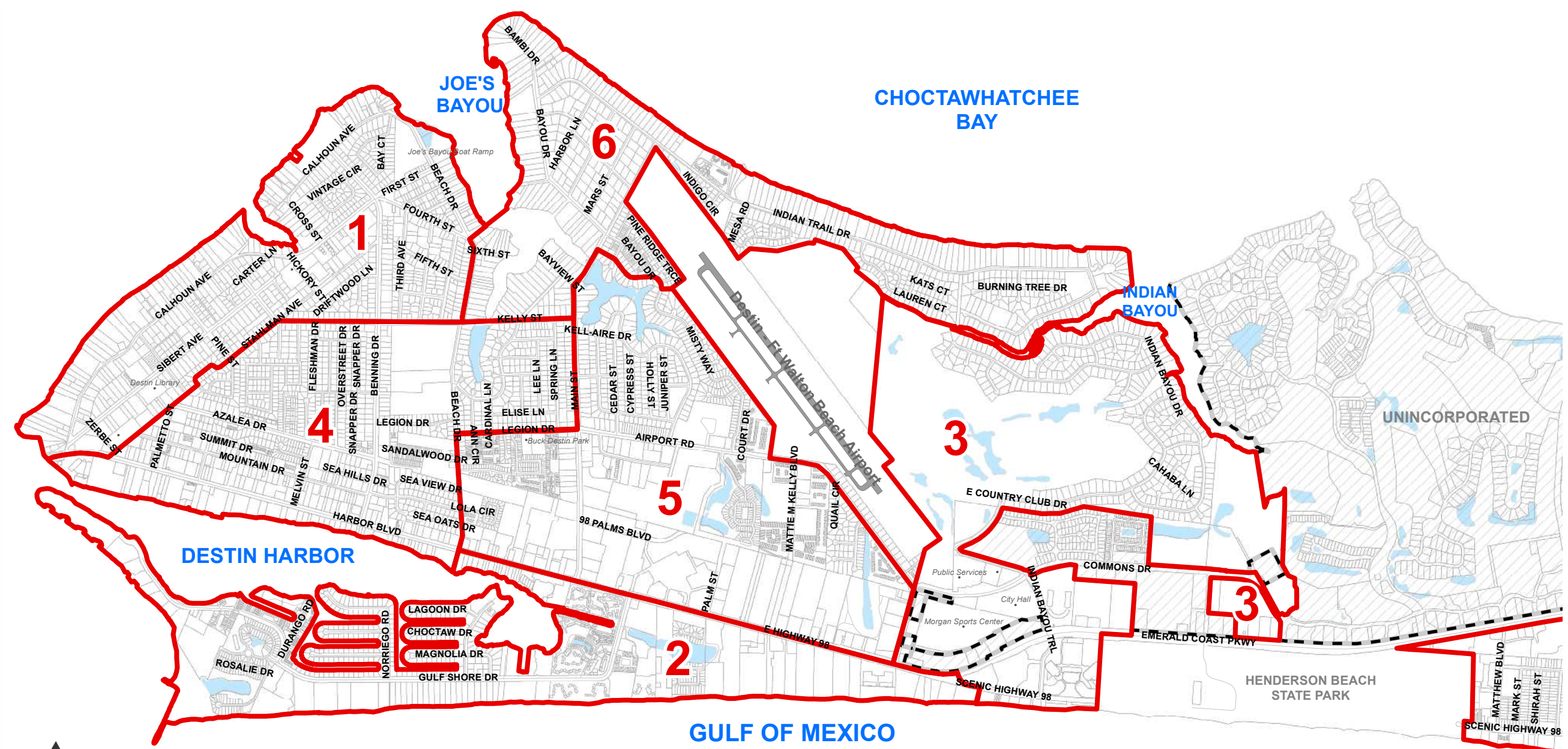
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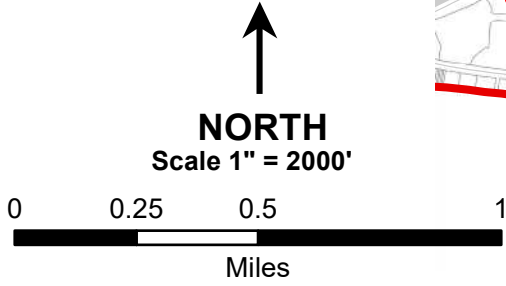
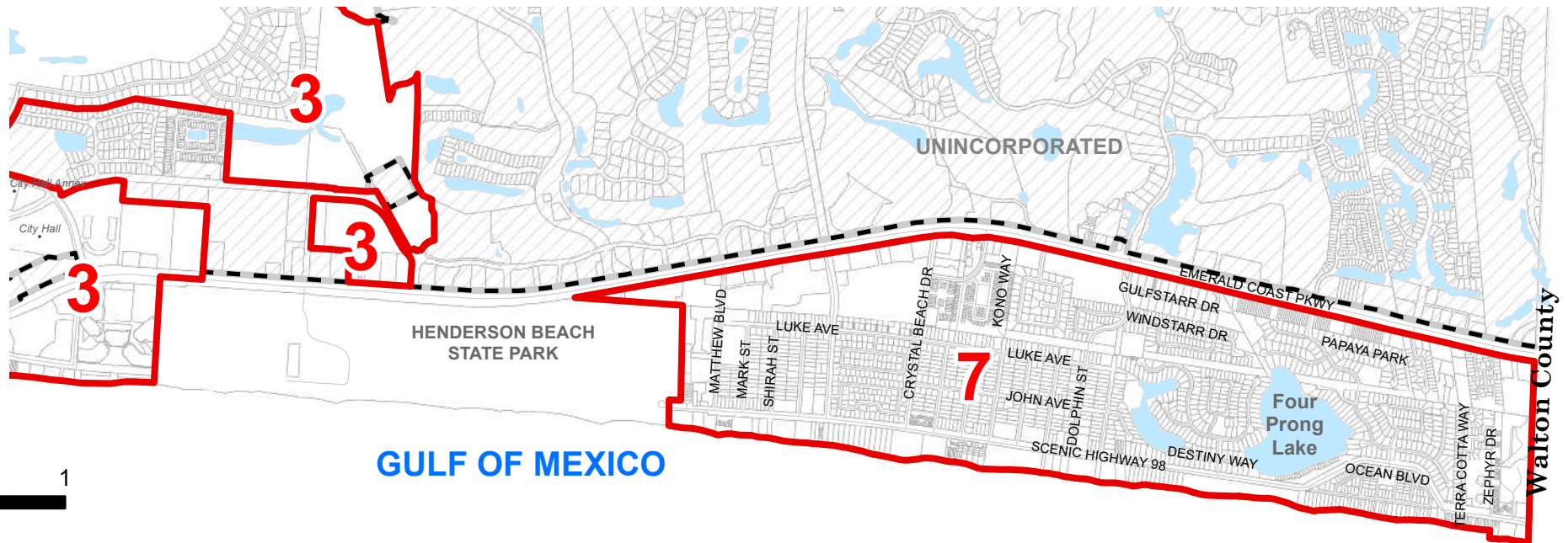
**City of Destin
Public Works & Safety
Committee Districts**

LEGEND

- City Limit
- Safety Committee Districts
- Unincorporated



▲ West Destin
▼ East Destin



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