

Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of January 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Mike Helton, Earl King and Charlie Simmons were present. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 8, 2005 as written, Councilman King seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Latilda Henninger presented the following planning items:

Legislative Issues:

Requested 1st reading and to advertise for adoption St. Peter Small Scale Amendment ordinance changing parcel #29-1S-19-23000-001-0030, a total of 2.65 acres more or less from FLUM designation of Rural Village (RV) to FLUM designation of Low Density Residential (LDR). Councilman King motioned to have first reading and advertise for adoption, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0. After reading title, Planner Henninger realized 1st reading had been done at regular council meeting of December 13, 2005, and requested to hold 2nd reading and adoption of proposed ordinance. Councilman King motioned to have 2nd reading and adoption of proposed ordinance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0. 2nd reading was performed and Ordinance 06-01 was adopted.

Requested 2nd reading and adoption of St. Peter zoning assignment ordinance of the above mentioned parcel to Low Density Residential (R-1). Councilman King motioned to have 2nd reading and adoption of proposed ordinance, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0. 2nd reading was performed and Ordinance 06-02 was adopted.

Requested approval for a proposed City sponsored amendment to be added to the next Large Scale Amendment changing some 20.65 acres from current FLUM designation of Established Residential (ER) and zoning designation of High Density Residential (R-3) to proposed FLUM designation of Mixed Use (MU) and proposed zoning designation of Residential Commercial (RC). Councilman King motioned to approve the proposed amendment being included in the spring City Large Scale Amendment, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.

Requested approval for an amendment to the Freeport Comprehensive Plan/Land Development Code regarding the Functional Classifications of Roadways within the City of Freeport changing the classification from rural to transitioning urban. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the proposed amendment and to include it with the spring City Large Scale Amendment, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.

Quasi-Judicial Items:

Requested a motion to approve the Freeport Truss Office. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the Freeport Truss Office, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to approve the Freeport Family Chiropractic Clinic. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the Freeport Family Chiropractic Clinic, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to continue the Riverwalk PDP Master Plan resolution to regular council meeting of January 27, 2006 due to resolution not being included in council packets for review. Councilman King motioned to continue the proposed resolution to regular council meeting of January 27, 2006, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to approve Riverwalk Phase I. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Riverwalk Phase I, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to approve Hammock Bay Pod 8. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Hammock Bay Pod 8, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to approve Hammock Bay Pod 9. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Hammock Bay Pod 9, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Final Record Plats

Requested a motion to approve the recording of the Prospect Park Subdivision final plat. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the recording of the Prospect Park Subdivision final plat, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Requested a motion to approve the recording of the Laurel Oaks Subdivision final plat. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the recording of the Laurel Oaks Subdivision final plat, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Henninger requested a motion to approve Ms. Sarah J. "Susie" Merrill as Councilwoman Arrant's representative on the Freeport planning board due to Mr. Mitch Block being unable to continue due to job constraints. Councilman King motioned to approve Ms. Merrill to fill the Freeport planning board vacancy, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Clayton Adkinson presented the following legal issues:

Presented an interlocal agreement between the City of Freeport and Walton County for the Bay Area Sewer expansion for Mayor Marse's signature.

Presented a draft copy of Walton County Fire Contract for Councilman Simmons approval and comments.

Charles Peters was absent so no engineering report was given, but Mr. Tonny Peters expressed appreciation for the Freeport turnout at their company Christmas party.

Old business:

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the Freeport Recreation members as presented – Rosier Cuchens, George Schissler, Jean Arrant, Eleanor Turner, James McCleod, David Miller, and Jack Rhodes - , Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Rhodes will coordinate dates for meetings and Mayor Marse will swear them in during their first meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Marse announced that Gary Lee, Johnny McCormick, and Ricky Smith had completed their 90 probationary period and requested that they be granted permanent status. Councilman King motioned to grant permanent employment status to the above mentioned employees, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse requested to allow the Institute for Senior Professionals with Okaloosa Walton College to conduct a study of demographics for planning purposes for Freeport. Councilman King motioned to make a request for studies from the Institute for Senior Professionals with Okaloosa Walton College, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse announced that he had received two quotes for painting the Community Center. There was a large difference in price, so council agreed to request bids again with specific jobs identified.

Mayor Marse received a test well price quote to convert a well previously used for monitoring purposes on the North Bay system to be used as a back up well for emergency for \$16,840.00. Councilman King motioned to proceed with converting the well conditional upon Florida Department of Environmental Protection's approval, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to approve resolution request from Florida League of Cities supporting their key priority issues, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution 06-01 was adopted.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Under Council business not on agenda, Mayor Marse announced that he had attended a meeting with the Walton County Commissioners and Ben Stutler, the director of FL Department of Transportation in Tallahassee regarding Highway 331. He will attend another meeting in Pensacola next week and a conference in Washington, DC in March.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council