

Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of January 26, 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.

Councilman Helton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 13, 2005 as written, Councilman Jackson 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 Stonebridge Small Scale Amendment ordinance changing parcels #03-1S-19-23000-020-0000 and #03-1S-19-23000-020-0010, a total of 4.18 acres more or less from FLUM designation of Low Density Residential (LDR) to FLUM designation of Established Residential (ER). Mr. Crawford, a resident, had some questions regarding the notification letter sent to residents. Councilman Jackson motioned to have first reading and advertise for adoption the proposed ordinance, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the 1st reading.

Requested 1st reading and to advertise for adoption Stonebridge re-zoning request ordinance of the above mentioned parcel from Low Density Residential (R1) to High Density Residential (R-3). Councilman King motioned to have 1st reading and to advertise for adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Henninger performed the 1st reading.

Requested a motion to adopt the Riverwalk PDP Resolution that was continued from the regular council meeting of January 10, 2006. Councilman King motioned to adopt the Riverwalk PDP Resolution, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution #06-02 was adopted.

Requested a motion to adopt the Marina Village PDP/PDP Resolution. This project was transferred from the County development process to the City development process with their approved annexation. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the Marina Village PDP and the corresponding PDP Resolution, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution #06-03 was adopted.

Quasi-Judicial Items:

Requested a motion to approve the Marina Village PDP Phase I. Ms. Patricia Marceleno, a resident, expressed concern regarding East Bay Loop traffic. Ms. Henninger stated this development is well within the parameters of trips allowed for the road. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the Marina Village PDP Phase I, Councilman King seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Final Record Plats

Requested a motion to approve the signing of Ashton Park Phase I Subdivision (formerly known as The Pines Phase I) final plat. Councilman Helton motioned to approve the recording of the Ashton Park Phase I Subdivision final plat, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Other Issues

Ms. Henninger announced the Joint Consensus Hearing regarding the School Concurrency Pilot Community Project to be held at the Walton County School Board. Ms. Henninger requested all council members attend if possible.

Ms. Henninger informed council that she had received official notification from the Governor's Office of Freeport's designation of Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

Ms. Henninger reminded council that she has been with the City of Freeport for a year and expressed her appreciation. She then gave a summary of all planning activities for the past year.

Clayton Adkinson presented the following legal issues:

Notified council that he was waiting on a resolution from bond counsel regarding the financing of the new City Hall and hoped to be able to present it at the next regular council meeting.

Notified council that L & R Contracting has filed a lawsuit against the City of Freeport regarding North Bay expansion contract. City of Freeport will file a counter claim for liquidated damages.

Charles Peters presented the following engineering items:

Bay area sewer phase I bids were received. The bids received were:
\$515,612.10 Carter's Contracting Services, Inc.
\$572,337.00 Southeastern Underground, Inc.
\$631,742.50 Gulf Coast Utility Contractors
\$702,874.70 I-C Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Peters recommended awarding the contract to Carter's Contracting Services, Inc. Councilwoman Arrant motion to authorize the contract to Carter's Contracting Services, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Updated the council on water tank #4 - the new site has been surveyed and soil test has been completed.

Updated the council on Bayloop phase II sewer progress - the lines are about 41% completed.

Drafted a notice to Bayloop phase I sewer residents regarding connection fees and a grinder pump user agreement.

Updated the council on utility relocation status – complete except for a few punch list items.

Presented a work plan to submit to Mike Standley regarding an application for grant funds from Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Old business:

Councilman King reviewed the four bids received for a dump truck. The bids received were :
\$46,059.00 Orville Beckford Ford
\$53,257.00 Ward International Trucks
\$55,308.00 Freightliner & Sterling of Dothan and
\$57,644.68 Coffman International.

Councilman King recommended purchasing the truck from Freightliner of Dothan. While it was not the lowest bid, it was the lowest bid that matched up to the requested specs. Councilman Helton recommended purchasing the dump truck from Freightliner, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Mayor Marse announced that Robin Haynes had completed her 90 probationary period and was now on permanent status.

Mayor Marse requested permission to gather information regarding a directional boring machine. Council agreed.

Clerk Haynes presented information regarding employee reimbursements for meals while on City sponsored travel. Councilman King motioned to accept the city per diem rates as used by Walton County, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Mike Heard requested the council lift the annexation moratorium. Council took no action at this time. Mayor Marse requested council to consider holding a workshop prior to actually lifting the moratorium.

Mr. Arthur Hill addressed the council regarding concerns in the length of time a project was taking to get through the technical review process. Council took no action at this time.

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

Councilwoman Arrant updated the council on the Walton County Coalition meeting held last week.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council