

**Regular Council Meeting
April 24, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons. Council member Mike Helton was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 8, 2008 and the workshop of April 7, 2008 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

1. Planning Issues

City Planner Henninger presented the following items:

Requested approval for the final plat for the Verandas @ Freeport, Phase I-A. The only outstanding issue is the DOT permit for the turn lane. It has been submitted for the relocation of the ditch and is expected back within 30 days. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the final plat for the Verandas @ Freeport, Phase I-A, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

2. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson requested approval to have 2nd reading and adoption of an annexation ordinance containing three parcels located off of Bayloop Road, south of the entrance to Waterview Cove – the properties are owned by AirRep (parcel #13-1S-20-32000-031-0010), Tousignant (#18-1S-19-23000-005-0001) and TGM (#18-1S-19-23000-005-0010). Councilman King motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title and Ordinance #08-02 was adopted.

3. Engineer's Report

City Engineer representative Charles Peters informed the council that the contract documents had been completed for the Lazy Days sewer expansion and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon.

IV. Old Business

1. Cliff Knauer – Ramsey Creek RV Resort

Mr. Cliff Knauer representing JLAB, LLC, requested a motion designating RV Resorts as an allowable use under the City's commercial zoning districts. Mr.

Knauer stated that according to the City's land development code under Section C, the council could approve the requested land use if substantially consistent with other uses allowed under the C-1 designation. Attorney Adkinson stated that he had not had an opportunity to review the request and did not agree with Mr. Knauer's interpretation of the language. After lengthy discussion between council and the attorney, Councilman King motioned to table the issue. Council agreed.

2. Mayor Marse – Transportation for DOC crew

Mayor Marse informed Council that the van the City was planning to use for the Department of Corrections crew had multiple maintenance issues and possible safety issues. He had located a used 2007 passenger van on the lot at Solomon Chevrolet and requested approval to purchase for \$21,192.00. Councilman King motioned to approve the purchase of the used van for \$21,192.00, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

3. Extension request – Regatta Point Ventures, LLC

Planner Henninger stated that the Regatta Point Ventures LLC project had run into serious boundary issues and was requesting on extension on the project. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve a six month extension for the Regatta Point Ventures project, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

V. New Business

1. Leigh Morrison – Life Enrichment Senior Center of Walton County

Ms. Morrison introduced herself and gave council a brief presentation on the Life Enrichment Senior Center of Walton County, located in DeFuniak Springs. She invited everyone to visit the facilities.

2. Mayor Marse – Portofino Property for sale

Mayor Marse notified council that the Portofino property, located at the west edge of the City Hall property, was for sale. It is approximately 5.5 acres and the owner offered it to Mayor Marse for \$1,400,000.00. Council took no action.

3. Clerk Haynes – budget amendment request/CDBG funds

This item was not presented.

4. Employee status – David Scott

Councilman Jackson motioned to grant David Scott permanent employee status after successful completion of his probationary period, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

5. Fire department – truck bid proposals

Fire chief Bennett Greenslait requested approval for the fire department to purchase a truck and chassis and to retrofit it with a 500 gallon tank and pump to use as a "quick attack" vehicle. Chief Greenslait presented the bids as received for the work truck:

Chevrolet 3500 Dually:	
Alan Jay Automotive Network	\$42,067.00
Solomon Motor Company	\$43,388.00
Preston Hood	\$47,746.00
Dodge 3500 Dually	

Tim Whitehead Dodge	\$46,024.00
Tallahassee Dodge	\$47,912.07
Dodge 4500 Dually	
Tallahassee Dodge	\$50,850.50
Steve White Motors	\$52,575.00

He stated that to complete the truck with the tank and pump, the total cost would be \$85,527.00. The Division of Forestry has pre-approved the Fire department, with Council approval, to apply a matching 50/50 grant for the price of the tank, reducing the total cost to \$75,527.00. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the purchase of the Dodge 4500 Dually from Tallahassee Dodge for \$50,850.00 with a total retrofit price of \$74,527.00 with impact fees, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

6. Earl King – Freeport Park/name, hours, and maintenance

Councilman King stated that he had several issues he would like to address with the Freeport Park:

- Hours – with the DOC crew helping to maintain the park and to allow for clean up, etc., some operating hours for the park need to be established.

After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to set the park hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

- Name – for purposes of signage and advertising, Councilman King stated that the park should be named.

After short discussion, Councilwoman Arrant motioned to name the City park “Freeport Regional Sports Complex”, Councilman King seconded. Mr. Jay Odom, representing Hammock Bay, requested for advertising purposes only – to add “at Hammock Bay to the end. Council had no objections. There was no more public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

- Maintenance – it was apparent that the DOC crew would not be able to maintain all park facilities in the amount of time prior to opening of the park. Councilman King recommended hiring Dogwood Services to coordinate services necessary for the maintenance of the park. Mr. Jay Odom reminded council that the Hammock Bay Homeowners Association had monthly fees available to assist in the cost of the maintenance services. After lengthy discussion between council and the audience, Attorney Adkinson recommended that council identify items that the prisoners would be able to complete and then generate a list of items to bid out for services.

Councilman King motioned to temporarily hire Dogwood Services for 60 days to allow time to bid out the maintenance of the park, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Councilman Simmons left at 8:55 p.m.

7. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President