

**Regular Council Meeting  
August 25, 2011**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of August 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Past Minutes**

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of August 9, 2011 and the council workshops of July 27 and August 18, 2011 as written, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Acceptance of streets/Hammock Bay**

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed resolution accepting the streets within Hammock Bay with the exception of the sections of brick pavers. She mentioned to council that Councilman Taunton requested prior to the meeting that the streets be striped and additional signage be placed according to FDOT standards. Ms. Laura Burrough, representing Crystal Beach Development, objected to the additional requirements, stating that the streets had been constructed according to City specifications and were inspected and accepted by the City's engineer. Short discussion continued. Attorney Adkinson suggested the engineer, meet with Councilman Taunton and the developer to determine what specifications the subdivision should adhere to. Councilman Jackson motioned to table the issue until the second meeting in September, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion.

**2. Legal Matters**

None were presented.

**3. Fire Department Report**

No report was given.

**4. Parks Department Report**

No report was given.

**5. Engineer's Report**

## **A. Highway 331 Utility Relocation Engineering Contract**

A letter was presented to Council from Charles Peters, of Peters Municipal Associates, stating that the sale/merger of PMA and Praestare will not be proceeding as planned. Since the Praestare engineers have been performing most of the engineering for the Highway 331 relocation project, he is requesting that Praestare Engineering be accepted as the engineer of record on the project for FDOT. Attorney Adkinson stated that this was more of a naming issue rather than a bidding issue and would not create any issues for the project. Councilman King motioned to accept releasing Peters Municipal Associates from the Highway 331 relocation project and naming Praestare Engineering as the engineer of record, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Cliff Knauer, representing Preble-Rish gave a short update the Wagon Wheel well upgrade project.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. North Bay Phase II interim financing proposals**

Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the interim financing proposal for the North Bay Phase II project by Suntrust Bank at 1.34%, subject to approval by USDA-Rural Development, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. The Suntrust proposal was the only one received.

### **2. Energy Audit proposals**

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve AMEC for the energy audit of the City facilities as recommended by the committee ranking the proposals and subject to approval of the Department of Energy, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **3. TRIM 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing/Budget Adoption**

Council agreed to set the TRIM second hearing and budget adoption special meeting for Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Fee waiver request**

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the fee waiver for rental of the community center for six months for "Child Find Preschool screenings", Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

### **1. Pay all bills in order**

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in orders, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

Scarlett Phaneuf, representing the Walton County Economic Development Alliance, informed Council that the first meeting of the new board is scheduled for September 7, 2011. She has also finally received an update from Southern Wine and Spirits and it appears that they may finally be able to move forward with their project. Construction is planned to begin in 2012.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President