

**Regular Council Meeting  
October 22, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of October 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, and Mark Martin. Councilmember Charlie Simmons was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger, 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**

None were presented.

**1. Planning Issues**

**A. Marina Village/Letter of credit**

Ms. Henninger presented a request for a reduction on the letter of credit provided for maintenance of Marina Village Phase I from \$1,339,241.42 to \$200,886.21. Ms. Henninger recommended approval based upon the following conditions:

- PMA conducts a site inspection of improvements and verifies that all improvements still meet city regulations
- Attorney Adkinson review and approve the proposed letter of credit for the reduced amount
- Additional information as needed by either PMA or Attorney Adkinson be provided by Preble-Rish on behalf of Marina Village Phase I and copied to staff
- All review/inspection fees paid

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the reduction of the letter of credit for Marina Village Phase I with the above stated conditions, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Marse requested Council approval of issuing the development order for the Shoppes at Freeport (Publix) in order for them to be able to submit FDOT permit applications while traffic concurrency with the state is on hold. No site work or additional permits would be allowed until the development has paid all applicable fees. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the development order with conditions, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**2. Legal Matters**

None were presented.

**3. Fire Department Report**

Chief Greenslait recommended approval to hire Mr. Austin Cosson for the fire department vacancy. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve hiring Austin Cosson, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Chief Greenslait requested approval to hold the list of applicants as ranked for 60 days in case of another vacancy. Councilman Martin motioned to approve holding the applicant list, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Marse informed Council that he met with Mr. Bill Imfeld a few days ago. The County had removed the truck payment from the County funding payment. He will continue discussions with the County regarding more funding.

#### **4. Parks Department Report**

Mayor Marse informed Council the City was ready to purchase the mower as budgeted for the Freeport Regional Sports Complex.

#### **5. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- FDOT Sidewalk project – handed to Jody Solomon and pre-con to be scheduled
- Well #7 – bac T test completed, FDEP request for final completion ready for submittal, final construction inspection scheduled for next week, the project will be 105 days overdue
- Washington Street project complete
- North Bay Phase II expansion – 118 signed up so far, public hearing on notice of intent to apply scheduled for Monday, November 9, 7:00 pm

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **1. Special Council Meeting – Ranking engineering proposals/North Bay Expansion**

Councilman Jackson motioned to schedule a special council meeting for the purpose of ranking the engineering proposals received for the North Bay expansion on Monday, November 9, at 7:00 pm, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Councilman King motioned to reschedule the public meeting for Monday, November 9, at 6:30 pm, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

### **V. New Business**

#### **1. Publix Development Order**

Council approved earlier.

#### **2. Personnel policy revision**

Councilman Martin motioned to approve the policy revisions as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

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

Councilman Martin 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**

Councilman Martin informed Council that the Northwest Florida League of Cities board meeting would be hosted by the City of Freeport on March 18, 2010.

Councilman Martin motioned to cancel the regular scheduled council meeting of November 22, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Marse stated that he had thought a lot about the Councilmember’s duties. He would like Councilman Simmons to remain over the fire department, Councilwoman Brannon over the parks, and Councilman Martin to represent the City on various boards, including the Northwest Florida League of Cities.

**VII. Public Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

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