

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 9:00 A.M.**

**Present:** Jesse Nelson, Mayor  
Brandon Aldridge, Commissioner  
Pat Perno, Commissioner  
Jamie Warrick, Commissioner  
Judy Tinder, Commissioner  
Vickie Gainer, City Manager  
Police Chief Ricky Ramie, Sergeant at Arms  
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

**Item #1. Call to order.**

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9.00 A.M.

**Item # 2. Invocation by Commissioner Aldridge; and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item # 3. Public Commentary.**

Ellyne Fields - 3507 Hidden Valley Road - addressed the comment by the member of community from last meeting who indicated that race played a role in our meetings. She wanted to express that no person should feel that race, gender, or any other difference should prevent them from speaking freely during City meetings. She doesn't see prejudice in the community. She does not want to invalidate anyone else's past experience and would like to encourage everyone to communicate openly and respectfully.

Mr. Walker - 1106 Michigan Avenue - Showed his passport and Merchant Marines license and said none of them say what race he is. He said he is American and doesn't go back to trace any further than his grandfather, father, brother, and himself who were involved in past wars for America, and who are Americans. The comments from the person at the last meeting was like a slap in the face. Mr. Walker feels those comments were about himself as he is the one with an attitude and a chip on his shoulder. We have to stop this separation of the City and the Country by race. Mr. Walker said that he was out of line.

Jodi Moore - Amhurst Street - offered prayers to victims of the fires and thanks to the first responders. Would like Lynn Haven to look at the areas that are brush, even if it is private land, and ensure it is tidied up. Would also like to talk about the issue of race that was brought up at the last meeting. She said she is offended by those comments and does not see any racism. She said she has opposed many Mayors and City Managers over the years and most of them were not black. These accusations are destructive to the City.

Arlene Harrison - Michigan Avenue - Genetically there is not many races, there is only the human race. There are divisions by race and religion that are artificial constructs.

**Item # 4. Mayor's Report.**

**A. Proclamation - Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.**

The Mayor read the proclamation and proceeded to present it to the representatives present from The Arc of The Bay.

Utility taxes seemed to increase, and many residents had queried this. Upon investigating Lynn Haven is in line with other City's in the Bay. Provided tel. no. 1800 342 3552 to call to query/complain about utilities tax increases.

Reminded and implored people to please not text and drive.

Youth Council names have been received from Mosely and just waiting for names from North

Bay Haven.

House Bill 985 and Senate Bills 974 and 224 - letters submitted to various committees.

Attended the Police Department accreditation award in Palm beach.

Enjoyed the spring ball opening event.

Had a productive meeting with Becca Hardin and tenants from the industrial park and encouraged them to follow up with Mr. Albibi. As a result, they may be meeting with Mr. Albibi to discuss what his vision is. City Manager will follow up with them. All will be informed about the workshop that will be held about this matter in the near future.

Regarding the recent fires - thanks to the first responders and City Manager and Chief Delonjay for keeping us updated. Good to see everyone coming together to help all victims of the fire.

Mayor's Town Hall will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 5.30pm.

**Item # 5. Commissioners' Reports.**

Commissioner Aldridge - attended the Police Department Accreditation. Proud of our Police Department and thankful for the work they have put in over the past 4 years to achieve this accreditation. Thankful to the first responders dealing with the fires. Proud to see the community coming together for the spring ball opening celebration - brought back some perspective to the community.

Commissioner Perno - thanked the city employees and first responders especially fire fighters from all over the state including our very own for the work they've done during the recent fires. Pray for some rain to get past the fires. Thanks to our Police Department for their accreditation and apologies for not being able to attend the ceremony. There is one individual who expressed an issue during the previous pre-commission meeting who is being asked to pay for the removal of some yards of debris on his grounds. After discussing it with him further it became evident that three years ago, during Hurricane Michael he had let the State on his land to clean up a vital ditch to help circumvent flooding. Hope we can overcome that fact that we are trying to charge him for debris that he has told the state to go ahead and put it on his property. Commissioner Perno said he would pay for a couple of yards of debris to be removed for him. We should thank him and not make him owe the money and went on to thank Mr. Johnson. Commissioner Perno said he had called the contact person that Mr. Johnson had provided details for, and he is away and only back in the office tomorrow and Commissioner Perno will speak to him then and hope to resolve the issue. He has no reason to lie to us.

Commissioner Warrick - thoughts and heart goes out to people who have lost their homes to the fire. Reiterated to all to be very careful who you donate money to and avoid scams. Kudos to fire and police department and the army. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am will be at Slim Chickens for anyone who would like to come and talk, otherwise call him on 850 391 1217. A few weeks ago, he spoke about a letter he sent to the Governor about giving back power and authority to local municipality. One of the things he added to the letter was the fuel tax that goes directly to the County who determines how it is split out (by a specific formula). Found out that over 26,389,000 gallons of fuel was sold in Lynn Haven over the past three years, and it translates to \$1,583,000 at 6c/gallon, and we only received \$889,000 of that over those three years. Going on vacation on Friday and back on Wednesday. Police Department accreditation was a big deal, and he did not realize what was involved in that process. Well done. Enjoyed the spring ball opening celebration. Thanks to Commissioner Perno for bringing up Mr. Johnson's issues. Also, he sat down with Police Chief and Fire Chief last week because of the comments made by the member of the public at the last meeting. Can tell you they have a fair and sensible hiring process. Appreciate them taking the time out to speak with him and all that they do.

Commissioner Tinder - last couple weeks dealt with a few residential issues that were all taken care of. Regarding Mr. Johnson - appreciated that Commissioner Perno offered to pay the bill

and Commissioner Warrick and her had decided to split that bill too. So hopefully between all of them we can get that taken care of. Congrats on the Police Department for their accreditation. Had a family in the restaurant Saturday and while they were there, they got a notice to evacuate.

**Item # 6. City Manager's Report.**

A. Employee of the Month (Dawn Brothers & Johnnie Pride).

Supervisors spoke about the employees of the month and presented their awards.

B. Warrant list update - Commissioner Tinder asked about the \$13k to Tyler - what it was for? City Manager said it is for our financial software.

C. Mr. Lightfoot provided a Stormwater update. (Presentation saved in folder)

Commissioner Tinder asked if there is any update on Colorado Ave - Mr. Lightfoot said it is going onto next months update. However, we had our pre-app with DEP who seemed to not have any issues with it, so once the survey is done, he will be able to provide a cost estimate to have additional pipe done on Mississippi Avenue. Commissioner Warrick thanked Mr. Lightfoot for all he does.

City Manager thanked fire fighters and first responders for all they have done with the fires. Thanked Ramona Bibbs and her team - helping with coordinating to ensure all people's pets would have somewhere to stay safe... outstanding job.

Opening day was a huge success with the largest turnout she's seen since she has been here. Thanks Community Services staff.

City is now finished with legislative paving. We are currently working on mid-year budget.

The valve at Davis Lake is closed till the water level normalizes.

Marina Island workshop is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Senior Center.

April 9<sup>th</sup> is Easter egg hunt at Kinsaul Park at 8.30. Spring concert series starts March 25<sup>th</sup> - every Friday night.

Dog Park follow up - taken care of the seating and lighting to make the place safe as possible.

Ditch digging will hopefully be 100% complete by Hurricane Season.

Congratulations to Commissioner Tinder - who won the Death by Chocolate award for her restaurant.

Commissioner Tinder asked if we have started on the signs for the dog park yet? Kids are playing in those areas and being bitten. City Manager said yes, we can print those rules in-house and will place them up.

**Item # 7. City Attorney's Report.**

Nothing to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item # 8. Minutes dd 02/22/22 - Regular meeting minutes.**

**Item # 9. Approval to grant a 3-year extension for the modulars to remain on the North Bay campus due to the significant rise in materials and construction costs delaying the construction start date of the new buildings.**

**Item #10. Approval to extend occupation of an RV at 1212 Texas Avenue through the end of December 2022, while improving their home that the contractor they hired a year ago has just begun working on.**

**Item # 11. Approval to extend occupation of an RV at 615 Illinois Avenue through end of July 2022, while repairing home from storm damage.**

**Item # 12. Approval to appoint Mr. Johnnie Beshearse to the Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee, to replace Mr. Ryan Scray who resigned.**

**Item # 13. Approval to award RFQ-21/22-10 to Pyro Shows.**

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second to the Motion

Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Tinder	aye
Warrick	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item # 14. First Reading of Ordinance #1129 - Application for Annexation - Wilson/McKenney; Parcel # 11665-000-000.**

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

**Item # 15. First Reading of Ordinance #1130 - Application for Future Land Use Map Amendment – Wilson/McKenney; Parcel # 11665-000-000; from bay County Residential to City of Lynn Haven Commercial.**

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

**Item # 16. First Reading of Ordinance #1131 - Amending Ordinance 855 to correct the legal description of the land located at 1801 highway 77; Parcel # 11605-000-000.**

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only. The attorney explained the reason for the update of the legal description of this parcel.

**Item # 17. First Reading of Ordinance #1132 - Amending Ordinance 861 to correct the legal description of the land located at 1801 highway 77; Parcel # 11605-000-000.**

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

**Item # 18. Adjourn.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF March 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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 Vickie Gainer, City Manager

  
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 Jesse Nelson, Mayor