

**TUESDAY, AUG 24, 2021
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

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

Item #1. Call to order. Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Item #2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation by Senior Pastor Steve Taylor of Emerald Coast Fellowship Church was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3. Public Commentary.

The Mayor reminded the public to keep their comments about the stormwater and the historical Platt to those items when they come up in the agenda in due course.

Jodi Moore - Amhurst Street - the Debt Review committee did a great job, and she is grateful for the information they provided. She has some more questions for the City Manager. Firstly, of all the accounts the City has how much money does the City have in the bank right now? Secondly, in terms of the FEMA money in the amount of almost \$24m that is expected, she had asked of Mr. McQueen, Panama City's City Manager on Monday if there was any scenario where the FEMA money will not be paid. He said if it has been committed then they would pay it, so her question is, has FEMA committed to paying that almost \$24m?

Mr. Bollinger - sent an email to the Commissioners this morning. He proceeded to read the email. He requests the City consider in the spirit of cooperation to share the cost of the traffic study the school wants to undertake, and he respectfully requests that their Development Order be on the next available agenda.

Mr. Walker - 1106 Michigan Avenue - the recent rain has created two very disastrous health implications for this town. The sewer system is supposed to be separate from stormwater. Hwy 77 was just closed. The only way in and out of the City was closed. Why now? He went on to accuse the City of not only dumping sewerage into the bay, but also of not notifying the public about the health crisis created by the alleged sewerage dump.

Yvonne Bishop - Dundee Ave in Mowat Highlands - Spoke about Mowat Highlands flooding. The water swiftly turns into a river filling our roads with sand after flooding the homes. The drainage from this development is not sufficient to deal with the rain and runoff. Does the developer have the right to develop while flooding the neighbors lands? [showed photos of the properties over a period of time].

Bob Schultz - 509 Pennsylvania Avenue - said he is trying to figure out the new rules and said the public say something, and Commission say nothing back but nod their heads. If they do not talk back, how does the public know they listen? He said the agenda says, "due to COVID we strongly recommend that everyone wear a mask", yet our leaders are not wearing masks. (note: the Commissioners table had everyone seated appropriately distanced to not require a mask). He then went on to deride the Commissioners in an attempt to denigrate the meeting.

Frank Stevens - 2nd Street Lynn Haven - been here about 20 years. He emailed all commissioners about the stormwater assessments and every one of them responded. Thank you. They have a large

property that will be assessed up on the highest level and they have no issue with that. It is a much needed action. The issue pre-dates this administration and you have a big job to do. Thank you. It is no issue for them to pay this and resolve it because his neighbors get flooded. Jamie had some excellent information for us too, thank you.

Debra Anderson 901 Colorado Ave - handed out photos of her property flooding and spoke about it being flooded during TS Fred.

Arnett Flyers 16 E. 26th Street - Belaire Estate - Regards the proposals from the contractor about the easement and making a two foot ditch in the hopes to helping people down in Minnesota, back when Walmart was proposed. His house does not flood but looking at this issue there will be a whole lot of fences destroyed to make a two foot ditch that will increase the water running down that area. Asked has the City considered putting a large pond in so they can control the water? Given less than 30 days to move things on peoples properties (like his shed).

Kay Lanford - 1209 Arkansas Ave - HM destroyed her family's historical home. She chose to buy a home in LH and is now regretting it. She went on to explain how her home has flooded over the years.

Beverley Jenkins 2409 Minnesota Ave. - when she bought her home, she was told she was not in the flood zone yet since then she has been flooded out many times.

Daniel Little of 2300 Cameron's Crossing - spoke about stormwater flooding on his property. It even overwhelms his French drains. Explained the mitigation steps he has taken to improve his own property. Asked for specific help with specific issues.

Gerri Parker - Rett place. Thanked Mayor for responding to her email. Got 4 responses to 5 of her emails. Give serious consideration to move the public commentary back to item 7 please.

Mr. Smith - 601 E 9th street - spoke about the flooding that has only recently started happening when he did not flood for nearly 30 years before. Said it starts with sorting out the spill way. Thanks for your time.

Steve Nabokowski - 1231 Dundee lane - it would be nice if he thought throwing money at stormwater would solve a lot of the problems. It is the developers that are allowed to do whatever they want to create creeks and streams. A swale requires lots of maintenance and he has seen a lack of maintenance over the past few years, the swales are overgrown with grass above the knees. CLH increased payroll has increased \$1m every year so either we are short on manpower or paying the people too much. The tax is not going to help unless the developers are prevented from moving water around the manner that they do. Feels the non-ad valorem tax will never go away and is not going to help.

Attorney reminded everyone they need to address the stormwater assessment during the item 10 public hearing.

Christy MacIlroy - Port St Joe - Spoke about the flooding. Ms. Gainer is the City Manager and according to the Charter she is supposed to be in charge. She said the City does not have a right to put its problems into the bay because they are not doing their jobs. City LH ditches are horrible. In Port St Joe there lift stations are checked on 3 times a week.

Joe riley - 821 North Haven - started to talk about the assessment. Mayor told him we are discussing it at item #10.

Brian Gray - 1314 E. 9th Street - Appreciated Miss Vickie for her feedback on Mowat Highlands Southeast corner. Concerned that when the developer is done, they won't uphold their responsibility. Secondly, no streetlights on his street and it is a public health issue. It is really dark, and they need a light on that street.

Joe Cannon at 1501 Virginia Ave - Called numerous times about cleaning ditches in their street and they keep getting told they will put a work order in and now with this assessment, if you are not doing it now what makes you think it will get done then?

Ahmed Mohammed - Dundee Lane - spoke about his property flooding. He said he accepts that this happened as a result of the previous administration, and that this administration is now doing its best. He knows this administration wants to help the community.

Randy Roos - 346 Florida Drive - passed around laptop of photos and spoke about his property flooding. Want to stress the need for a water retention pond instead of a park. Perfect time to put one in please. Thank you for your time.

Resident from the Corner of Mississippi & Country Road - spoke about his flooding with the properties having no drains or ditches. Pipes not being big enough in that area and the pipes are overflowing and the ditches are not big and deep enough. If he needs to be on list, he has no problem even paying \$1000 dollars if someone said they were actually going to do something. Thank you for your time.

Tommy - Alexander Belaire Estates - spoke about his property flooding. Recommended putting a retention pond in the park that was destroyed. Thank you for listening.

Jenny 1611 Alabama Avenue - spoke on behalf of herself and her neighbors. Appreciates the assistance and work she is seeing right now that she hasn't ever seen before. Been in her house since 2015 and she never had flooding like she does now. Not even during Hurricane Michael that dropped 12 inches of rain. Since the ditch on 17th Street was closed in and it is causing flooding. City said it was DOT. DOT said they are not seeing any issues. Now they are doing something about it. Why did it take so long for them to do something? Spoke more about flooding. Thanked Commission for their time.

Danielle Mulick - 610 E. 6th street - spoke about issues with her property flooding. She pulled a bag of muddy water out of her bag and said this is what is sitting in the ditch in her back yard. She said that Chris Lightfoot had visited and said they needed to clear out the ditch and keep it clean. She had spent thousands of dollars on filters and other measures to deal with the sewage that has affected her home. She begged the commission to help her fix it.

Arlene Harrison - Michigan Ave - still cannot hear back there in the other meeting room. At least the people in this room can hear. She went on to speak about the flooding. Thanks to the emergency response people they were there before TS Fred even let up. Would like "no-wake zones" created in the flooded areas to prevent people from joy riding in their huge trucks. What is the City going to do about Roberts Hall being the retention pond for that whole block?

Bill Carter in Mowat Highlands - worried about the development happening there and the developer not cleaning it up and sorting out the stormwater.

Greg Styles - local realtor - Delaware Ave North - he spoke about the flooding of his area. Appreciates them addressing the situation. Whole heartedly agree with gentleman from Dundee that these developments are not in the city limits, they are Bay County, and the City should hold Bay County accountable. Thank you.

Item # 4. Mayor's Report.

Mayor spoke about the success of the Debt Review Committee with a major take away where they identified that at least 50% of the debt was as a result of HM.

Charter Review committee have met twice and will meet again in September. Please remember they are open to the public so please feel free to attend.

TS Fred - thanked the City staff for the efforts that were put in prior to the storm to assist in preparing ahead. He saw all hands on deck with all departments working together to alleviate the effects of the storm. Even the administrative staff were driving around trying to identify problem areas to try to block problem roads off.

Regarding stormwater - He met with the City Manager and relevant department about the stormwater issues, and they have met at least 4 times since then to discuss the issues and what they can do to address and alleviate those issues and review the 2019 stormwater plan, that is posted

online. He said that as a city leadership they hear them and thanked them for coming to express their concerns about the flooding. Thanked the City Manager and her staff for addressing the stormwater issues. They have added to the plan since the plan has been posted and it will continuously be updated as needed. He said the City is meeting with the State this week to see what type of assistance they can provide relating to stormwater. Will also thank them for all the resources that were provided to CLHE during TS Fred to help alleviate issues. It was a very collaborative effort. Assured residents the Commission do hear them and intend to address their issues. He has asked the City Manager to look at what areas to address to alleviate the issues for the largest group of people first. He said they are meeting with Representative Trumble and Gainer to look for assistance financially.

The Mayor said that finally, they know some are troubled with how the Commission is addressing the agenda. He said that when he had attended these meetings before he became Mayor, they would ask questions during item 7 and then have no avenue to receive any answers which is why he moved it to item 3. He explained the reason for not allowing back and forth conversation during public commentary being that he did not want heated exchanges. He explained that now after they ask questions, Commission and City take notes and respond to those questions when they come to providing their own reports. He said they will try to provide answers to those questions and encouraged that if their questions are not answered adequately in their response, to please email them.

Item #5. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Aldridge - we hear the citizens and experience the same thing the citizens do. At the Panama City meeting this morning they were having exactly the same discussion. One of their solutions was to have a stormwater study. We have already done that. Talked to a Bay County commissioner and they are having the same flooding issues. He concluded some common elements and threads: 100 years of very little improvement to the infrastructure in the county in general. The reason is that politicians do not like to tax people and people don't like to pay taxes. It takes money to fix these types of issues. Our ground is saturated and retention ponds are overflowing into wetlands. There is now 80% less trees in our county since HM. One of our engineers said this would be an issue after HM. Growing population in bay county is also one of the issues putting strain on the infrastructure.

The debt review committee just told us our debt is good right now and we should not keep an eye on it. This board has been here 4 years or less and this city was chartered in 1914. Please have patience with us as we are doing our best and will continue working at it. We have also had half our public works department out because of covid. Lets fix the problem as a community. I know people are angry but bear with us please.

Commissioner Perno - thanked Mayor and City Manager personally for how they managed TS Fred, as well as every employee. His heart goes out to everyone who spoke today about the flooding. It is not a coincidence that we have 16 projects to fund for stormwater issues. Hopefully the assessment can fund these projects and everyone else that is having issues. Had hoped that Mowat Highlands issue may have been resolved as they put the drainage in place, so he is hoping what is being done now will face this head on. The 1911 Platt will be coming up tonight and he looks forward to talking about that. Commissioner Perno said that he hadn't responded to Ms. Parker's email because he wanted to speak to her face to face at this meeting about whether public commentary was at item is 3 or 7. He feels it doesn't matter which item is falls under. Thank all city employees and first responders.

Commissioner Warrick - went to Charter Review Committee meeting and they are going through the charter line by line. It was awesome. Went to kick ball playoffs and got to see our fire fighters come in second place. Had 8 people attend his "meeting with the Commissioner", where they spoke about various issues. Stormwater is something that should have been taken care of years and years ago. He said he is here to ensure it gets fixed. He hears them and heart goes out to everyone who got flooded and he is so sorry about it. Appreciate everything the City is doing with the limited manpower they have.

Commissioner Tinder - same issue over the last couple weeks. Stormwater. The videos are very disturbing. The problem didn't just happen. It is going to take a long time. If you look at the plan, it is in place, it will take a lot of money. Someone suggested putting a moratorium on building projects until the infrastructure is sorted out. Some residents are saying they had no issues until some of the specific nearby developments were done. We are growing so fast there is nowhere for the water to go. We need to hold the developers more accountable, and they should start paying for some of these fixes. We need to come up with a plan and make it work.

Commissioner Tinder added that this past week a past Mayor (Bob Gardner) had passed away. Let his family know we are thinking of them. Condolences.

Item #6. City Manager's Report.

The City Manager mentioned the last two weeks being very hard for all staff who went out and saw all of the flooding. We prepare way ahead of storms to try to mitigate the flooding. There is only so much we can do on this level until it is fixed. Thanks to the commission for their support. Thanks to every single staff member who was out until 9pm that night. Received 18" of rain in the month of August. Agrees with Commissioner Tinder, not something that started yesterday. Thanks to staff and first responders. We are going to get it fixed. There will be a time when we will look back on this and say that LH is really stronger together. We are not the only city flooding.

Table Talk will be on Thursday at 5.30pm so please come out and talk and ask questions. Residents get a lot of information back.

We had meetings with FDOT and we have another one next week. We do have issues with the 390 project causing a lot of the flooding. We are working for you. Miss Arlene, I love your idea about 'no wake' zone signs.

A. Financial Update

Ms. Roman asked if there were questions. Commissioner Tinder asked about the two invoices including the bill from Stantec, did Panhandle actually hire Stantec and pay them? City Manager answered correct.

City Manager has a check for Tetratek of \$29,000 from the disaster recovery bond account.

Item #7. City Attorney's Report.

Had a meeting with Marina Island development team which was productive. They have an attorney working with them in terms of getting our deed signed so hopefully will get a resolution to that and get some rails to trails.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item #8. Minutes: 8/10/21- regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented, with the amendment to the minutes per Commissioner Warrick.

Commissioner Warrick - Amendment to the minutes: His report should read "Millage rate going down by 0.2 and the average house being \$125k, would decrease it by about \$25 per year".

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

Item #9. Final Reading Ordinance #1117 - Proposed Amendments to Section 4.02.01(B) of the Unified Land Development Code (1911 Historic Plat Overlay).

City Manager read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Richard explained that this is a public hearing and explained the item.

Mayor opened up to the public for comment.

Mr. Walker - this refers to the historical area of Lynn Haven. Be aware that there is no historical area in LH. There is only one building in this town that qualifies as historical and it is Roberts Hall. This has jeopardized the lifestyle and quality of life of the people in this area. We have 8 houses being built where there would normally be 4.

Teresa Dyer - Government affairs committee Chair for Central Panhandle station of Realtors - opposes this amendment due to local impact due to low inventory and high demand for housing. Specific need for more affordable housing.

Bob Schultz - 509 Pennsylvania Avenue - does this new ordinance apply to all types of property? You have Commercial, mixed use, residential.

Ms. Richard - it would apply to high density residential properties only in the 1911 historical PLATT area.

George - 1012 Michigan Ave - is a registered contractor and feels they would be improving and providing quality homes for families with stormwater and sewerage. Do not separate this as what is happening is good. Thank you and thank you for what you do.

Stan Peacock - Mowat Highland - has flooding issues. Has a city drain in front of his property and damaging his driveway. He suggests the City stop allowing multifamily construction with no grass and no trees. Although he is not an engineer, he knows as a former farmer they use high land and low land to their benefit. The City has a railroad that used to exist which is elevated. Why don't they reduce it into a retaining pond and take that dirt and build up the high points at the road intersection.

Jodi Moore - very important to pass this amendment to preserve the history and quality of life in that area.

Jan Rutherford - born and raised in Bay County - if she understands correctly if this ordinance passes many people will not be able to afford to build in LH. She understands she will not be able to build in LH. There will be less people and a smaller tax base as LH stagnates. Increases in the tax base will help upgrading the infrastructure, and other services. LH has been blessed with a state of tremendous growth. Don't pass this proposal. Vote no!

Christy McIlroy - feel like she is in an alternative universe right now. You heard all these people talking about their homes flooding. The reason it is flooding is because there is no land to absorb the water. You need to lower the concentration of building and listen to the people that are here and pass this ordinance, and when you fix your infrastructure then you add more.

Arlene Harrison - appreciate you bringing this ordinance up. Large amount of area around the historic district where people can build and populate, but the historic district has old pipes that are failing. I appreciate this ordinance and anyone who votes yes.

Johnny Basheers - 811 Louisiana Avenue - misinformation in the ordinance. It is not accurate that 15000sq foot lots were the only ones allowed. The ordinance doesn't seem equitable where you can build two houses onto 3 lots but only 3 houses on 6 adjacent lots.

Ms. Richard - to clarify, the new ordinance is what was in place earlier and she proceeded to read the conditions under which those rules can be overruled.

Commissioner Perno - solicited people to talk to him and he has several emails where in one he

agrees with where they spoke about in the premeeting and there are people with projects already in the works. Those people should have somewhat of a grace period, and we need wording to note about property that is contracted already. The way this is worded it is immediate, correct?

Attorney said correct, so a timing can be added in the motion and pick a date as an effective date.

Commissioner Perno feels he wants to protect the area but also wants to protect the people who already have invested in the area to develop. Doesn't want to stop anyone already in the pipeline.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To table Ordinance #1117 to the second meeting in September.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge - with discussion.

Commissioner Tinder - people already purchased the property and have invested already they should be grandfathered in, but not so long that anyone can rush in and purchase now. Have to protect the Platt.

Commissioner Perno need to be sure about time and definition.

Commissioner Tinder would like to hear from those people that have plans in the pipeline.

Commissioner Perno will forward a person's email to Commissioner Tinder so she can communicate with them.

Attorney - no need to go back to the first reading if it is not materially changed.

Commissioner Tinder - is it public information that from this date to the next meeting are we allowed to get the names of the people who have bought property?

Attorney - anything that is on the property appraisers records is public information on the clerks website.

Ms. Richard confirmed she does not have that information and they would need to get that from the property appraisers office.

Commissioner Perno - to the gentleman from 1012 Michigan avenue, how many properties do you have in the pipeline? The gentleman answered two.

Commissioner Tinder - that piece of property that Mr. Outlaw spoke about faces 11th street, has no address and they are running the sewerage across people's property. What happens to that?

Commissioner Perno explained that new lines need to be cut into existing lines sometimes.

Commissioner Warrick - agree. Infrastructure is important so agree with the ordinance. But also agree with an extension to allow people with plans to finish their plan. He feels they should decide tonight otherwise you will have people rushing out to buy up corner lots to get in that queue.

Commissioner Warrick said with the rise in cost of building material he feels this won't be the case.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: Updated: To table Ordinance #1117 for discussion at the next meeting, and for decision at the second meeting in September.

Second to the updated Motion Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Public Hearing closed at 7.49pm

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing opened at 7:53 p.m.

Item #10. Discussion and possible approval of Stormwater Rates Resolution #2021-08-364.

Attorney explained the item.

the City Manager read the resolution by title only.

Mayor opened the floor to the public.

Resident - during the election someone ran on the grounds of not increasing taxes. Now on the agenda we have the largest tax increase in many years and add it under non-ad valorem, so it doesn't fall under the auspices of the laws of how much they can increase tax rates in the City of Lynn Haven. Once we do this it may never go away. He went on to speak further about the City needing to be more fiscally conservative and expressed opposition to the non-ad valorem tax.

A Resident - Requesting a variance tonight because he has vacant land, and his property is a watershed for the city and the city should be paying him for the watershed. Can only use half of his property because the other half is wetland that is moving water from the cemetery.

Commissioner Perno opinion is he shouldn't be taxed on it. During the workshop felt it would be hard for the vacant landowners who would go from zero to a lot.

City Manager will meet with him after the meeting to discuss.

Cliff Myers 1002 Arthur Avenue - said that he certainly approves the improvements to the City's stormwater system. But his taxes are going from \$16,000 per year to \$32,000 per year. He went on to say that he is required by the State, County, and City to manage his own stormwater and therefore he already having an effective stormwater system on site, his property does not suffer the same issues as other residents. Went on to cite Panama City Beach's mitigation program. He cautions the City before they arbitrarily vote something in that can impact many people who are employed on his land. Thank you, City Manager, for your service.

Mr. Hanke - Missouri Ave - opposed to the tax increase. Don't need more taxes as governments don't use taxes prudently. Be more efficient, don't raise taxes. The notice is done in Times New Roman, if you switch to century gothic it is easier to read and will cut the ink and toner by 30%. Checkout a material called concrete canvas, lay it in a ditch and get it wet and in 12 hours it is rock hard, and you never have to clean that ditch again. If it is available in the USA look into getting it.

Mr. Walker - heard the same statement for 25 years over and over again. People don't trust politicians no matter what you say. You are blaming us for not cleaning out our ditches. He went on to say what he has done on his block to remove the stormwater. Then if the person doesn't pay the tax their home can be taken away from them.

Barb Handing 703 W 10th Street - her property floods. Having a hard time coming up with property taxes that have gone up 60% in two years, which is one whole month of income for her. The \$24m from FEMA should help with the stormwater or find another fancy new way. We should be testing our beaches if the sewerage is going into the bay.

Holly Spring 209 Shore View - thank the city of Lynn Haven as you are very responsive. Concern with the tax is that the city has collected a lot of impact fees and wants to know where it has gone. What are the controls to show that the money is truly going to be used for the stormwater? Show me that DOT are going to be held accountable to sort out their own ditches. In terms of public forum, it takes the edge off if you speak first before the public commentary.

Corrie Langford 1112 Louisiana - we all agree it needs to be fixed. You can call it a tax or an assessment. But we have to pay for it right? If you do go forward with it then meet us halfway. You get 12 months and if the city has done their part and make headway then reassess and pass another on for another year. Not fair to have an undetermined period of time. Thank you all for your time. Appreciate it.

Commissioner Aldridge - asked attorney if this is up for review every year?

Attorney said he will bring it up soon.

Mr. Mohammed - spoke again about his property's stormwater issues.

Mrs. Robinson - 1408 Inverness Road - spoke about her daughter's home flooding, as did all 5 homes on Colorado Ave. Her heart breaks for her and her elderly neighbors, none of whom have flood insurance, because they didn't know they needed it. They don't know what to do. Thank you for all that you do, but what can they do? The sandbags did not help.

Mayor asked her to stay behind after the meeting to discuss with him.

Arlene Harrison - pleased that this commission is very seriously considering what to do with the stormwater. Not sure how many years we have been paying for stormwater on their bill, and what has happened to that money? It went into the general fund and disappeared like water. Appreciate you wanting to do something about it. Would like to see controls in place showing the money is actually spent on what it was meant for.

Attorney confirmed that this assessment fee will require an annual adoption by resolution before September 15th every year to set the rates and make any other modifications.

In terms of where the money goes, auditors will look at it every year and provide a report on where the money has been spent. It is not a property tax. The same ad valorem tax rules do not apply.

City Manager - proposed to commission a month ago a preliminary that the non-ad valorem tax (millage) this year will actually reduce to 4.1 in September when the commission vote on it.

City Manager - City has not increased water and sewer rates this year because of all the fees involved. Which will mean the sewer and water projects may not be done. It is important that we don't continue to transfer from one enterprise fund to another. This will be assessed every year and we will look at grants and finances and decide if the rates should be up or down. Impact fees can only be used for new projects and cannot be used for improvement projects at all. It is something the auditors are very serious about.

Commissioner Aldridge - talking about flooding, as much as I don't want to pay taxes as much as none of you do, but we have to do something.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve Resolution #2021-08-364.

Second to the Motion

Commissioner Warrick (with discussion)

Commissioner Warrick - so when we collect these, we can only use it for stormwater right?

City Manager - correct.

Commissioner Warrick - feels we should set a cap on it. How do you all feel about it?

Mayor - depends on what the budget is, and the budget depends on what projects need to be done. Stormwater is a Florida issue, not just a Lynn Haven issue. Part of the challenge we are having with grants is that if we have a grant for \$1m, we have to match that \$1m.

Commissioner Warrick - we are trying to set a quality service for residents and not charge them too much. I understand we need to do this but if we don't have a cap on it then it could rise uncontrollably over the years.

Mayor - we could work that out over time with a few workshops. So perhaps let this happen for this year and then work out a cap for next time.

Commissioner Warrick - went around and checked rates in other counties. In Lynn Haven we are the cheapest city in almost all our services, giving concrete examples.

Commissioner Warrick - confirming that this assessment has taken 4 years to get to this point?

City Manager confirmed yes.

Commissioner Perno - what was the grant for after the hurricane?

City Manager - to clean out the debris from the ditches.

Mayor - said he is hearing that a lot of the citizens want to hear accountability around the spending of the fees.

Commissioner Perno - what will they generate in the first year?

City Manager - \$1.2m but this will still initially include transferring money from one of the other enterprise funds.

Stantec - that first year will still require money from sewerage, water, and sanitation.

Commissioner Tinder - when we first talked about this, we said there would be increases every year for 5 years, but in the motion, you are saying we are going to vote on it every year. She is confused.

Mayor - they gave us an evaluation, but it will be up to us to determine every year. But eventually in 20 years our children will be here talking about why their toilets won't flush because we have used all their sanitation funds for example.

Commissioner Warrick - for the projected numbers are they based on worst case scenario or just projections?

Stantec - just projections.

Commissioner Warrick - just wanted to know how conservative those numbers are.

Commissioner Warrick - we had multiple workshops on this, and had a lot of people here, but we did not have this many people at these workshops. It would have been nice if the residents had attended these workshops when we have them. I encourage residents to attend these workshops and give us your feedback then.

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	no
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 4-1

Public Hearing closed at 8.51 P.M.

Item #11. Discussion and possible approval of Mayor Pro Tem Resolution #2021-08-365.

City Manager read the resolution by title.

City Attorney explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Tinder:	To approve Resolution #2021-08-365.
Second to the Motion	Commissioner Aldridge

On Vote:

Tinder	aye
Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #12. First reading of amended Ordinance #1115 - City of Lynn Haven Special Events Ordinance providing for the regulation of special events in the City of Lynn Haven.

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

Item #13. Discussion and possible approval of Value Engineering components of the Lynn Haven Fire Station #1.

Fire Chief explained the item.

Mayor - currently in the condition of the Fire Station you cannot operate safely and let down your bay doors?

Fire Chief - the new expensive equipment we have in there is getting weathered as it is not currently protected.

When do you expect it to be completed?

Fire Chief - about 155 days once contracts are signed with a 12 week lead on the material.

Mr. Perry from Mot McDonald explained that the indication was that it would be about 180 days.

City Manager - confirmed it is contingent upon FEMA.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve the value engineering components of the Lynn Haven Fire Station #1.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #14. Discussion and possible approval to waive late fees and have no cut off of utilities temporarily at the discretion of the City Manager.

City Manager explained that the Service Center is closed because of the pandemic and a breakout of COVID19 among the staff. So, to help our residents out to waive the fees in the event fees are not able to be processed in time.

Commissioner Tinder - should revisit this every now and then?

City Manager - will bring it back to the commission when she sees things changing.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve waiving late fees and no cut off of utilities temporarily at the discretion of the City Manager.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

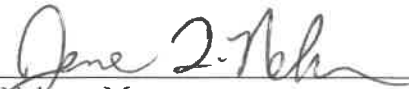
Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #14. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 9 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.



Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vickie Gainer, City Manager

prepared by Cicelia J Holliday