

**TUESDAY, OCT 26TH, 2021
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

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

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

Item #2. Invocation by Lynn Haven resident and Pastor of First Baptist Church of Lynn Haven, Pastor Grady Booth, and the Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3. Public Commentary.

Jodi Moore of Amhurst Street - Apparently someone at the previous meeting said Mr. Walker was not telling the truth about some of his statements and she disagrees with this, as sometimes people simply make errors, which is not the same as lying. Also, for that period of time there was no audio over the portion of the online meeting. It is frustrating for people viewing online when there is about 15 minutes of video and there is no audio. Also, months ago a lady came to the meeting and said she would have a hard time coming to the meetings if they were held later than 4.30pm. Ms. Moore said she hadn't seen her at meetings since and if she does need a ride, she would be happy to give her a ride. If anyone knows the lady, please let her know.

Mr. Beshearse of Louisiana Avenue - thanks for moving the time clock to a more visible position.

Christie McIlroy Port St Joe - DEP was kind enough to send her a spreadsheet of all the spills Lynn Haven has had over the year. There were over 96 spills. Lynn Haven has over 70 lift stations and only about 4 people to take care of all of them. That is not enough people to be doing weekly maintenance. She will send the Commission this information via email. (she handed the spreadsheet to Commissioner Tinder). With regard to Mayor Nelson's reports, she is concerned about a few things. What she sees is that Mayor re-imbursed himself \$2,539.75 and his wife \$1,176 - she was able to only see one loan that he made to himself for \$900. She said she had provided copies to Commissioners Tinder and Warrick. Also, she is concerned about the Mayor interacting with Arthur Cullen and feels he is not a good influence, and she doesn't think he helps candidates run clean campaigns. She presented some photos of the Mayor with the County Commissioners, the Tax Superintendent, and Arthur Cullen. She said she doesn't know if the Mayor is still taking advice from Mr. Cullen, but it is concerning. She said that the Mayor has made reference that some people have not told the truth about him and yet she has before her the Mayor's bankruptcy claims which she thinks is something he needs to address at some point.

Dr Green-Jones of Louisiana Avenue - regarding a citation for her property at 1301 Louisiana Avenue - First she thanks Mrs. Gainer and Mayor Nelson for their help so far. During the investigation of this matter however, they discovered that there are no ditches or fire hydrants for that street. This will be an issue when she is ready to build her home, and this will be an issue with insurance going forward. She is unable to get on to the property to comply with the code enforcement notice she received because it is not draining due to not having ditches, and she really wants the fire hydrant and ditches issue addressed soon.

Item #4. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Nelson

A. "Lights On Afterschool" Proclamation

The Mayor read and signed the proclamation.

The Mayor said that on Sunday evening he went to Target to pick up a few things for his children. He got to an intersection on HW77 on his way home and was redirected by the police. The next morning his daughter messaged him to say there was an accident that night and one of the seniors at her school had lost his life. The Mayor encouraged all of us to continue to have our thoughts towards this boy's family, family friends and the students and staff of Mosley high school. Also, with our City departments as they try to deal with questions around the cause of this accident.

The Mayor attended the push-in ceremony for the new fire ladder truck and thanked everyone else who attended.

He attended the Mosley home-coming with the Police and Fire Chiefs and City Manager, where Mosley won their home-coming game.

Mayor Nelson thanks everyone who supported Food Truck Friday and those who attended the concerts in the park.

Last week we celebrated Government week, enjoying good engagement with residents.

The Mayor had a meeting with the other Bay County Mayors, and they will now be meeting on a quarterly basis going forward, as arranged by the City Manager at his request, to discuss various issues and highlights across the County.

Kevin Atlas (self-described as the 7ft one-armed giant) was in town and came to speak to Mosley High School students, and the Men's leadership group (of which the Mayor is a member). Afterwards he met with the SGA as they are trying to kick off their Mayor's Youth Council, where he received approval from Principal Brian Bullock to allow his students to participate, with excused absences in the Mayor's Youth Council.

The Mayor shared that he attended the Story Time at North Bay Haven for a short while. The children wanted to know what a Mayor was, so he explained the Mayor was the President of Lynn Haven (so he had a chance to be "President for the day"). Mayor Nelson has asked the City Manager if it could be a regular thing where the City staff could meet at the schools to engage the kids. The children all wanted his business card, and he ran out of business cards. He also found it enjoyable to support what the teachers are doing in the classrooms and reinforce their teachings.

Item #5. Commissioners' Report.

Commissioner Aldridge - The push-in ceremony was an awesome event, and the new fire truck is a beautiful piece of equipment. The Mosely home-coming game was a great time, and they are #1 in the State at the moment. His phone has died so if residents haven't been able to get him, please email until his phone is fixed.

Commissioner Perno - Participated in most of the things the Mayor mentioned. He attended the second round of the Rotary Club Early Act at Lynn Haven Elementary and it was a joy to see the 3rd through 5th graders working on leadership skills. He said he spoke extensively after the pre-commission meeting with the Mayor about Mayor's Youth Program and how it could fit in and work. He looks forward to being present at those meetings with the youth. He thanks all first responders and City employees for what they do and everyone else for caring enough to be here tonight.

Commissioner Warrick - Visited some of the City's industrial manufacturing businesses because

they are important and bring a lot of revenue to the City. He wanted to educate himself about what they do and discovered that they do a lot of cool stuff. He intends to visit more of them. Wednesday's Meet the Commissioner had three residents show up. He would love to see more attendance and receive any feedback from the residents. Would like to get more residents involved with the community, particularly in City Government.

Commissioner Tinder - Attended the Meet the Commissioner gathering last week and found it interesting and enjoyed more than one Dunkin Donut. She would like to see more attendees. She received a few phone calls from residents. She appreciates the lady that spoke about fire hydrants because Mr. and Mrs. Jones on 18th Street also want to build a few apartment buildings right next to the tire shop in that empty lot but they can't even begin because there are no fire hydrants, so insurance companies won't provide cover. The closest fire hydrant to 18th street is near Tyndall Federal Credit Union. She has spoken to Chief Delonjay very briefly about this matter. She said that the residents on 18th Street get flooded every time it rains, and we cannot assure them that we can protect them if there is a fire. She had handed out a sheet of paper before the meeting. It was from Mr. Jack Cutchens who is a historian in Lynn Haven who wrote a synopsis and history about the Kinsaul Park, Porter Park, and Cain Griffin Park. She said the City did a plaque for Cain Griffin and she would love to see the City do a plaque for all the parks, as a great honor to the families. She spoke further about the historic information about the parks.

The Mayor added that he had some responses to some of the public commentary:

Firstly, regarding his reimbursement claims, he did meet with Mrs. Walker at the City Hall about some of his expenses and yes, he did give himself a loan for \$900. He and his wife both used his personal debit card for some of the purchases for the campaign. He actually goes down to the Supervisor of the Elections office to submit all of his reimbursement claims, and they approved them in his presence.

Regarding the photos provided - He goes about once a week to Alice by the Bay for their Thursday blue plate special, which his wife enjoys. On that day he did go with Mr. Cullen, Griff Griffiths, and Chuck Perdue. Chuck Perdue spoke about how he runs 6 miles every day. Griff Griffiths was speaking about how his wife and daughter were in New York spending all his money. The Mayor spoke about his project truck he is working on with his son. Arthur spoke about his mom and his brother. He said that they also did see Mayor Margo Anderson there, so they had a chance to speak to her and her husband. He thinks that based on the angle of the photo that has been presented at the meeting, it looks like it was the former Mayor Margo Anderson who took the photos and started circulating them.

Just a reminder that the Townhall will be held on November 2nd at 5pm at the Senior Activity Center.

Item #6. City Manager's Report.

A. Financial update. (Finance Director)

Ms. Roman asked if there were questions.

Commissioner Tinder - said she had requested to see a number of checks and is curious about the \$29k for the food truck that the Police department is buying. Ms. Roman said that the Police Chief is probably the best person to answer. The City Manager said it is part of the grant money that was received. It is actually an emergency vehicle in case there is ever another situation where food prep is required. Commissioner Tinder queried the \$5k for red door - Ms. Roman explained it is from the CRA expenditure, of old properties. Ms. Roman reiterated that she did send Commissioner Tinder all the support documents for all the checks she had queried. Commissioner Tinder acknowledged this but continued with her questions. She

queried about Diamond Landscaping, asking if they do a different type of landscaping than Lawnsapes. Ms. Roman explained that now both Lawnsapes and Diamond Landscaping do some work for the City. The City Manager said that is the contract the Commission approved recently for the cemeteries.

The City Manager said that the City Government week was great. Many of the staff went and experienced reading to the children at the local schools and were amazed at the kids' enthusiasm and engagement. Thanks to the schools that participated.

The City Manager advised that the City's \$5m emergency debt has been canceled, and the Sports buildings rebuild NTP will be signed soon.

Regarding the Publix bridge, thanks Public Works for getting on that project. It is finished but taped off, so people do not walk through yet until the sidewalk is finished. Please don't move the caution tape to walk through yet, give the City a few more weeks to ensure it is safe.

Thanks, Ty Farris, for the tree give-away this Friday. We are hoping to give away 1000 trees.

The Auditors will be here soon, and the City will be working closely with them.

Music by the Bay will be held this year after being canceled last year due to Covid. Winter Wonderland is Nov 20th so please come out and do some Christmas shopping at the local vendors.

We have been working on an updated 4-year water and sewer plan to bring before the Commission hopefully November or December.

The City staff are still working on the 100-year rain-event ordinance.

Table Talk is tomorrow at 5pm, not Thursday as Thursday has a number of other events going on.

The City Manager said she had Tetrach invoices for two months, that include HMGP and all of the money totaling almost \$27m received back and they will see a contract extension request soon in November so that the City can get all of our reimbursement and close out these accounts.

Item #7. City Attorney's Report.

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

Commissioner Tinder asked if he is presenting Ordinance #1117 at the November meeting. Attorney said yes as he stated at the pre-meeting it is going to the Planning Board again first.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item #8. Approval of Minutes dd 10/12/21 - Regular meeting minutes.

Item #9. Approval to renew the City's temporary facilities contract with Gulf Asphalt Company another 6 months.

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
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Item #10. First reading of Ordinance #1120 amending provisions of Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Peddlers and Solicitors.

City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

City Attorney explained the item. It broadens the definition of peddler and solicitor and restricts the times to exclude between 7pm (or sunset, whichever comes first) through 9am and Federal holidays. It requires that permits be on display at all times on all people soliciting, with enforcement mechanisms added, both civil and criminal. As requested by the Commission he is adding language under exemptions by adding a new #5 about fundraising or campaigning by political candidates or political organizations that are solicited in accordance with State, Federal, or local election laws. He asks for a motion to adjust that language before sending it out to advertise for the second reading.

The Mayor asked if it has been considered to change the timing to 9am through 6pm. The Attorney said the verbiage through 7pm or sunset (whichever comes first) should suffice for the residents' purposes. The City Manager advised that the 9am through 7pm (or sunset) was a request by the residents.

Commissioner Tinder said she thinks 7pm or sunset whichever comes first sounds fine.

Commissioner Warrick said he is happy to see this change and proceeded to read a letter from Mr. Scray - giving "kudos" to the City Manager and staff in undertaking this change so promptly to improve the quality of life of citizens of Lynn Haven.

Motion by Warrick: To add the new political exemption for fundraising or campaigning by political candidates or political organizations that are soliciting in accordance with State, Federal, or local election laws.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #11. Discussion and possible approval of RFQ #20/21-05 to award contracts to up to three of the highest scored Transportation Planning & Engineering Consultant Services firms.

Planning Director explained the item.

Commissioner Warrick added that the staff had explained the grading system that was done on this, and he is confident in their assessment.

Commissioner Tinder said she thinks it is a great idea and wants the public to understand that all we are doing is securing three different firms to be at our disposal for future issues.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve awarding contracts to up to three of the highest scored Transportation Planning & Engineering Consultant Services firms.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

Mrs. Walker of Michigan Avenue - it says up to three so are we using one at a time? City Manager confirmed yes. Mrs. Walker - asked if it were three different companies? City Manager said yes.

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #12. Discussion and possible approval to award Hull Group, Inc. the RFP #21/22-02 Ice Machine Services contract for Leslie Porter Park.

The City Manager explained the item.

Motion by Commissioner Tinder: To approve the award of RFP #21/22-02 to Hull Group, Inc. for ice machine services for Leslie Porter Park.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Aldridge

Mrs. Walker asked to see the ice machine’s placement at the park, and asked if it is near the rest rooms? The City manager said yes and showed a photo.

On Vote:

Tinder	aye
Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Warrick	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Other business:

The City Manager asked that all please come out on Saturday night to support the City and the annual Trunk or Treat event. We are not changing the Halloween date, which is on Sunday, but simply providing an additional event for the children and residents the night before starting at 5.30pm. Be here at 4.30pm if you want to sign up for the costume contest that starts at 5pm and is being run by the Rotary Club of Lynn Haven. The City’s Trunk or Treat will begin at 5.30pm after the costume contest.

Item #15. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.



 Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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