

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF**

CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL

1206 HWY 98 E

CARRABELLE, FL 32322

PHONE: (850) 697-2727

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DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

PLACE: CARRABELLE CITY HALL

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

1206 HWY 98 EAST

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

SWEARING-IN/OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

- Comments by out-going appointed City Commissioner Kelly.
- Oath of Office administered to newly elected City Commissioner.
- Comments by newly elected City Commissioner.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- The Mayor will designate Board seating arrangement.
- The Mayor will designate Commissioners with City check-signing authority: Mayor states to remove Keith Walden from all City Accounts and replace with Sebrina Brown. Mayor and Commissioner Brown, with Commissioner Millender and Administrator as alternates.
- The Mayor may designate Commissioners to represent individual City Departments. Commissioner Brown – Finance, Commissioner Allen – Fire/ Cemetery, Commissioner Mathes- Streets and Roads, Commissioner Millender- Police Department, Mayor-Water/Sewer.
- The five Commission members will select one of their number, exclusive of the Mayor-Commissioner, who shall act as mayor pro tempore (Section 15, Carrabelle Code of Ordinances).

Commissioner Mathes motions to nominate Commissioner Millender, Commissioner Allen seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- February 4, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
- Attorney's Invoices

Commissioner Allen motions to approve, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

“Public Comment” comments are kept at a maximum of **3 minutes**. Items brought forth during Public Comment requiring a Commission vote will be requested to be placed on the upcoming meeting agenda

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Comm. Brown: none

Comm. Allen: none

Comm. Mathes: none

Comm. Millender: Would like to see a flagpole at the cemetery

Mayor La Paz: Communicated with County District 5 Commissioner Ward several times regarding repair of the Ryan Dr culvert and sidewalk. County engineer expects complete repairs will cost around \$175,000 – including culvert, sidewalk, new guardrail, reflectors, warning signage, and asphalt. County engineer suggested to work directly through Roberts and Roberts Construction to save on engineering and mobilization fees. Mayor visited the site with Russell. The Mayor suggested to direct Russell Large to contact the County's engineer for a firsthand explanation.

The Mayor reported that County Commissioner Ward said the County was awarded an FDOT SCOP grant for resurfacing and repairs to Timber Island Road from Hwy 98 all the way to the County Boat Ramp. The engineering, design, and much of the permitting are complete. Repairs are needed to the Postum Bayou Bridge and permitting for those repairs is in progress and the County is in the beginning stages of the bidding process for this project.

Reminded everyone of the upcoming 26th Annual CGJ Reunion Days Parade on March 13th and the Carrabelle Culture Crawl on March 20th.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: none

City Administrator: Conference call; closure of the Brownfields cleanup grant and project at the old Sugar Shack

February 24th email from Michael Moron regarding Animal Control

Commissioner Millender motions to accept proposal and enter into an agreement with county for \$3500 for remainder of the year, Commissioner Brown seconds, Commissioner Mathes votes nay, motion carried.

LT Harris lease renewal for tower

Commissioner Allen motions to accept renewal of three, five-year terms, with Administrator as signer, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

February 23rd toured four stormwater drainage problem areas with Dustin Putnal and Mayor

Cemetery expansion.

City Clerk:

March 16, 2021: CRA meeting; 1:30 p.m.

March 18, 2021: Planning & Zoning meeting; 2 P.M.

March 24, 2021: Competitive FL Partnership Virtual Asset Mapping; 1-3 p.m.

Inovia: Reviews submitted report

Commissioner Millender motions to direct Russell to proceed to meet with County Engineer to discuss options of possible repairs to Ryan Drive, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 02-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 62 OR SIMILAR PROPOSED LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

PROCLAMATION 01-2021

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 18th – 24th 2021

Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Item 1. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING:
Approve/ Disapprove conceptual site plan for Retail Store/Sales at 204 St James Ave., vacant Land between old Gulf State Bank and Post Office on Hwy 98.
(Proposed Family Dollar)

Commissioner Mathes motions to approve preliminary site plan as presented, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Recommendation: Unanimous vote to approve this item.
City Commission Action Needed: To Approve, Approve with Conditions, Table, or Deny

NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action regarding OAR Application - Requested by Bill Mickler.
Commissioner Mathes motions to approve, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Break 8:29

Reconvene 8:39

- Item 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Letter of Support to State Legislature regarding proposed House Bill 1 and proposed companion Senate Bill 484.
Requested by Mel Kelly.
Commissioner Allen motions to send a letter of opposition to FLC, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

- Item 3. Approve/ Disapprove Social Media Use Policy and Procedure Manual.
Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 4. Approve/ Disapprove close SE Avenue B March 20th from 9 am to 3pm for Carrabelle Culture Crawl.
Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 5. Presentation of Vision Carrabelle by Suzanne Woodcock.
Removed

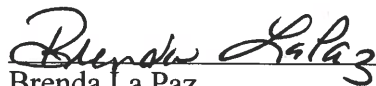
Commissioner Allen motions to adjourn, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried. 8:56

NOTE: Anyone needing action taken by the Commission needs to be placed on the agenda and all required paperwork submitted by Wednesday, 8 days prior to meeting.

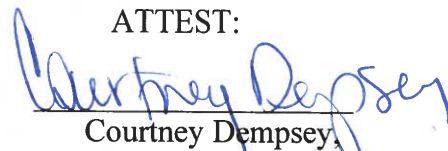
If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required. If so, the individual should make provision for a transcript to be made at the meeting. (RE: Florida Statute 286.0105). Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Keisha Messer at the above address or phone number.

APPROVED BY: The City of Carrabelle Commission in Regular Session on April 1, 2021.

SIGNED:


Brenda La Paz,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Courtney Dempsey,
City Administrator

