

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF**

**CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL**

**1206 HWY 98 E CARRABELLE, FL 32322** **PHONE: (850) 697-2727**  
**or (850) 697-3618**

**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021** **TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: CARRABELLE CITY HALL** **1206 HWY 98 EAST**

**6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- **Attorney's Invoices**

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

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**Comm. Brown: Will be attending elected officials' class in May and will be absent next meeting.**

**Comm. Allen: would like to see a clean-up day at cemetery**

**Comm. Mathes: none**

**Comm. Millender: none**

**Mayor La Paz: Reported on the State Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice 2021-2022 Budget Proposal including a \$140M budget cut to the State Department of Corrections system. The Administrator and Mayor met with Warden Conner of the Franklin Corrections Institute who believes that**

Franklin operations will remain stable, but did reiterate the State-wide DOC staffing shortage.

Provided a report from the Franklin County Tax Collector's office on ad valorem tax collections in the City of Carrabelle for Tax Year 2019 as follows:

- Total combined amount of ad valorem tax collected from the property owners within the City of Carrabelle by the four taxing authorities for Tax Year 2019 was \$2,264,902.81. This amount is broken down by the four individual taxing authorities listed below:
- City of Carrabelle collected the highest amount at \$960,482.59.
- The School Board collected the second highest amount at \$665,974.40.
- Franklin County ran a close third at \$634,923.06.
- Northwest Florida Water Management District collected only \$3,523.76.

Reported that Franklin County Tax Collector, Rick Watson, said their offices normally collect around 96% of the taxes billed each year. Approximately 3.2% of delinquent taxes are paid by investors when tax certificates are purchased and the remaining .8% are struck to the county. The Franklin County Tax Collector's office does not collect an administrative service fee for collecting taxes from the school board or the two cities.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney: none

City Administrator: Schedule Commission workshop; April 6, 2021 1:30 p.m. for review of CARES-Act and American Rescue Plan funding.

Commissioner Brown motions to hold workshop, Commissioner Allen seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Need to hire Streets & Roads employee.

Need motion to proceed with the FWC Derelict Vessel Removal grant application for funding that became available on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The FWC will accept grant applications for review and award on a first come-first serve basis through January 2022 or until all funding has been depleted. Funding is very competitive and could be depleted well before January of 2022. Proceed with application for removal of the Sunset Isle and Anthony Diane sunken vessels.

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

City Clerk:

April 2, 2021; City Hall closed for Good Friday

April 6, 2021: Commission workshop; review of CARES-Act and American Rescue Plan funding; 1:30p.m.

April 15, 2021: POSSIBLE Planning & Zoning meeting; 2 P.M.

April 20, 2021: CRA meeting; 1:30 p.m.

Inovia: reviews submitted report

Commissioner Millender motions to proceed with negotiations with Franklin County on Ryan Drive project with City of Carrabelle paying for the survey, and Inovia's offer to provide engineered plans, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **RESOLUTION 03-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE  
URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE  
TO OPPOSE UNWARRANTED OR OVERLY BROAD PREEMPTIONS  
OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS; DIRECTING A COPY  
OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO MEMBERS  
OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES,  
AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Item 1. Discussion and possible action regarding required three-year notification to Garbage Haulers inside the city limits of Carrabelle of possible future action to contract with an exclusive hauler.  
Commissioner Millender motions to approve sending letters of notification to existing haulers as advised by attorney, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Item 1.           **QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING:**  
Discussion and possible action concerning a special exception at 806 SE Ave D, to allow a mobile home in a R-1 zoning. Requested by Justin and Keisha Messer. Commissioner Mathes motions to approve, Commissioner Allen seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 2.           Discussion and possible action concerning high water bill at 2320 US Hwy 98 E. Requested by Earl Dukes.  
No action
- Item 3.           Approve/Disapprove hiring a full-time police officer.  
Commissioner Allen motions to approve hiring Amber Peterson, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 4.           Appoint Carrabelle Police Chief  
May 28<sup>th</sup> will be Chief Gary Hunnings last day  
Commissioner Millender motions to proceed with in house advertising as per Personnel Policy, Commissioner Allen seconds, all in favor, motion carried.  
Commissioner Millender motions to hold Special Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 5.           Discussion and possible action regarding development of a Social Media Use Policy for all City Employees. Requested by Commissioner Brown.  
Commissioner Millender motions to proceed, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
- Item 6.           Discussion and possible action regarding additional land for expansion of Evergreen Cemetery.  
Place on agenda next month

Item 7. Discussion and possible action regarding signage placement standards, in City rights-of-way. Reference: LDR; Article VIII, Sec. 8.07.04

Item 8. Award contractor for HLMP- Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program. Commissioner Allen motions to award Florida Retrofit, Commissioner Millender seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 9. Presentation of proposed billboard signage. Commissioner Millender motions to approve, Commissioner Mathes seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(Comments are kept at a maximum of 3 minutes. You may comment on a non-agenda item or a non-action item for up to 3-minutes when recognized by the Mayor. Items brought forth during "Public Comment" requiring a Commission vote will be requested to be placed on the upcoming meeting agenda. If you would like to speak during "Public Comment," complete a speaker card which must be submitted to City Administrative personnel prior to the start of the meeting in order for you to speak.)*

Tamara Allen presents award of Florida Historical

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

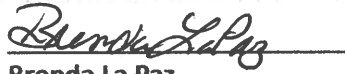
**NOTE:** Anyone needing action taken by the Commission needs to be placed on the agenda and all required paperwork submitted by Wednesday, 8 days prior to meeting.

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.

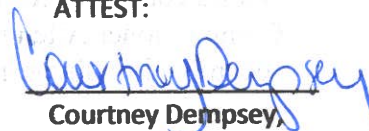
**APPROVED BY: The City of Carrabelle Commission in Regular Session on May 6, 2021**

**SIGNED:**



**Brenda La Paz,  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Courtney Dempsey,  
City Administrator**