

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF**

CITY COMMISSION – CITY OF CARRABELLE, FL

**1206 HWY 98 E
CARRABELLE, FL 32322**

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**DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024
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**

Mayor La Paz motions to amend the agenda to move Inovia and Advisory Reports to after new business, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- January 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Attorney's Invoices
- Commissioner Brown motions to approve, Commissioner Gray 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.)*

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Comm. Walden: none

Comm. Brown: I hope everyone has had a fresh start to the new year. We have a couple of events coming up this weekend.

Friday is our February First Friday downtown. The local businesses will be open late with live music, after-hours shopping, refreshments, gorgeous art, & delicious food.

Saturday is the 2nd annual Crooked River Park Fest from 9 am - 9 pm. The all-day festival features a Country 'Super' Market from 9 am - 5 pm, followed by Crooked River Park Fest Benefit Concert from 6 pm – 9 pm. Tickets for the evening concert can be purchased at crookedriverlighthouse.com I'm Sure Mr. Allen can fill in more details in a bit.

Capt. Kim from C-Quarters has reported that Officer Sizemore (FWC) said they are diligently working to remove the 2 eyesore boats in the river in front of C-Q. She suggested returning the opposite side of the river to a seaplane landing strip like it used to be, so the boats couldn't anchor there. This would keep derelict dangers out of the Carrabelle River. I have forwarded Capt. Kim's original email to our City Admin for further discussion.

Comm. Millender: absent

Comm. Gray: none

Mayor La Paz: The Mayor reminded everyone of the Ribbon Cutting for the new Military Service Flag Memorial at Veterans Park on March 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and that an announcement will be circulated.

The Mayor reported on her attendance at the Florida League of Mayors events at the Capitol held in conjunction with the League of Cities Legislative Action Days. The Mayor participated in an on-site tour of the Apalachee Center for Behavioral Health facility in Tallahassee and participated in Florida League of Mayors quarterly Board of Directors meeting while in Tallahassee.

The Mayor reported on State House Bills and State Senate Bills that if approved will affect Florida Cities; including vacation rentals, building regulations, millage rates, homestead exemption, regulation of unsafe structures, and municipal utilities including water and sewer rates and fees. The Mayor reported the following Bills are important to pay attention to:

- HB 777 and SB 1088 propose to remove municipalities' authority to impose surcharges or higher rates to customers outside their municipal boundaries. Rates, fees, and charges would be required to be the same for customers served inside and outside the municipal boundaries.

- HB 1277 and SB 1510 would impose restrictions on the use of any utility revenues to fund general government services and would again impose restrictions on extraterritorial surcharges. These bills would specify the portion of utility revenues that could be transferred to the general fund and would be based on the rate of return established by the Public Service Commission.

The Mayor said anyone can call or write our State Representatives to express concerns.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: legal description and survey of Lanark property completed, need vote for mayor to sign deed.

Commissioner Brown motions to approve the mayor to sign deed of Oak Street property to Franklin County, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Working on Commercial Vehicle Ordinance

Update on Grantham settlement, probate still pending

City Administrator:

Department Reports.

Progress of Old Water Plant renovations.

Progress of installation of elevator at Justiss Building.

Progress of Duke Energy EV charging station at Firehouse/Messer Pavilion.

City Clerk:

ARPC RE Scope of Work to create Economic Development & Zoning Maps.

February 19th Presidents Day

February 20th 1:30 CRA meeting

February 22nd 2:00 P&Z meeting

March 1st Regular City Meeting

March 8th 9:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting at Vet Park

Inovia: moved to after New Business

PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA, VACATING THAT PORTION OF NORTHEAST 3RD ST. AND NORTHEAST AVE. B CONTIGUOUS TO LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK C, R 2(88) AND LOTS 1 AND 2 BLOCK C, R 3(89) OF PICKETT'S ADDITION, CARRABELLE, FRANKLIN COUNTY PER THE PLAT OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

First Reading

ORDINANCE NUMBER 493

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.: 443 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 480, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS BY AMENDING THE DISTANCE AND MANNER IN WHICH THE DISTANCE BETWEEN SAID SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS IS MEASURED; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First Reading

ORDINANCE NUMBER 494

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARRABELLE AMENDING AND MODIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE 328 AS AMENDED ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SUNSET ISLE AND YACHT CLUB ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USES OF THE PROPERTY IN PHASE I; REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Discussion and possible action concerning proposal for “Sister City” relationship with Banassac, France. Requested by Patrick Sacleu
Commissioner Brown motions to move forward with exploring a sister city relationship with informal agreement, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 2. Discussion and possible action concerning Old School/City Hall Buildig
Commissioner Gray to direct Inovia to establish a request for proposal for base bid and alternate bid, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Recess 7:09

Reconvene 7:14

Item 3. Discussion and possible action regarding a new City of Carrabelle logo.
Commissioner Walden motions to table until March 7th, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Inovia: reviews submitted report
Commissioner Brown motions to resubmit Resilient Florida Program grant application, and submit new grant application to Protecting Florida Together, Commissioner Gray seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
Commissioner Brown motions to have Special Meeting February 20th at 1:00, Commissioner Walden seconds, all in favor, motion carried.
Discussion and possible action concerning advertising for bids for Ryan Dr Drainage Improvements.

Carrabelle Lighthouse Association:

Mayor La Paz motions to approve a one-time vendor for February 3, 2024 until agreement can be developed, Commissioner Brown seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Adjourn 7:54

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.